

**THE ARUNACHAL PRADESH ANCHAL FOREST RESERVE**

**(CONSTITUTION AND MAINTENANCE) ACT, 1975**

**ACT NO. 1 of 1976**

**(Received the assent of the Lt. Governor on 12-1-1976)**

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**ACT**

*To provide for constitution and maintenance of Anchal Reserve Forests in Arunachal Pradesh and other matters connected therewith.*

Whereas it is expedient to constitute for the benefit of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, Anchal Forest Reserves in Arunachal Pradesh.

It is hereby enacted in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Arunachal Pradesh Anchal Forest Reserve (Constitution and Maintenance) Act, 1975.

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement

(2) It extends to the whole of Arunachal Pradesh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2.** (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-

Definitions.

(a) **“Anchal Forest”** means an Anchal Forest Reserve constituted under this Act;

(b) **“Anchal Samity”** means an Anchal Samity constituted under the N E F A Panchayat Raj Regulation, 1967 (Regulation 3 of 1967);

(c) **“Official Gazette”** means the Arunachal Pradesh Gazette;

(d) **“State Government”** means the Arunachal Pradesh Gazette;

(e) **“Year”** means the Financial Year from 1<sup>st</sup> April of any year to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year;

(f) **“Zilla Parishad”** means Zilla Parishad constituted under the NEFA Panchayat Raj Regulation, 1967 (No.3 of 1967).

(2) Words and expression used but not defined in this Act and defined in Assam Forest Regulation VII of 1891, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in that Regulation.

3. (1) The State Government may, notification in the Official Gazette, constitute any land (other than Reserved Forest) at the disposal of the Government as an Anchal Forest Reserve in the manner provided in Chapter II of the Assam forest regulation, 1891 for the constitution of Reserved Forests.

Power to constitute Anchal Forest Reserve

(2) Only economically viable units of lands shall be constituted into Anchal Forest Reserves.

4. The provisions of Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 relating to Reserved Forests shall apply to Anchal Forests reserves.

Applicability of Assam Forest Regulation, 1891.

5. The Revenue earned from each Anchal Forest reserve shall be shared by the State Government and the concerned Anchal Samity and Zilla Parishad in the manner herein after provided.

Sharing of revenue.

(i) The State Government shall meet the ordinary non-recurring expenditure of any year out of the revenue received during the year from the management of the Anchal forest Reserve. The balance left after meeting such expenditure shall hereinafter referred to as the net revenue of the year.

(ii) The State government shall retain every year fifty per cent of the net revenue of the year. Provided that if in any year, the ordinary non-recurring and recurring expenditure, equals or exceeds the ordinary non-recurring and recurring expenditure over the revenue receipts, such excess expenditure shall be added to capital expenditure for the purpose of clause (iii)

(iii) All capital expenditure in a year shall be borne in the first instance by the State Government which shall be entitled to recover such capital expenditure at the rate of ten percent till such time it is completely recovered. If there is any deficiency in any year in the recovery of capital expenditure as aforesaid, it shall be made out of the net revenue of succeeding year or year so that total recovery of capital expenditure shall be made without default.

(iv) The State Government shall transfer to the concerned Anchal Samity and Zilla Parishad every year, in equal share, 50% of the net revenue of the year less the amount the State Government is entitled to recover under clause (iii)

(v) The State Government shall arrange to disburse to the Anchal Samity and Zilla Parishad, the amount payable under clause (iv) every year.

(vi) The Anchal Samity on receipt of the amount referred to in clause (iv) shall credit it to the Anchal Samity fund constituted under section 37 of the NEFA Panchayat Raj Regulation, 1967 (3 of 1967).

(vii) The Zilla Parishad on receipt of intimation regarding the amount referred to in clause (iv) above shall distribute the same to the Anchal Samities within its jurisdiction in the manner prescribed under the rules.

6. (1) The State Government may make Rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Power to make Rules.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for:-

(a) to prescribe and limit the powers and duties of the Anchal Samity and Zilla Parishad and the Forest Department Officers who will manage the Anchal Reserve Forest;

(b) for the preservation, reproduction and disposal of trees and timber and other forest produce in the Anchal Reserve Forest;

(c) regulating or prohibiting, hunting, shooting, carrying firearms, fishing, poisoning of water or setting traps or snares;

(d) to provide for the ejection of any person who has encroached upon forest reserves ; and

(e) for protection, advancement, treatment and management of local people and to specify their rights.

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