

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FOREST
ITANAGAR

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To

The CF EAC Deomali
The CF EAC Tezu
The CF EAC Banderdewa
The CF EAC Pasighat

Sub:- Guidelines for resumption of extraction of timber by department of Env. & Forests, Arunachal Pradesh from the areas having approved working plan.

Please find enclosed herewith guidelines on above subject and initiate immediate action to start extraction of timber as per prescription of working plans.


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- (1) The DFO Bomdila/Banderdewa/Pasighat/Tezu/Namsai/Changlang/Deomali/Jairampur/Daporijo for their information and necessary action.
- (2) MD, APFC, Ltd. Chimpu, Itanagar for information and necessary action.



GUIDELINES FOR RESUMPTION OF EXTRACTION OF TIMBER BY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS, ARUNACHAL PRADESH FROM AREAS HAVING APPROVED WORKING PLAN.

The Supreme Court of India in its order dt. 15/1/98 directed State Government to undertake timber extraction in Forests, irrespective of ownership, by the state agency only. As per this directive, the responsibility of extracting timber from forest lies with the Deptt. of Env. & Forests, including APFC Ltd. As the task requires timber harvesting equipment and man power which is not available with the deptt. and as such will have to engage loggers, elephants and trucks and payment regulated on per cum out turn basis.

To undertake the work of timber harvesting operations following guidelines be followed :-

1. Enumeration and marking in annual coupe shall be done by an officer not below the rank of Range Forest Officer after adjustment of excess felling and illegal felling over the preceding years by consulting latest control form, by the respective divisional forest officers (Territorial) as per approved working plan strictly in accordance with prescriptions there in. Copies of marking statement along with map of the coupes will be forwarded to CF (Territorial) concerned, CF (RS &WP) Circle, besides' keeping one copy each by respective DFO & RO. The marking statement shall be submitted to CF (RS & WP) circle only after test check done by CF and DFO (Territorial) concerned.
2. The felling and cross sectioning of trees will be done by concerned DFO (Territorial) by engaging labourers departmentally. Daily attendance of fellers and sawyers shall be maintained by DFO concerned and payment regulated on per cum out put basis.
3. Dragging and transport will be done by engaging elephants and trucks respectively on hire. The concerned Conservator of Forests will fix hire charge on per cum basis after inviting tender.
4. Piece marking of logs shall be done by an officer not below the rank of Forester authorised by DFO. LMB will be issued to the passing officer under proper receipt. Transportation of timber under proper transit pass from road point to notified timber depots will be done by Government trucks where available, and if needed, by hiring trucks.
5. The expenditure on driver and handyman, including POL items for trucks and elephants with mahout including their fooding will be borne by the owner from whom these will be hired by the respective DFO (Territorial). Any kind of break down/mechanical defects in vehicle during the requisitioned hours should be rectified by the owners themselves. The driver of the truck under requisition should keep valid driving licence (heavy), while the mahout of the elephant shall be well-experienced in his profession. It is also the responsibility of the owner of truck / elephant to ensure that same are fit for work. The staff deployed under requisitioned truck/elephant should be properly briefed to maintain good conduct with Forest Officials concerned and do entrusted works properly and sincerely without creating any delays/troubles. In the event of any accident during the hired period, the liability for any compensation for damages to property / life and hired vehicle/elephant shall lie on the owner himself/herself.
6. The DFO (T) shall place necessary requisition through RFO to elephant /truck owners for placing their elephant/truck to perform the works. All required information including the approved hired rate, specified time of reporting, place of reporting and name of the officer to whom owner of truck /elephant should report shall clearly be mentioned in the requisition form. The vehicle/elephant so requisitioned shall report at the specified location at 0700 hrs and perform duties till the last trip of the log: unloaded at the depot or at 1630 hrs which ever is later.

The vehicle/elephant so hired by the Deptt. of Env. & Forests along with its staff will be under functional administrative control of Deptt. of Env. & Forests, during requisition period and should perform their duties strictly as per the directive/supervision of DFO (T) or any other Forest Officials duly authorised by the DFO (T) during the hired period. Staff of truck /elephant shall not be allowed to enter with weapons into the jungle.

8. The staff of such hired vehicle/elephant should obtain necessary I/L permit from Administrative officer concerned.

9. In order to ensure proper records, the owners of truck and elephant should maintain log books which shall contain following information:-

- i) Vehicle No./Name of owner in case of elephant.....
- ii) Name of the Driver, Handyman/Mahout.....
- iii) Date on which requisitioned.....
- iv) Requisition order No.....
- v) Detailment time.....
- vi) Place of Reporting.....
- vii) Name of officer to whom reported.....
- viii) Sig. of Driver/Mahout.....

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- ix) Arrival time & Date & specified location.....
- x) Volume of timber dragged/transported.....
- xi) Date /Time of release of vehicle/elephant.....
- xii) Signature of Forest Officials.....
- xiii) Remarks, if any.....

Sig. of Range Forest Officer.

Sig. of Driver/Mahout

Countersigned by DFO (T)

10. The Divisional Forest Officer(T) shall also maintain log book and measurement book in same manner for each coupe.

11 All required documents viz. registration certificate/insurance certificate/fitness certificate etc. in respect of the vehicle/elephant under requisition shall be produced by the vehicle owner/mahout on demand to DFO (T) concerned or his authorised officer for verification.

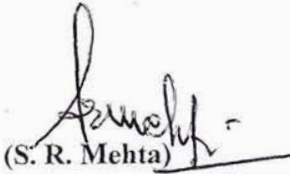
12 Payment will be done on bill system. The bill will be prepared by the officer not below the rank of RFO of Deptt. of Env. & Forests. The owner of elephant/truck should obtain proper acknowledgement of each bill. Payment will be done timely by DFO (T) concerned subject to availability of funds. *ly*

DFO (T) should co-ordinate all the activities of cutting/dragging & transportation of timber from the site, so that work progresses smoothly & efficiently.

Any dispute arising out between supplier of elephant/truck and the DFO (T) shall be decided/ settled by Conservator of Forests concerned whose decision shall be final.

15. All Acts , rules , orders and directives of Supreme Court as applicable for timber operation shall be followed and relevant records / registers maintained properly by all concerned

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