GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Sub: TS-FD-Forest Protection – Protection of Natural Forests – Beat Inspection by the Forest Officers – Revised consolidated instructions issued-Regarding.

Ref: PCCF AP Rc. No.59289/63-A4, Dt. 28.10.63 (Circular No. 41/63) PCCF AP Rc. No. 23211/95/X3, Dt. 13.11.1995 (Circular No. 13/1995)

Attention of all the Officers is invited to the Circular instructions cited. Since 1995 lots of changes have taken place with regard to the functioning of the Department, specially in the wake of application of Information technology (IT) in general and GIS, GPS and MIS in particular, in the day to day administration and management of forests and Protected Areas in the Department. Department has now deployed the web enabled Management Information System, the TGFMIS, covering almost all fields of forestry administration, to capture data almost in real time. These Modules contribute to the strong "Decision Support System" (DSS) of the Department for increasing the efficiency and improving the performance. Protection of forests and wildlife is the primary responsibility of the Department and for this purpose Forest Protection Management Information System (FPMIS) has been developed and deployed. Proper analysis of the data captured on this Module will help develop effective strategies for the better protection of our forests and wildlife.

Therefore keeping pace with the new technologies, it is felt necessary to amend the Circular instructions issued 2 decades ago, with a view to bring the entire procedure Online and make it transparent.

I. REGULAR PERAMBULATION OF BEATS BY THE FOREST BEAT OFFICERS (FBOs) AND FOREST SECTION OFFICERS (FSOs):

- i. While on duty, all Forest Beat Officers shall smartly put on the prescribed Uniform and accoutrements and shall carry the following articles in a Khaki coloured **Haversack** of 50 cm x 30 cm size
 - a. Beat Map
 - b. Maps, Gazette Notifications describing the boundaries of the Forest Blocks, Field Survey Books & Area Statements of the concerned Forest Blocks.
 - c. GIS maps showing the Forest Cover Density of different years, Site Suitability for raising Plantations, Site suitability for Water Harvesting Structures and Fire Risk Zonation.
 - d. **Beat Information Book** (as per Appendix -9, Section 31, AP Forest Department Code, Vol. II),
 - e. Seize Hammer,
 - f. Diary-cum-Report book,
 - g. P.O.R. Book and related forms and books,
 - h. Beat Felling Enumeration Register (BFER),
 - i. Measuring tape,