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NOTIFICATION

No.B. 11020/5/91-FST, the 27th September, 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.

J.L.Singh,

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram,
Environment & Forest Department.

GUIDLINES 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 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.
Or
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 Bamboo 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.
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 recommended the application in toto or in part to the Divisional Forest Officer for issued 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 reasoned judgement. 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 the Bamboo Permission will be issued in respect of a property within a Calendar year.
9. The Bamboo Permission 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 bamboo 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.
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.

APPLICATION FORM FOR ISSUE OF BAMBOO PERMISSION FROM PRIVATE BAMBOO PLANTATIONS IN NON-FOREST AREAS FOR SALE OUTSIDE MIZORAM.

1. Name of Applicant :
2. Father's Name :
3. Complete Residential Address & Contact No. :
4. Details of Garden/Applied area (LSC/PP No.)
 - (a) Name of the village :
 - (b) Name of the Location/Garden :
5. Registration details of property (if any) :
6. Area of the property :
7. Number of bamboo applied :
8. Purpose whether bonafide use/sale within the District/State or outside the state :
9. Date of issue of last permit, if any :
10. Proposed route of transport :

Enclosure

1. Copy of registration certificate (optional for first time applicants) :
2. Certified attested copy of LSC/PP (Optional if registration certificate is enclosed) :

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2. NOC from VC :
3. Sketch map of the location/garden :
4. Copy of last permit issued, if any :
5. Any other :

UNDERTAKING

I _____ (S/o, D/o) _____ R/o _____ owner of _____ holding (LSC/VC/PP No.) _____ undertake to abide by the recommendation/permission issued by the Range Officer for a Bamboo Permit. I also undertake to fell the Bamboos only from my property mentioned in the Bamboo permit and will not damage the new bamboo shoots in the permitted area and not to clearfell the Bamboo Area in my property.

Signature of applicant

SPOT VERIFICATION FORM FOR BAMBOO PERMIT FROM NON-FOREST AREAS

1. Name of Applicant :
2. Father's name :
3. Complete Residential Address & Contact No. :
4. Location of Garden/Applied Area :
(Sketch map also to be attached)
5. Proof of ownership(Pass No & Year) :
6. Area of Garden/Applied area :
7. Registration details of the property :
8. Whether Forest Non/forest area :
9. No. of bamboos applied for :
10. No. of mature bamboos which can be harvested (- 3 years old) from the property
11. No. of Bamboos recommended for felling
12. Reason for the recommendation if it is below the numbers applied for

13. Purpose whether bonafide use of sale within/outside Mizoram
14. Whether any permit issued in the same area earlier and the validity period of the same
15. Route of transport

Certificate

Certified that I, _____ have personally inspected the property in presence of the applicant/owner and certify that the property is non-forest area and felling of bamboos as recommended will not amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Signature :
Name of verifying officer with :
Designation (with seal) :