

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,**  
**MAHARASHTRA STATE, NAGPUR.**

No.D-18/VIG/210/ 907 /of 1991-92

Nagpur 440 001, Dt. 15 November, 1991.

To,

The Conservator of Forests

Circle.

**Sub:- Forest Protection Plan –  
Preparation of**

Ref:- This office Nos.

1. D-18/TMR/210/499, dated 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1990,
2. D-18/TMR/210/254, dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1991.

The Conservators of Forests were requested under this office letter dt.27<sup>th</sup> December 1990 referred to above to prepare a detailed Forest Protection Plan for their circle. Further, some additional points were brought to their notice under this officer letter dt.1<sup>st</sup> July 1991 referred to above.

2.0 On perusal of Forest Protection Plan received from some of the Conservator of Forests it is felt necessary that this matter needs further clarification. Therefore the instructions contained in the above referred two letters are further amplified below for consideration while preparing the Forest Protection Plan.

- 2.1 The Forest Protection Plan should be prepared on the basis of available infrastructure only and NOT on the basis of projected one least it should become unrealistic and ineffective.
- 2.2 The Forest Protection Plan should be an operative Plan to effectively control and curb the nefarious designs against forest wealth.
- 2.3 Indication of requirement of additional staff, vehicles, nakas, buildings, arms etc. and funds therefore in the Forest Protection Plan for strengthening Forest Protection work shall NOT mean that the protection work can be allowed to suffer in any way on

this count. The requirement of additionalities, if any, may be incorporated as a separate chapter which will only form the basis for preparing New-Item proposals in future.

2.4 The Forest Protection Plan, which is an operational plan for effective Forest Protection in the circle, does NOT require approval or sanction of this office or the Government.

3.0 In order to have uniformity and comparability in the Forest Protection Plan the suggested format is enclosed with this letter. The Conservators of Forests may incorporate any other details under relevant Paras which they consider pertinent to the situation prevailing in their circles.

4.0 The Conservators of Forests who have already prepared the Forest Protection Plan are requested to redraft the Plan as per the suggested format. The other Conservators of Forests are requested to prepare the Forest Protection Plan for their circles as per the enclosed format now without delay.

5.0 A copy of the Forest Protection Plan prepared may please be send to this office before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1991 positively.

Encl:-Format for

Forest Protection Plan.

Sd/-  
(M. S. PARASNIS)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation),  
Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur for information.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Chief Conservator of Forests (All) for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (All Territorial Dn.) ad Divisional Forest Officer, Vigilance (All) for information.

Copy to the Master File.

FOREST PROTECTION PLAN  
PART – ONE  
AREA, FOREST OFFENCES, INFRASTRUCTURE  
CHAPTER – I – THE AREA.

- PARA – 1 :- Geographical coverage, description of area, special features.
- PARA – 2 :- District/Division, Range wise geographical area, Forest area.
- PARA – 3 :- Number of Ranges, Rounds, Beats in each division with average forest area (in sq.km.) in each such unit.
- PARA – 4 :- Group of Ranges under supervision of ACFs in each division.
- PARA – 5 :- Major towns, cities, developing townships, Industrial centres, places with concentration of saw mills, Tendu Godowns, Railway loading points for forest produce, which are the centres for consumption of timber and other forest produce.

CHAPTER – II – FOREST OFFENCES

- PARA – 6 :- Area ( by Range and Round ) under the influence of particular groups, movement, etc.
- PARA – 7 :- Data of various types of Forest Offence of last 5 to 10 years, as may be available separately for each type of Forest Offence viz.
- 7.1 Illicit cutting of Trees.
  - 7.2 Illicit cutting of bamboos.
  - 7.3 Illicit removal of other Forest Produce.

- 7.4 Transport of Forest Produce.
- 7.5 Encroachment of Forest Land.
- 7.6 Illegal cultivation.
- 7.7 Grazing.
- 7.8 Forest Fires.
- 7.9 Wildlife offences.
- 7.10 Saw Mill conditions.

In case of each type of Forest Offence the number of offences, offenders, Physical quantities i.e. No. of trees, volume of produce, area of land affected etc. are more relevant as these parameters are of much consequence than the value which keeps on changing / increasing from year to year. However, the value of trees, bamboos, produce, damage, material salvaged etc. should be shown in each case. Number of vehicles of various types seized, confiscated, sold, cases of assaults should be included under this para.

PARA – 8 :- Number of offence cases (each type separately) booked yearwise, pending enquiry, decided / compounded, lodged in court decided by courts, pending in courts, cases pending for recovery & amount involved, (Total amount involved, amount partly recovered and amount still to be recovered.)

### CHAPTER – III – ANALYSIS

PARA – 9 :- Period of the year (Quarters or Months) showing higher or increasing trend or intensity and lower intensity with situations or reasons influencing such trends (separately for each type of Forest Offence)

PARA – 10 :- Identification of sensitive / vulnerable areas viz. Highly sensitive, moderately sensitive, other areas

in respect of each type of Forest Offence and marking on the map accordingly.

#### CHAPTER – IV – INFRASTRUCTURE

This information for the circle should be shown divisionwise for each of the following paras.

- PARA – 11 :- Road intensity in Km. per Sq.Km. of the geographical area, in respect of forest roads and other PWD/ZP roads.
- PARA – 12 :- Non territorial / special duty staff by categories.
- PARA – 13 :- Mobile squad with staff.
- PARA – 14 :- Vehicles, launches available – Type & Number.
- PARA – 15 :- Checking nakas – Permanent and seasonal – Staff engaged.
- PARA – 16 :- Fire watch towers, observation towers, machans – staff/forest labourers engaged.
- PARA – 17 :- Wireless net work – Fixed stations, mobile stations, hand held sets – Staff engaged.

#### PART – TWO

#### PLAN OF OPERATIONS

#### CHAPTER – I – PREVENTIVE/PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- PARA – 18 :- Intensive patrolling of Forest area and inspection.
- 18.1 Inspection of boundary demarcation and its maintenance.

18.2 Inspection of Forest areas in charge of Beat, Round, Range by concerned F.G., Forester, R.F.O. and A.C.F.

18.3 Inspection of Saw Mills.

18.4 Surveillance in consumptions centres (Building activity, furniture units, packing box units, bamboo produce manufacturing centres etc.)

18.5 Inspection of Private Depots.

NOTE: In all the above cases periodicity or frequency of visits, during critical periods and other period as analysed for each type of Forest Offence, in the sensitive and other area identified for each type of offence, mode of transport of checking party and method of checking, group composition of checking party etc., may be suggested separately in respect of different types of Forest Offences. Inspection of plantation areas more than 3 years old, inspection of works proposed in Fire Protection Scheme, inspection of works, records in respect of areas under harvesting operations and adjoining areas should be included under this para.

PARA – 19 :- Inspection in Transit.

19.1 Checking nakas – Regular checks by controlling Forester, R.F.O., other Officers. Checking naka staff must stop and check all vehicles passing through whether carrying Forest Produce or NOT and record the details in the checking register. There is no point in only recording details in case of vehicles which stop and produce the transit pass.

19.2 Stopping and checking vehicles in transit on roads during usually inspection tours.

19.3 Checking of illegal transport of Forest produce by rail, waterways and other public conveyance as may be applicable.

19.4 Organising naka-bandi.

PARA – 20 :- Inspection of Malki cases for boundary demarcation, trees failed, verification of material obtained, Prosecution of Malki contractors for offences.

PARA – 21 :- Publicity and propaganda.

PARA – 22 :- Collecting intelligence from local villages etc.

PARA – 23 :- Maintaining villagewise record of habitual offenders in one register at Range Level and in case of notorious offenders their modus-operandi of committing the offences and even their photographs should be kept on record.

PARA – 24 :- Education of subordinate / field level staff regarding detection, and investigation of offences, recording of evidence, provision of Acts, Rules, Standing Orders, assessment of damage etc.

## CHAPTER – II – MONITORING

PARA – 25 :- Reports regarding suggested inspections (As per Part Two, Chapter – I )

- PARA – 26 :- Reports regarding illicit cutting of trees, bamboos, removal of other forest produce, encroachment, illegal grazing, Fires, Wildlife offences, etc.,
- PARA – 27 :- Reports regarding enquiry/compounding, disposal of offence cases.
- PARA – 28 :- Report regarding progress and disposal of court cases.
- PARA – 29 :- Report regarding recovery in offence cases.
- PARA – 30 :- Report regarding raids, special drives organized.
- PARA – 31 :- Report regarding disposal of cases under section 61 of I.F.A. by the authorized officers.
- PARA – 32 :- Reports regarding assaults.
- PARA – 33 :- Reports regarding receipt / disposal of malki cases by the Tree Officers.
- NOTE :- In case of each of the above reports the frequency of report and the format should be indicated.
- PARA – 34 :- Review of the situation, reports etc., by the Conservator of Forests.

### PART – THREE

#### STRENGTHENING AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

##### CHAPTER – I – MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT

- Para – 35 :- Vehicles : Trucks, Vans, Jeeps, Cycles, Motor-cycles, Motor boats, etc.



- PARA – 36 :- Communication : Wireless net work, Telephones.
- PARA \_ 37 :- Buildings : Staff quarters, Checknakas, barriers.
- PARA – 38 :- Protective Equipment : Helmets, Riot shields, Lathis, Rifles, Revolvers, Fire fighting tools, Fire proof clothing, etc.,
- PARA – 39 :- Others : Binoculars, Map, etc.

### CHAPTER – II – PERSONEL

- PARA – 40 :- Executive Staff.
- PARA – 41 :- Ministerial Support.
- NOTE :- In respect of chapter I and II of Part Three indicate Physical, Financial requirement, Phasing as per priority, justification.

### PART – FOUR

#### MAPS AND GRAPHS

#### CAPTER – I – MAPS

- Para – 42 :- Map of Circle, Divisions showing main features, boundaries of Ranges/Rounds, Location of Beat / Round / Range / Division headquarter, Check nakas, Wireless stations, Watch towers, Saw Mills, highly sensitive and moderately sensitive areas for different types of Forest Offences and all such relevant details.

#### CHAPTER – II – GRAPHS

- PARA – 43 :- Graphical representation of the analysis of different types of Forest Offences showing the quantities and value and particular period when intensity is more.