

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT



Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Andhra Pradesh  
Forest Department Code - Enhancement of technical sanction powers delegated  
to the Forest Officers for sanctioning of estimates and powers to enter  
agreements at various levels of the Forest Department - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 46 .

Dated 25.07.2023:  
Read the following:-

- DyCF (WLR)*  
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*27/7/23*
1. G.O.Ms.No.2, E.F.S. & T. (For.III) Department, dated 07.01.2004.
  2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Guntur, letter Rc.No.46962/2004/WLR-3, dated 24.03.2018.
  3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Guntur, letter Rc.No.46962/2004/WLR(S), dated 23.01.2020.
  4. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Guntur, letter Rc.No.46962/2004/WLR-3, dated 01.12.2022.
  5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, letter Rc.No.46962/2004/WLR-3, dated 28.06.2023.

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**ORDER:**

*20/6/23*

In the G.O.first read above, orders were issued, enhancing the delegated financial powers to the Officers and Subordinate staff of Forest Department based on the workload of staff increased at all levels both in field and offices in the Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh due to introduction of Joint Forest Management in 1992.

2. In the letters second and third read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Guntur has stated that the Government issued orders in the G.O. first read above, enhancing the delegated financial powers at various levels of the Forest Department starting from Forest Range Officers, Sub-Divisional Forest Officers, Divisional Forest Officers, Conservator of Forests and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. As per Section 99(3) of Andhra Pradesh Forest Department Code, the powers delegated for sanction of estimates by Forest Officers of various categories in the said G.O., are as follows:-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	No Limit
Conservator of Forests	Rs.20,00,000/-
Divisional Forest Officers	Rs.10,00,000/-
Sub-Divisional Forest Officers	Rs.1,00,000/-
Forest Range Officers	Rs.50,000/-

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3. He has further stated that the above orders were issued in the year 2004. The rates of various items for execution of forestry works included in the FSR are generally revised with 10% price escalation every year. In the recent past, the Forest Department is implementing schemes like CAMPA, Neeru-Chettu etc. The volume of work in most of the cases is related to construction of protection wall, digging of peripheral trenches and civil works. The financial powers of Forest Officers of various levels has not been revised. The works costing more than Rs.20.00 lakhs automatically fall under the sanctioning purview of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, resulting in considerable delay in sanction of estimates. He has further stated that a Committee was constituted with (4) senior level IFS Officers and basing on the report received from the Committee, proposals were submitted for amendment to Section 99(3) of Andhra Pradesh Forest Department Code.

4. In the letters fourth and fifth read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has requested to enhance the following delegation of powers of the field officers under Section 99(3) of A.P.Forest Department Code to improve the ease and efficiency of working in the Forest Department and to suit the requirement of prevailing trend and tendencies in the interest of smooth administration:-

Sl. No.	Cadre	G.O.Ms No.2, E.F.S. & T. (FOR.III) Dept., dated 07.01.2004.	Now Proposed
1.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	No limit (limit is the amount of administrative approval)	No Change
2.	Conservator of Forests	Rs. 20 lakhs	Rs. 200.00 lakhs
3.	Divisional Forest Officers	Rs. 10 lakhs	Rs. 50.00 lakhs
4.	Sub Divisional Forest Officers	Rs. 1.00 lakh	Rs.5.00 lakhs
5.	Forest Range Officers	Rs 0.50 lakh	Rs.2.00 lakhs

5. He has further stated that the enhancement of financial powers commensurate with the enhancement of powers to enter agreements and requested the Government to amend the proposed enhancements in the Table at Section 104(2) of A.P.Forest Department Code, as follows:-

Sl.No.	Cadre	Limit
1.	Conservator of Forests	Rs.200.00 Lakhs
2.	Divisional Forest Officers	Rs.50.00 Lakhs
3.	Sub Divisional Forest Officers	Rs.5.00 Lakhs
4.	Forest Range Officers	Rs.2.00 Lakhs

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*For works costing more than Rs.200.00 lakhs, the Conservator of Forests shall invite open tenders with the prior approval of the PCCF and the result of such tenders should be submitted to the PCCF for orders on the selection of tender, after which agreement can be concluded by the Conservator of Forests".*

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to enhance the technical sanction powers delegated to the Forest Officers for sanctioning of estimates and powers to enter agreements at various levels of the Forest Department under Section 99(3) and Section 104(2) of A.P.Forest Department Code to improve the ease and efficiency of working in the Forest Department. Accordingly, Government hereby order that the statement under Section 99(3) and statement with provision under Section 104(2) of A.P.Forest Department Code issued in G.O.Ms.No.2, E.F.S. & T. (FOR.III) Department, dated 07.01.2004 shall be substituted with the following:-

**Section 99:**

(3) The powers delegated for sanction of estimates to the Forest Officers of various categories are as follows:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Cadre</b>	<b>Limit</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Principal Chief Conservator of Forests</b>	<b>No limit</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Conservator of Forests</b>	<b>Rs.200.00 Lakhs</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Divisional Forest Officers</b>	<b>Rs.50.00 Lakhs</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Sub Divisional Forest Officers</b>	<b>Rs.5.00 Lakhs</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Forest Range Officers</b>	<b>Rs.2.00 Lakhs</b>

**Section 104:**

(2) To enter into contracts for execution of works, the following are the powers delegated to the various Forest Officers:-

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Cadre</b>	<b>Limit</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Conservator of Forests</b>	<b>Rs.200.00 Lakhs</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Divisional Forest Officers</b>	<b>Rs.50.00 Lakhs</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Sub Divisional Forest Officers</b>	<b>Rs.5.00 Lakhs</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Forest Range Officers</b>	<b>Rs.2.00 Lakhs</b>

*For works costing more than Rs.200.00 lakhs, the Conservator of Forests shall invite open tenders with the prior approval of the PCCF and the result of such tenders should be submitted to the PCCF for orders on the selection of tender, after which agreement can be concluded by the Conservator of Forests.*

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7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-EFS&T, MA&UD) Department vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0ASD/122/2021 (Computer No.1471590), dated 15.06.2023.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,  
A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Director of Works & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Finance (FMU-EFS&T, MA&UD) Department.

The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (Energy, EFS & T, Mines & Geology).

The P.S. to Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., EFS & T Department.

The P.S. to Special Secretary to Govt., EFS & T Department.

The E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Department.

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**SECTION OFFICER**

