

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

FORESTS – Simplified process to accord tree felling permission under WALTA 2002 – Amendment - Issued.

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

G.O.MS.No. 30

Dated: 28-05-2016

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.19, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dt.13.05.2016.
2. From the PCCF (HoFF), TS, Hyd., Lr.No.1109/2015/ Prod.2/ TG, Dt.05.05.2016.

O R D E R

Government after careful examination of the proposal of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 2nd read above, hereby issue the following amendment to Appendix in G.O.Ms.No.19, EFS&T (For.I) Department Dated: 13-05-2016:-

AMENDEMENT

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<p>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 Annexure-II. If proposed trees include both exempted and non-exempted tree species under WALTA 2002, Application has to be given in Form-13. 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.</p>	<p>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 or exempted as per Schedule-II of Telangana Forest Produce (Transit) Rules, 1970, Self-Certificate to this effect in Form-13A prescribed under WALTA 2002 will be sufficient and no further permission for felling and transport 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, and those exempted as per Schedule-II of Telangana Forest Produce (Transit) Rules, 1970 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 Annexure-II. If proposed trees include both exempted and non-exempted tree species under WALTA 2002 or Telangana Forest Produce (Transit) Rules, 1970, application has to be given in Form-13. For tree species neither exempted under WALTA 2002 nor Telangana Forest Produce (Transit) Rules, 1970, 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.</p>

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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 Telangana 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.

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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.

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1.	Eucalyptus, Su-babul and Casuarina <u>or those exempted as per Schedule-II of Telangana Forest Produce (Transit) Rules, 1970</u>	No permission required, Self-Certification from the applicant is sufficient.
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<p>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.</p>	<p>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. <u>For the trees species mentioned above where felling permission is not needed, the transit permit under Telangana Forest Produce (Transit) Rules, 1970 is also not required.</u></p>
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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

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

VIKAS RAJ
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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

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