GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA <u>ABSTRACT</u>

FORESTS – Simplified process to accord tree felling permission under WALTA 2002 – Detailed instructions – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.19

Dated: 13/05/2016 Read the following:

- 1. From the Secretary to Government, Industries and Commerce Department, TS, Hyderabad, Lr.No.7538/ IP&INF/ A1/2015, Dt.05.11.2015.
- 2. From the Prl.C.C.F. & HoFF, TS, Hyderabad Ref.No.1109/ 2015/Prod.2/TG, Dt.05.05.2016.

The Government of Telangana is encouraging establishment of new industries in the state aimed at economic growth coupled with employment generation. In the letter 1st read above, a 344-Point Reform Action Plan on Ease of Doing Business, which were received from the Dept. of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, were communicated. As per the communication from the Government of India, States will be ranked based on the measures taken to operationalize **344 Point Reform Action Plan**. One of the important reforms relates to accord "**Permission for Tree felling**" for establishing new industry under "Ease of Doing Business".

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has informed that out of 344 Point Reform Action Plan, (14) relates to tree felling permission pertaining to Forest Department. The important reforms include following:

- The detailed procedure covering all applicable steps from application submission to application approval shall be published online on department's website. It may be supplemented with process map, if available, and in any case the details should be published explicitly and should not refer to Acts or Rules.
- 2) A comprehensive list of the documents that needs to be submitted as part of the application shall be included on the website.
- 3) Clear timelines are notified either on portal or through a notification and citizen charter.
- 4) The applicant/entrepreneur shall be able to fill in and submit application form online, pay all associated fees online, applications are processed and approved by each licensing agency online, the user should be able to track the status of his application online and on approval the user shall be able to obtain approval/registration certificate online through the portal.
- 5) There are no physical touch points in the application process.
- 6) Other Users should be able to check the authenticity of the document online, using the certificate number or other unique reference by visiting the portal.

- 7) To facilitate self-certification in place of tree N.O.C.
- 8) Allow third parties to easily verify approval certificate in the public domain.

3. To promote rapid industrialization with Ease of Doing Business, the Government of Telangana has passed "Telangana State Industrial Project Approval and Self Certification System Act, 2014". Among several reforms initiated by the Government, the TS-iPASS Common Application Form has been introduced. Under the TS-iPASS Common Application Form, the applicant/entrepreneur is supposed to furnish all details pertaining to different departments in a common application form online along with fees to be paid. On successful completion of filling the TS-iPASS Common Application Form, the relevant details will be sent to the concerned departmental authority for giving necessary license/permission connected with establishment of new industrial units.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has requested the Government to issue comprehensive instructions covering all 14 Points Reform Action Plan under "EODB" relating to tree felling permission to promote establishment of new industrial units in the state of Telangana.

5. Government, after careful consideration of the proposal hereby issue detailed instructions for grant of tree felling permission under WALTA 2002, as appended to this order.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

VIKAS RAJ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

То

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-

All the District Collectors in the State. The Industries and Commerce Department. The PR&RD Department. The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Dept. The OSD to C.M. (Haritha Haaram) The P.S. to Hon'ble M(F&E). The P.S. to Hon'ble M(F&E). The P.S. to C.S. The P.S. to Prl. Secretary to CM. The P.S. to Addl. Secretary to CM (ASK / SS). SC.

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SECTION OFFICER

<u>APPENDIX to</u> <u>G.O.Ms.No.19</u>, EFS&T (For.I) Department, Dated: 13.05.2016.

Procedure for grant of tree felling permission for establishment of new industry under TS-iPASS and other purposes

- 1. Person/Firm/Company intending to fell tree growth existing on the patta land or Government assigned/leased land for establishing new industry in the state of Telangana shall furnish details of trees proposed to be felled in the TS-iPASS Common Application Form (Telangana State Industrial Project Approval and Self Certification System) along with required documents and fees to be paid towards tree felling permission and security deposit for ensuring replanting of the area under WALTA 2002. Upon successful filing of TS-iPASS Common Application Form, the details of trees to be felled will be forwarded online to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer along with enclosures/certificates and payment details through online application coupled with SMS alert for according tree felling permission under WALTA 2002 under intimation to the applicant through SMS alert to the registered mobile number. The applicant shall be able to monitor the status of application online by using user ID and password generated for TS-iPASS Common Application Form.
- 2. An amount of Rs.50.00 (Rupees fifty only) per tree for urban residential and institution areas and Rs.100.00 (Rupees Hundred only) per tree for commercial areas shall be payable towards inspection fee as prescribed under WALTA/Rules or as revised from time to time. The inspection fee shall be paid online through the department's website or through TS-iPASS Common Application Form. A system generated receipt shall be made available to the applicant towards the fee paid.
- 3. If the proposed land for tree felling is recorded as "forest" in any Government record (Revenue/Forest) and as defined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act (FCA), 1980, will be attracted as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. Civil No.202 of 1995. In such cases, prior permission of Government of India will be essential for felling the trees and conversion of such forest land for any non-forestry purpose. Detailed guidelines and procedure for submitting online application for seeking prior permission from Government of India for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, are available at Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Govt. of India's website **forestsclearance.nic.in.**
- 4. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force will get the trees enumerated falling in Industrial Local Authority (ILA) based on the report received from Industry Department (TSIIC).
- 5. The applicant shall enclose the list of trees existing in the proposed land and trees proposed to be felled in **Annexure-II** in TS-iPASS Common Application Form. If the tree growth proposed to be felled is exempted under WALTA Act/Rule, Self-Certificate to this effect in Form-13A prescribed under WALTA 2002 will be sufficient and no further permission for felling of such trees will be required. At present Eucalyptus, Subabool and Casuarina species are exempted

from tree felling permission under WALTA/Rules. For trees other than Eucalyptus, Subabool and Casuarina, the details have to be furnished by the applicant under Form-13 prescribed under WALTA/Rules and enumeration list of trees to be felled has to be furnished in <u>Annexure-II</u>. If proposed trees include both exempted and non-exempted tree species under WALTA 2002, Application has to be given in <u>Form-13</u>. For tree species not exempted under WALTA 2002, prior felling permission from Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer is required and if such trees are felled without prior permission, the same will tantamount to an offence and the offender will be liable to be punished under provisions of WALTA Act/Rules and Telangana (Forest Produce) Transit Rules/Telangana Forest Act.

- 6. The Applicant shall submit online "Certificate of Ownership of Tree/Forest Produce" proposed to be felled from the concerned Tahsildar in the **Annexure-IV** required under Rule 5(3) of A.P. Forest Produce (Transit) Rules, 1970, while applying for tree felling permission under TS-iPASS Common Application Form. Certificate of Ownership of Tree/Forest Produce from Tahsildar is not required, if proposed trees are exempted under WALTA 2002. On successful filing of online application along with required certificate/enclosures on TS-iPASS, an SMS alert will be sent to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and simultaneously to the applicant as well.
- 7. On receipt of details furnished under TS-iPASS Common Application Form online, the Divisional Forest Officer shall verify correctness of online application submitted in Form-13, Form-13A along with Certificate of Ownership of tree growth / Forest Produce in <u>Annexure-IV</u> and Enumeration List of trees to be felled in <u>Annexure-II</u> and if any deficiency is noticed, the same shall be informed to the applicant through e-mail within (24) hours. Simultaneously, SMS alert will also be sent to the applicant.
- 8. On receipt of details furnished under TS-iPASS Common Application Form online, the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer will forward the application through online to the Forest Range Officer concerned within (24) hours of receipt of application in complete shape. While forwarding the application to the Forest Range Officer, the TGFMIS (online application) will randomly select any of the inspecting officer i.e., Forest Section Officers working within the Range for 100% checking of the tree growth in the enumeration list. The Forest Range Officer will verify the location and extent of Patta land/Government assigned land/Government allocated land, tree growth, distance from the nearest Reserve Forest etc.
- 9. If the proposed area for felling of trees is more than 2 Ha it will be categorised as **High Risk Category**. If the area is less than 2 Ha, the Forest Range Officer will test check 10% of the trees listed in the Enumeration List on random basis covering the entire area. However, if the proposed area is more than 2 Ha falling into high risk category, the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer/Divisional Forest Officer shall carry out the test check of 10% of the trees in the Enumeration List, in addition to test check done by the Forest Range Officer.
- 10. In land proposed for industry, if no yield of timber is expected, and by and large only firewood / root wood is expected, the applicant

shall lay Sample Plots of 10 M x 10 M size for every 1 acre (0.4 Ha.) of land and arrive at the yield of firewood as well as faggot/root wood as the case may be. Such wood should be stacked in regular shaped stacks for arriving at the accurate yield figures; these should not be heaped irregularly. All the Sample Plots and extracted produce shall be 100% test checked by Forest Section Officer and 20% by the Forest Range Officer.

- 11. After verification/test check of the Enumeration List & the produce as detailed above, the Forest Range Officer will submit the Inspection Report online along with Enumeration List and Estimate Of Yield of Forest Produce (Timber and Fire/faggot/root wood) species wise including Bamboo, if any, to the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer in <u>Annexure-V</u>.
- 12. Inspection report of the Forest Range Officer in the prescribed **Annexure-V** shall be submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer concerned online within (24) hours of the inspection.
- 13. Scanned copy of inspection report shall be sent to the applicant on his registered e-mail address within (48) hours apart from SMS alert.
- 14. All the expenses towards marking, enumeration, extraction, stacking etc., will be borne by the applicant.
- 15. On receipt of Inspection Report of tree enumeration list online in <u>Annexure-V</u> from the Forest Range Officer, the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer will accord **Tree Felling Permission** online within (24) hours of receipt of the inspection report in the <u>Annexure-VI</u>. The order of the felling permission will be scanned and uploaded on the website and simultaneously copy of order will be sent to the applicant through e-mail. The applicant shall takeup felling of tree growth only after receipt of the permission from the competent authority.

SI. No.	Tree species	Authority to give permission to fell tree growth
1.	Eucalyptus, Su-babul and Casuarina	No permission required, Self-Certification from the applicant is sufficient.
2.	Trees other than Teak, Rosewood, Red Sanders, Sandalwood	Forest Range Officer/Designated Officer under WALTA up to (20) Nos. of trees.
3.	Trees exceeding (20) Nos. other than Teak, Rosewood, Red Sanders, Sandalwood.	Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer.
4.	Tree species belonging to Teak, Rosewood, Red Sanders, Sandalwood	Divisional Forest Officer / Conservator of Forests / Prl. C.C.F. as per existing norms under T.S. Forest Produce Transit Rules.

16. For according tree felling permission, following authorities are empowered:

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- 17. The felling permission granted will not bestow any right to the applicant to transport the timber without obtaining **Transit Permit** from the Competent Authority (Divisional Forest Officer concerned) under **Telangana Forest Produce (Transit) Rules, 1970**.
- As per the provisions of WALTA Act/Rules, applicant shall have to 18. plant double the number of trees felled and in case he fails to plant and raise required number of plants, the Designated Officer/Divisional Forest Officer will raise the required number of plants at the cost of applicant. In order to comply with the above provisions under law, the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer will estimate and raise demand and obtain a Security Deposit towards cost of raising required number of plants from the On receipt of Demand Notice from the Designated Applicant. Officer/Divisional Forest Officer, the Applicant shall submit Security Deposit in the shape of a **Bank Guarantee or Demand Draft**. The Security Deposit furnished by the applicant will be refunded on raising the required number of plants and maintaining them for a minimum period of (3) years. In case of failure to raise required number of plants by the applicant, the Security Deposit will not be refunded and the Divisional Forest Officer shall arrange to plant the required number of plants from the Security Deposit available with him and inform the applicant accordingly. For this purpose, the office of Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) will prescribe the Unit rate per tree to be collected for raising and maintenance as required under WALTA 2002. The cost of fencing for the plantation to be raised, will also be included in the cost of raising and maintenance of plantation, if the site is not well protected against biotic interference. For the year 2016-17, the security deposit shall be collected @ Rs.400/- per tree, which can be revised every year.
- 19. The Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer will accord felling permission only after receipt of Security Deposit mentioned above.
- 20. If the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer fails to accord tree felling permission within the stipulated time, a system generated alert will be sent to Conservator of Forests and Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) through SMS and e-mail for taking necessary action.
- If the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer fails to accord 21. tree felling permission within (3) days of receipt of application form in complete shape along with the enclosures and fees through TSiPASS Common Application Form, the permission shall deemed to have been granted under WALTA 2002 and a system generated deemed permission as prescribed in Annexure-VII will be communicated to the applicant under intimation to Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests. Deemed approval does not bestow any right on the applicant to transport the felled trees. Permission to transport non-exempted trees from the Divisional Forest Officer on a valid transit permit is mandatory under the provisions of Telangana Forest Produce Transit Rules, The applicant/entrepreneur shall not transport the felled 1970 tree without obtaining prior permission from the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and without transit permit.
- 22. If the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer rejects application for according felling permission, the applicant may file an appeal to

the Conservator of Forests through online application and the Conservator of Forests shall pass orders within (3) days of receipt of appeal and his decision will be final.

- 23. After obtaining permission for felling tree growth from the competent authority, the applicant will take up tree felling and submit application to the Divisional Forest Officer for issue of Transit Permits under T.S. (Forest Produce) Transit Rules.
- 24. For issuing Transit Permits, the Forest Range Officer / Divisional Forest Officer concerned shall follow the provisions under T.S. (Forest Produce) Transit Rules and the instructions / Circulars issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests from time to time.
- 25. All the tree felling permissions accorded shall be posted on the website for the Department in public domain for viewing by the 3rd party.
- 26. Entire process shall be web enabled and at no stage Applicant will be required to visit any of the Forest Dept. offices or meet Officers in person.
- 27. Above procedure also required to be followed for other cases of request of individual, public or private organisations for tree felling.

VIKAS RAJ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE I

FORM-13 (under Rule 24 of WALTA)

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION FOR FELLING OF TREES

- 1. Name of the Applicant/Firm/Company
- 2. Father's Name:
- 3. Age in completed years:
- 4. Complete postal address of the Applicant:
- 5. Contact Number of Applicant:

a. Phone b. Mobile

- 6. E-mail ID of the Applicant:
- 7. Photo I.D. of Applicant: PAN/Aadhar/Voter I.D./Driving License/Passport.
- 8. Address/Location of premises/Land/Plot where tree felling is proposed
 - a) Survey No./Plot No./Door No.
 - b) Classification of the land

 - c) Village/Streetd) Mandal/Municipality/Municipal Corporation
 - e) District
 - f) Latitude and Longitude of premises
 - g) Boundary description:

North	
South	
East	
West	

9. Whether it is recorded as Forest (Adavi poramboke/ Mysoora etc.) in any government record?

10. Category of Premises (Please tick the relevant):

(a) Industrial – New proposed or existing. (b)Commercial (c) Institutional (d)Others - Specify

- 11. Area of the Premises
- 12. No. of trees and species proposed to be felled:

Tree Speci es	No. of Trees existing in the premises/pl ot	No. of Trees propos ed for felling	Whethe r exempt ed from WALTA or not.
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

- 13.Age (approximate) of the tree proposed to be felled:
- 14.Reason for proposing to fell the tree/trees: Details of the Payment of fee for tree felling.
- 15.Whether enumeration list of trees to be felled in Annexure-II enclosed: YES/NO.
- 16.Whether surveyed sketch map of the land enclosed: YES/NO.
- 17. Whether location map of the land enclosed: YES/NO.
- 18.Whether **Certificate of Ownership over Forest Produce** issued by Tahsildar attached : YES/NO.
- 19. Whether tree felling permission fee paid: YES/NO.
- 20.Whether security deposit towards replanting paid: YES/NO.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the species and other details of trees as disclosed above are correct to the best of my knowledge and other information furnished above is true and correct.

I undertake that I shall replant immediately tree / trees in place of the trees felled as per T.S. WALTA Rules, failing which, plants will be raised by the Authority / Designated Officer at my cost.

Place: Date:

Signature. Name of the Applicant:

FORM-13A (under Rule 24 of WALTA)

APPLICATION FORM FOR FELLING EXEMPTED TREES

- 1. Name of the Applicant/Firm/Company
- 2. Father's Name:
- 3. Age in completed years:
- 4. Complete postal address of the Applicant:
- 5. Contact Number of Applicant:

a. Phone

- b. Mobile
- 6. E-mail ID of the Applicant:
- 7. Photo Applicant: PAN/Aadhar/Voter I.D. of I.D./Driving License/Passport.
- 8. Address/Location of premises/Land/Plot where tree felling is proposed
 - h) Survey No./Plot No./Door No.
 - i) Classification of the land

 - j) Village/Streetk) Mandal/Municipality/Municipal Corporationl) District

 - m) Latitude and Longitude of premises
 - n) Boundary description:

North	
South	
East	
West	

9. Category of Premises (Please tick the relevant):

(e) Industrial – New proposed or existing. (f) Commercial (g)Institutional (h) Others – Specify

10. Area of the Premises

11. No. of trees and species proposed to be felled:

Tree Speci es	No. of Trees existing in the premises/pl ot	No. of Trees propos ed for felling	Whethe r exempt ed from WALTA or not.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

- 12. Age (approximate) of the tree proposed to be felled:
- 13. Reason for proposing to fell the tree/trees:Details of the Payment of fee for tree felling.

14.Whether enumeration list of trees to be felled in Annexure-II enclosed: YES/NO.

15.Whether surveyed sketch map of the land enclosed: YES/NO.

16.Whether location map of the land enclosed: YES/NO.

17.Whether security deposit towards replanting paid: YES/NO.

<u>CERTIFICATE</u>

I hereby certify that the species and other details of trees as disclosed above are correct to the best of my knowledge and other information furnished above is true and correct.

I further certify that trees proposed for felling only consists of Eucalyptus/Subabool/Casuarina for which prior permission is not required under the provisions of WALTA / Rules.

I undertake that I shall replant immediately tree / trees in place of the trees felled as per T.S. WALTA Rules, failing which, plants will be raised by the Authority / Designated Officer at my cost.

Place: Date:

Signature. Name of the Applicant:

ANNEXURE II

ENUMERATION LIST OF TREES TO BE FELLED

Survey No./Plot No./Door No.:

Village/Street:

Mandal/Municipality/Municipal Corporation:

District:

Latitude and Longitude of premises:

Forest Range:

Forest Division:

Tree No.	Species	Estimated length of timber	Girth	Estimated volume of Timber	Estimated Firewood/Root Wood/Faggot	Pole
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

ANNEXURE III

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Received application for felling of tree growth from Sri

_____ for felling of trees in the following

land/premises.

Survey No./Plot No./Door No.

Village/Street:

Mandal/Municipality/Municipal Corporation:

District:

Latitude and Longitude of premises:

Forest Range:

Forest Division:

Date of receipt of application:

Divisional Forest Officer ----- Division.

ANNEXURE IV

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF TREE/FOREST PRODUCE

- 1) Name of the Applicant:
- 2) Name of the Landholder:
- 3) Particulars of the Land:
 - a) Sy. No. :
 - b) Extent :
 - c) Village :
 - d) Mandal :
 - e) District :
 - f) PPB No. / TD No. :
 - g) Khata No. :
- 4) Classification of the Land: (As per Sethwar / Khasrapahani)
- 5) Whether the land is falling Within the forest area:
- 6) Nature of acquisition: Lease / Allotment / Assignment / ORC Purchase
- 7) Location Sketch of the Land showing The planted area:
- 8) Whether the land is free from all encumbrance:
- 9) Details of Court / Title disputes, if any:
- 10) No. of trees existing on the land:
- 11) Proposed land recorded as "Forest" (Adavi poramboke / Mysoora etc.) in the revenue record: YES/NO.

I have inspected the land and examined the records and the documents submitted by the applicant

Sri_______R/o ______. The Landholder is entitled to the timber and other forest produce existing on the land mentioned above.

TAHSILDAR.

ANNEXURE V

INSPECTION REPORT OF ENUMERATION LIST OF TREES TO BE FELLED

Date of inspection/Test check –

Name and Designation of inspecting officer -

Survey No./Plot No./Door No. -

Village/Street -

Mandal/Municipality/Municipal Corporation -

District -

Latitude and Longitude of premises -

Forest Range –

Forest Division -

Name of nearest Reserve Forest –

Distance from nearest Reserve Forest -

Is the proposed land recorded as forest in revenue record or forest record – YES/NO.

Details of test checking carried out -

Species	Serial No. of Trees test checked	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)

Estimation of Timber/Firewood/Root Wood/Faggot:

Species	Number of Trees/Bamboo recommended for felling	Estimated volume of timber (Cum.)		Estimated volume of Root Wood / Faggot (Cum.)	Pole	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

Forest Range Officer, Name of Range

Date:

ANNEXURE VI

FORM-14 PERMISSION FOR FELLING TREE/TREES UNDER WALTA RULES

- 1. Premises of felling tree/trees is as mentioned above only.
- 2. No. of tree/trees permitted to be felled is _____ only.

SI. No.	Species	No. of Trees permitted	Anticipated timber	Anticipated Firewood/poles/Faggot
		to be felled		

- 3. ____ number of plants shall be planted within (30) days of the felling of the trees.
- 4. Felling shall not be carried out before inspection, banding with red paint by the concerned officials.
- 5. In case of failure to take-up plantation, plantation shall be raised at the cost of applicant.

Place:

Date:

Divisional Forest Officer/

Designated Officer

Water, Land and Tree Authority

(with seal)

ANNEXURE VII

FORM-14

DEEMED PERMISSION FOR FELLING TREE/TREES UNDER WALTA RULES

Sri				S/o Sri			_, age	/
R/o							, is	permitted
to	cut	tree/trees	as	detailed	below	in	the	premises
				subject to	o following	g cond	litions n	amely:-

- 1. Premises of felling tree/trees is as mentioned above only.
- 2. No. of tree/trees permitted to be felled is _____ only as furnished by the applicant in the TS-iPASS Common Application Form.

SI. No.	Species	No. of Trees permitted	Anticipated timber	Anticipated Firewood/poles/Faggot
		to be felled		

- 3. ____ number of plants shall be planted within (30) days of the felling of the trees.
- 4. In case of failure to take-up plantation, plantation shall be raised at the cost of applicant.
- 5. The applicant shall not transport the timber/pole/firewood obtained from felled trees without prior permission from the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and without valid transit permit under Telangana Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1970.

Place: Date: Divisional Forest Officer/ Designated Officer Water, Land and Tree Authority (with seal)

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Online submission of application in TS-iPASS Common Application Form along with Enumeration List of Trees to be felled in Annexure-II and Certificate of Ownership of tree/forest produce by Tahsildar in Annexure-IV and online payment towards inspection fee for the trees to be felled and security deposit towards replanting. Industry Department to forward details to the Divisional Forest Officer concerned by e-mail. Online generation of acknowledgement in Annexure-III or submission of application by individual or public or private organizations.
Within (24) hours
Divisional Forest Officer forwarding application through e-mail to Forest Range Officer. SMS/e-mail alert to the applicant.
Within (24) hours
Inspection of proposed site for felling and test checking by Forest Range Officer and Forest Section Officer.
Within (24) hours
Submission of online inspection report in Annexure-V by the Forest Range Officer to the Divisional Forest Officer and copy to the applicant through e-mail and SMS alert.
Within (24) hours.
According or refusing felling permission to the applicant by uploading the signed copy of felling permission on receipt of security deposit and inspection report from F.R.O. in Annexure-V.
Max. (7) days
Submission of appeal to the Conservator of Forests in case of disagreement with the order of Divisional Forest Officer by the applicant.
Within (3) days
Disposal of appeal by the Conservator of Forests through e-mail and SMS alert.