

FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Sub:- Forest Department - Issue of Transit permits
for transportation of bamboos from private
bamboo plantations - Certain guidelines -
Regarding.

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The present procedure being followed for issuing
felling permission and permits to the pattadars / Land
owners who have raised bamboo plantations crops on their
lands, appear to be causing avoidable hardship and delay
to the farmers.

The matter has been examined and discussed and
the following guidelines are issued for strict implementa-
tion in respect of issue of felling permission and transit
permits to the pattadars (farmers) who have raised bamboo
crop on their lands.

- 1) Any person who has grown plantation of bamboo
(artificial regeneration) should apply for
transport permits either to the Divnl.Forest
Officer or to the Range Officer giving the
following particulars.
 - 1) Name of the person (Farmer)
 - 2) Name of the Village/Mandal.
 - 3) Extent of land covered by bamboo plantation
(Area)
 - 4) Year of planting.
 - 5) Survey No.
 - 6) Ownership Certificate from the village Officer
or Patwari.
 - 7) Quantity for which permits are sought.
 - 8) Duration during which transport will be completed.
 - 9) Mode of transport either by card/tractor/Lorry
(the pattadar may himself out and transport
to market or sell the produce at site.)
 - 10) No.of permits required.

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1) The Divisional Forest Officer after obtaining the above particulars from the concerned pattadar/Land owner/farmer shall directly issue the requisite number of permits to the applicant depending on the quantity and mode of transport indicating the validity of the permits. The duration shall be specified by Divisional Forest Officer depending upon the quantity and mode of Transport. The destination and the mode of transport, columns to be filled in Form-II permits i.e. (Cart/ Tractor/ Lorry) may be left to the grower or pattadar, as it would facilitate selling bamboos in small quantities. The other particulars such as Name of village Sy.Nos. Name of the owner of produce etc. on each permit (Original, duplicate, triplicate) should be filled in the Division Office, and a rubber stamp with bold letters " PRIVATE FOREST PRODUCE" should invariably be affixed on each permit. The permits will be handed over to the pattadar with proceedings and with authoritative seal under intimation to the concerned Range Officer.

3) In case the pattadar is not able to transport within the stipulated time, the revalidation should be done by the Divisional Forest Officer after verification and certification by the Range Officer within a reasonable period of seven days.

4) The Pattadar should surrender used counterfoils of the permits and unused permits to the Range Officer on the next day after the expiry of the time granted.

5) The Range Staff should periodically inspect the said pattadar's land and satisfy himself that the permits are not misused.

In case of misuse, the permission and permits shall be withdrawn immediately and a case will be instituted against the pattadar as per A.P. Forest Act.

- 7) Where the patta land containing bamboo plantations crop is situated within 5 Kms. to natural forests containing bamboo amongst other species, the Divisional Forest Officer may fix up and collect reasonable security deposit to safeguard the interests of Government Forests with a provision to forfeit the security deposit in case of any mal-practices by the pattadar besides registering a case.
- 8) The Range Officer to obtain permit account or returns from pattadar and submit it to Divisional Forest Officer once a fortnight or early if the transport is completed by them.
- 9) Any representation for issue of felling permission and permits should be disposed off within (15) days from the date of its receipt in the Division Office/Range Office.

The above mentioned instructions may please be followed scrupulously without giving scope for complaints from growers/pattadars / farmers. These instructions should be circulated to the Range Officers and Field staff.

The receipt of circular may please be acknowledged at an early date.

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To
All Officers of Distribution List 'A'