

Excerpt from Forest Manual, Forest Department of Himachal 2015

GOVERNMENT LANDS WILL BE SEA BUCKTHORN PLANTATIONS.

- Co-operative micro-enterprises based on Sea buckthorn and other MAPs in the cold desert area of the state will be promoted. This will also build linkages with traditional systems of medicine such as *Amchi*.
- Germplasm of sea buckthorn will be screened for quality and production potential. Plantation technology for sea buckthorn and other native MAPs will be standardised.
- Plantations of species such as poplars, willow, wild apricot (Chuli) will be promoted where irrigation is possible.
- Wilderness and wildlife based tourism activities with a livelihood focus will be promoted in the cold desert region with active involvement of the local community to develop it as a unique nature based tourism destination.
- Special provisions will be made in the plantation norms for irrigation of forest plantation in cold desert areas as the present allocations do not adequately cover such costs.

6.15 Demarcation and Settlement

Only about 36% area notified as forests has been demarcated and settled as Reserve Forests and Demarcated Protected Forests under the Indian Forest Act as applicable in Himachal Pradesh. The survey, settlement and demarcation of undemarcated and unsettled notified forests will be taken up on high priority. Forest and Revenue Settlements will be carried out simultaneously to avoid conflicts in the rights to be admitted under the two settlements.

Strategies

- Entries of forest areas already settled as reserved and protected forests in the revenue records will be revisited and confirmed.
- Survey, measurement and demarcation with boundary pillars of remaining undemarcated/ unsettled areas and their entry in revenue records will be completed within ten years.
- Modern equipments and measurement technologies will be introduced to facilitate and expedite the survey and demarcation process.
- The HP Forest Settlement Rules and guidelines issued there under for Forest Settlement Officers (FSOs) will be revised and updated.
- The roles of Revenue and Forest Departments with respect to management, control and cognizance of offences under the HP Ceiling and Land Holdings Act, 1972 and the HP Village Common Lands (Vesting and utilization) Act, 1974 and its linkage with the Indian Forest Act as applicable in H.P. will be clearly established. Necessary amendments will be made in this regard.

6.16 Encroachments

Lack of proper survey, settlement, demarcation and delimitation of forest lands has resulted in maximum encroachment or illegal occupation on forest land. To check the incidence of such illegal occupation, the Government will give priority to survey and settlement of the remaining undemarcated and/or unclassified forests. A thorough settlement procedure including, demarcation and delimitation with boundary pillars in close coordination between the Forest and Revenue Departments will be carried out as envisaged earlier. The detection and eviction of encroachments on forest areas will be completed expeditiously and encroachments on forest lands ordinarily will not be regularised. However, the Central Government Guidelines of 1990 (FP) (1-6) as well as subsequent circulars including letter of the Central Government dated 21.12.2004 needs to be adhered to as it lays down special conditions of regularization of encroached lands.

Special fast track courts with powers of eviction will be set up to speed up the process of eviction.

For immediate detection of encroachments or illegal occupation on forest lands, mechanism to involve Gram Sabha members will be developed.

Strategies

- Close co-ordination between the communities and field functionaries of Revenue and Forest Departments will be ensured to prevent encroachment over forest area. Incentive mechanisms through necessary changes in the PFM Resolution will be made in this regard.

NOTIFICATION

No. Ft. 29-241-BB/49.

Dated Simla-4, the 25th February, 1952.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Indian Forest Act. (XVI of 1927) as applied to Himachal Pradesh, read with the Government of India, Ministry of States Notification No. 146-J dated the 6th December, 1950, the Chief Commissioner, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to declare the provisions of Chapter IV of that Act *which are the property of Govt. or over which the Government had proprietary rights or to the whole or any part of the produce of which the Government is entitled as recorded in the Forest Settlements or land revenue settlements or land revenue records of the integrated states, or otherwise, except to the following areas:-

*Applicable to all forest lands or waste lands in Himachal Pradesh.

1. Rantu Saliana, Chambhi Kupar, Kalala and Temru of Kotkhai ilaqa and Nagkelu of Kotgarh ilaqa declared as reserved forests in the Punjab Govt. Notification No. 175 dated 15th April, 1885;
2. Chamba State forests declared reserved forests vide Chamba Darbar's Notification No. W-76-43, dated the 10th Nov., 1945.

Sirmur State Forests declared reserved forests Sirmur Darbar's Notification:-

1. No. 1 dated the 17th Jaith, 1968 Bikrami
2. No. 2 dated the 23rd Chait, 1991 -do-
3. No. 14 dated the 17th Sawan, 1990 -do-
4. No. 38 dated the 27.12.1992 -do-
5. No. nil dated Ist Chait, 1937 -do-
6. No. nil dated Ist Chait, 1947 -do-
7. No. II dated 2nd Poh, 1949 -do-
8. No. I dated 17th Jaith, 1952 -do-
9. No. Nil dated 11th Bhadon, 1992 -do-

2. This notification applies to all lands in old Mandi State containing the growth except such lands have been excluded in the forest settlement as cultivated or as in the Malguzari of a private person.

By order

Sd/-

C.C.F. and Secretary (Forest Department)
to the Commissioner, H.P., Administration.

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH GOVERNMENT
(FOREST DEPARTMENT)**

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