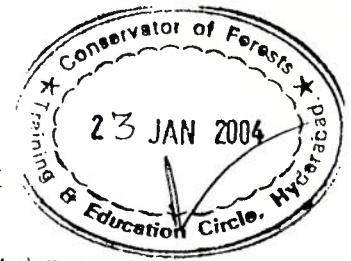


GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT



Andhra Pradesh Forest Department – Andhra Pradesh Community Forest Management Project – Comprehensive Orders – Addendum – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPT.

G.O.Ms.No.4

Dated: 12th January, 2004.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.13, EFS&T (For.III) Dept., Dated 12.02.2002.
2. From Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad, Ref.No.42646/2002/PMU.III/2, dt, 28.8.2003 & 4.11.2003.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, comprehensive orders have been issued on Andhra Pradesh Community Forest Management Project. In the reference 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that based on the suggestions and advice given by the World Bank Supervisory Mission, consultation meetings were held with all stake holders during April to August, 2003 at Division Level, Circle Level and the issues that emerged during these consultation meetings were compiled after they were discussed with the representatives of the APNGOs' Committee on Participatory Forest Management. A State Level meeting was held on 18th August, 2003 with the stakeholders and it was generally felt that interpretation of usufruct share of the Vana Samrakshana Samithis should be simple and act as an incentive for good work done by the Vana Samrakshana Samithis. It was also felt that instead of interpreting incremental volumes as share of Vana Samrakshana Samithis, simple statements in clear and unambiguous words may be made prescribing the share of the Vana Samrakshana Samithis.

2. In the circumstances reported by the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, the following Addendum is issued to G.O.Ms.No.13, EFS&T(For.III) Dept., dt.12.02.2002.

ADDENDUM

In Para XII-1 of the said G.O the following shall be substituted:-

"1. Vana Samrakshana Samithi shall be entitled to the following forest produce obtained from forests managed by them:

- (a) all Non-timber Forest Produce;
- (b) All Intermediate yields obtained from silvicultural operations in natural forests;
- (c) All timber and bamboo (including yield from bamboo plantations) harvested from the forest managed by them except in case of plantations;

This may be communicated among Forestry for explanation in training class

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(d) In case of teak plantations within VSS area, whose age is known, twice the proportionate yield harvested (including yield from thinning) with reference to age of the plantation and the period of maintenance by the Vana Samrakshana Samithi (maximum entitlement will not however exceed the total yield of the plantation);

(e) In case of other plantations, whose age is known, 50% of harvest (including thinning) of the period of management of plantation by Vana Samrakshana Samithi is less than 50% of the rotation period and 100% of volume harvested if such period of management by the Vana Samrakshana Samithi is more than 50% of rotation period of the plantation.

(f) All the timber obtained from second and subsequent rotations of all plantations.

Note: (i) All silvicultural operations including harvesting will be carried out in accordance with the silvicultural principles laid down in the respective Working Plans and schedule detailed in respective micro plans of the Vana Samrakshana Samithi.

(ii) Rotation age and rotation period will be as prescribed in the respective Working Plans.

(iii) Following illustration is given to clarify the expression in sub-Para 'd' of Para '1' above:

A teak plantation whose silvicultural rotation age is 50 years, if allotted to a Vana Samrakshana Samithi when it was 40 years old, upon its final harvesting, if the total yield obtained is 100 cum of timber, the Vana Samrakshana Samithi will be entitled to share of $100 \text{ (final yield obtained)} / 50 \text{ (total age of the plantation at the time of harvesting)} \times 10 \text{ (period of management by VSS)} \times 2 = 40 \text{ cum}$. The same yardstick will apply to yield from thinning.

(iv) Following illustration is given to clarify the expression in sub-Para 'e' of Para '1' above:

A plantation other than teak whose silvicultural rotation age is 10 years, if allotted to a Vana Samrakshana Samithi. When it was 6 years old, upon its final harvesting, if the total yield obtained is 100 cum of timber, the Vana Samrakshana Samithi will be entitled to share of $100/2 = 50 \text{ cum}$. If a similar plantation was allotted to a Vana Samrakshana Samithi when it was 2 years old, the Vana Samrakshana Samithi will be entitled to a share of 100 cum total yield. The same yardstick will apply to yield if any obtained from thinning.

The same shall be passed on to the Vana Samrakshana Samithi as prescribed below:

(i) Domestic requirement of the forest products will be set apart and distributed among all the Vana Samrakshana Samithi members as per the norms evolved by the Managing Committee. The surplus quantity may be disposed as decided by the Managing Committee.

- (ii) Any expenditure incurred by the Government on the harvesting and disposal shall be reimbursed to the Government.
- (iii) Expenditure necessary to sustain the productivity of the forests as per the micro-plan shall be deposited in the VSS Joint Account. This amount shall not be less than 50% of the net income;
- (iv) Balance income shall be deposited in the VSS account and utilized equitably by all eligible members of the Vana Samrakshana Samithi.

3. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr.M&F) Department, vide their U.O.No.13370/493/A2/Exr.M&F/03, dated 07.01.2004.

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

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