

ATTN: DR. REKHA PAI, ICF

No.B. 11012/41/2016 - FST  
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Dated Aizawl, the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

To,

The Secretary,  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region,  
Vigyan Bhavan Annexe,  
Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi - 110011.

Subj: *Bamboo Development in North Eastern Region.*

Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.CB-TA-12/06/2016-O/o. Dir (CB&TA) dt 12.4.2017 addressed to Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram, I am directed to furnish herewith the required information pertaining to Mizoram as follows :

- i) **Regulations for felling of bamboo** : For revenue and private lands Rs 0.50p per culm is levied, however for forest land Rs 2.00 - 2.50 per culm is levied depending on the species of bamboo.
- ii) **Regulations for transit of bamboo within and outside the state** : All forest produce including bamboo are governed by transit rules both within and outside the state.
- iii) **Regulations/procedure for setting up bamboo processing units by private sector** : Registration under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME), Government of India is required through their portal. For large scale units involving foreign investment, permission is to be obtained from Government of India

Yours faithfully,

To (Shri Jitesh)  24/4  
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Under Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram,  
Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department

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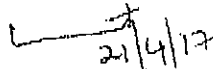
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Dated Aizawl, the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Copy to :-

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram with reference to his endorsement.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mizoram.
3. Shri Umakant, IFS, OSD, Government of Mizoram, New Delhi.

  
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(Smt. Umakant)

GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS  
MIZORAM ::: AIZAWL

To

The Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Forest Policy),  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Forest Policy Division,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Vayu Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003

**Subj :** Latest status and action taken report on Guidelines for Felling and Transit Regulation for Tree Species grown on non-forest private lands regarding -

**Ref :** Your F.No.8-14/2004-FP dt.08.11.2016.

Sir,


In referring to above captioned letter, I am submitting herewith action taken report in connection with the guidelines for felling and transit regulation for tree species grown on non-forest/private lands, for favour of information.

- (i) **Felling regime for tree species grown on the non-forest/private land.**
  - (a) The Government of Mizoram has issued "Guidelines for felling of trees from non-forest areas" which was published in the Mizoram Gazette on 9.8.2004. As per these guidelines, private tree plantations raised in non-forest/private lands are required to be registered with the territorial Divisional Forest Officers concerned. The process of registration which involves counting of trees planted by individuals, communities, etc is to be completed within ninety days of receipt of application. When such plantation is ripe for thinning/felling, the owner has to apply for felling permit that is to be granted within a period of thirty days from the receipt of such application. Felling permission for such private tree plantation for commercial purpose is to be granted by the Conservator of Forests concerned while for non-commercial purpose and for domestic consumption, felling permission can be granted directly by the DFO.
  - (b) Under these guidelines, tree species such as Kothal (*Artocarpus integrifolia*), Tung (*Alcorites fordii*) and all species of bamboos and horticultural tree species grown on non-forest/private land are exempted from the requirement of felling permit.

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- (c) The Department is also proposing to include Eucalyptus spp, Mulberry (*Morus alba*), Neem (*Azadirachta indica*), Rubber tree (*Hevea brasiliensis*), Imli (*Tamarindus indica*), Silver Oak (*Grevillea robusta*), Subabul (*Leucaena* spp) and horticultural tree species like Mango, Guava, Coconut, Cashew nut, Citrus, Areca nut, Zizyphus spp in the list of preferred Agro-forestry species to be exempted from the requirement of felling permit.
- (d) In the case of Mizoram, preferred agro-forestry species like Teak (*Tectona grandis*), Gomari (*Gmelina arborea*), Toon (*Cedrela toona*), Pine, Jamun (*Syzygium cumini*), Semal (*Bombax ceiba*), Schima wallichii, Albizzia spp and Terminalia spp can not be exempted from the requirement of felling permit and transit pass as they are also planted by the Forest Department and/or are naturally occurring in the neighbouring forests.
- (ii) Transit regime for tree species grown on the non-forest/private land.
- (a) Tree species listed at (i)(b) are also exempted from the requirement of Transit Pass for their transportation within the State. The transit of other tree species grown on non-forest/private land is also regulated under the guidelines stated above.
- (b) To facilitate inter-State movement of timber of exempted species as well as non-exempted species, Regional office of the Ministry may devise suitable mechanism in consultation with the States in the region so that undue delay and hardship faced by timber transporters while transporting legal timber with valid transit passes / documents at the Forest check gates, particularly at the inter State border are minimized.

Yours faithfully,

  
(LALRAM THANGA)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Mizoram : Aizawl

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GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM  
ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION

Dated Aizawl, the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept'2013

The Governor of Mizoram is pleased to approve issue of permission for felling of Bamboo from private plantation (Non Forest Areas) for sale outside Mizoram as per guidelines appended herewith.

Sd/- J.L. SINGH  
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram,  
Environment & Forests Department

Dated Aizawl, the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept' 2013

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Copy to :-

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5. P.P.S. to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram.
6. P.S to Principal Secretaries/Commissioner & Secretaries/Secretaries, Government of Mizoram.
7. All Heads of Department, Govt. of Mizoram.
8. Controller, P&S, Mizoram for publication in the Mizoram Gazette with 6 (six) spare copies enclosed.
9. All Conservator of Forests, Government of Mizoram.
10. All Divisional Forests Officers, Mizoram.
11. Guard File.

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27/9/13  
Under Secretary to Govt. of Mizoram,  
Environment & Forests Department.

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Bona fide - use - no EP is required.  
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**GUIDELINES FOR ISSUE OF PERMISSION FOR FELLING OF BAMBOO FROM PRIVATE PLANTATION (NON-FOREST AREAS) FOR SALE OUTSIDE MIZORAM**

In view of Bamboo defined as "Tree" in Mizoram Forest Act, 1955 and in order to ensure sustainable management of Bamboo on private lands in Mizoram, the following guidelines "FOR ISSUE OF PERMISSION FOR FELLING OF BAMBOO FROM PRIVATE PLANTATION (NON-FOREST AREAS) FOR SALE OUTSIDE MIZORAM" will become effective from the date of issue and will prevail over any other guidelines/ instructions issued in this regard earlier.

1. Persons owning/possessing non forest private lands with private bamboo plantations in Mizoram, having valid land ownership documents may apply in prescribed format to the office of DFO/Range Officer for issue of Bamboo Permissions to fell the bamboos with a purpose to sell outside Mizoram.
2. The Bamboo plantation owners of private lands are required to be registered with the office of concerned DFO in the same manner as governed under Felling Rules for Private lands. In case the owner is not registered, he may be allowed to fell Bamboos on his land with a permission issued in this regard as a one time relaxation. However second application for the same property for issue of bamboo permission for sale outside Mizoram will not be accepted without registration of such land for issue of bamboo permission. Registration of property will be done by the forest office after proper scrutiny of documents of ownership and ensuring that the land is a non forest private land. Each application for registration has to be accompanied by a Certified copy of Land settlement Document/ Periodic Patta, etc. and, NOC from Village Council.
3. Each application for issue of Bamboo Permission shall be accompanied by the following documents:
  - (a) Prescribed form duly filled by the applicant.
  - (b) Copy of registration of property for issue of Bamboo Permission.  
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Certified attested copy of Land Settlement Certificate/Periodic Patta/ etc. and NOC from Village Council.
  - (c) Sketch map of the area.
  - (d) Copy of last permission issued if any.
4. On receipt of such application in the office of Range Forest Officer either directly by the applicant or in case such an application is forwarded by the Divisional office to the Range Office, the concerned Range Officer will verify the documents and get a spot verification conducted by a subordinate Forest Officer not below the rank of a Forester for the availability of harvestable nos. of Bamboos against the no. of bamboo applied. The Range Forest Officer will also ensure the authenticity of the applicant and the documents and also the status of the land as non-forest land.

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5. The Range Forest Officer will ensure that Bamboo permission are issued only in respect of private bamboo plantations over privately owned non-forest lands and provisions of the Forest Conservation Act 1980 or Apex Court is not violated.
6. The Range Forest Officer may either recommend the application in toto or in part to the Divisional Forest Officer for issue of Bamboo Permission or he may reject the application giving a reasoned order. On receiving the recommendation from RFO, the DFO after proper scrutiny may issue a Bamboo Permission on the basis of recommendation made by the RFO or he may restrict the number of bamboos to be removed as per his reasoned judgment. The applicant if he is not satisfied with the order of RFO, may represent the case to the DFO who will pass an order within 15 days of receiving the representation. An appeal against the order of DFO may be made by the applicant to the office of Conservator of Forest, whose order will be final.
7. No royalty will be levied for the bamboos extracted from a bamboo plantation raised and/or maintained by a private individual on a property owned by him. However, an administrative fee of Rs. 0.50 per Bamboo will be charged for extracting the bamboos for commercial purpose for sale/transport outside the State.
8. Only one Bamboo Permission will be issued in respect of a property within a Calendar year.
9. The Bamboo Permissions are not transferable.
10. All Territorial DFOs are authorized to issue bamboo permission not exceeding 50,000 full length bamboos at a time in respect of a property to any individual applicant.
11. Bamboo of less than 4 years age will not be permitted to be removed. In no case clear felling of the bamboos will be permitted. The operation period of cutting the bamboo will be restricted to a maximum of two months from the date of issue of permission in case the applicant desires to transport the bamboo to any place within or outside the state, he may apply for a transport permission before the expiry of the operation period of the permission.
12. The transport permission will be issued only after inspecting the area from where the bamboo permission is issued and after ensuring that the bamboos have been harvested from this area only.
13. Extension of operation period should not normally be allowed except under exceptional cases. The competent authority for extension of bamboo permission will be DFO.

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- 14. The sale of bamboos outside the State should be permitted only from designated depots/points specified by the department/division at the interstate boundary. The bamboo permission will specify the route for transporting the bamboo up to the sale depot at the interstate border and shall be so incorporated in the transit pass issued. Such Transit pass issued will invariably be accompanied with the Felling Permissions for verification at such sale depot.
- 15. The DFO shall submit a quarterly report to the CF's office in the prescribe format. The CF office will submit a compile quarterly report for the circle to the PCCF office.

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 Environment & Forests Department

private/community: No Working Scheme  
 No felling permission is required for  
 Nagaland: — Be TP / bonafide use — no TP  
 outside for commercial use — TP is required  
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GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS  
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No.B.21016/11/2011-FC/PCCF/265

Dated Aizawl the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2015

To,

✓ Dy. Inspector General of Forests (FP),  
Govt. of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FP Division),  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, 6<sup>th</sup> floor,  
Vayu Wing, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi- 110003

**Subj: Restriction on transit & felling regulations under Forest Act-regarding.**

Ref: 1. F.No.8-14/2004-FP (Vol-II) dt 18.11.2014  
2. No. B.21016/11/2011-FC/PCCF/89 dt.12.12.2014

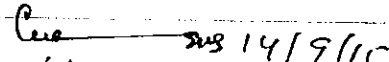
Sir,

In continuation to this office letter dt.12.12.2014 under reference No. 2, I am to state that the species which we have naturally growing in the wild viz. Gamati (*Gmelina arborea*), Toon (*Cedrela toona*), Siris (*Albizia spp.*), and Pine (*Pinus spp.*) would not be included in the list of preferred agro-forestry species as mentioned in the said guidelines.

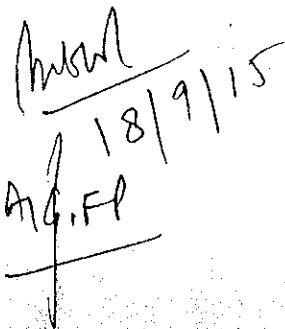
This is for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

  
(C.VANLALENA)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Hqrs)  
Mizoram, Aizawl

  
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