



7. (1) Subject to any restriction which the Divisional Forest Officer may by special or general order, impose in that behalf, every person holding land in the village, the village artisan and agricultural labourer shall be entitled to collect minor forest produce (other than *kurra*, lac, *rusa* grass, *ferula* leaves and gum) and other minerals, viz., grass, leaves of *muhul* and *teak*, *hakkal*, edible roots and edible fruits and flowers, sand, clay and stones from the protected forest of the village.

(2) Nothing in this rule shall deter a person from collecting *kurra*, lac, *rusa* grass, *ferula* leaves and gum and produce of *muhul* trees felled in his own land in a protected forest.

8. (1) No person shall, save as provided in rule 7, have a right to collect any lac, *kurra*, *rusa* grass, *ferula* leaves and gum which are of commercial value.

(2) The right to collect lac, *kurra*, *rusa* grass, *ferula* leaves and gum from the protected forest of the village shall, save as otherwise provided in rule 7, be auctioned by the Divisional Forest Officer.

9. The Divisional Forest Officer in consultation with the Collector shall by order declare a protected forest to be open to persons of any village or contiguous villages adjoining a protected forest for the purpose of exercising their rights of *muster* and thereupon any person residing in such village or villages may, subject to provisions of Chapter XVIII of the Madhya Pradesh Land Revenue Code, 1954, cut and remove for his own use only (and not for sale, barter or gift) any forest produce not exceeding such quantity as is laid out in the *Nizam Patrak* or the reduced quantity as may be determined by the Divisional Forest Officer in consultation with the Collector, when the total quantity of the forest produce available is not enough to meet the full requirements of such persons:

(1) No person shall set fire to any portion of a protected forest, or shall set fire in the vicinity of a protected forest so as to cause damage to any timber lying in such forest or to any trees reserved under section 30 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.

(2) All persons who are permitted to remove forest produce according to these rules or who pasture their cattle therein, shall inform the nearest forest officer of the occurrence of a fire, and shall take steps, whether or not so required by any Forest Officer:—

(a) To extinguish any forest fire of which he has knowledge, and

(b) to prevent by any lawful means in his power any fire in the vicinity of such forest from spreading to such forest.

(3) (1) The cultivators (including *malik-makhdzar*), village artisans and labourers shall, subject to the provisions of sub-rule (2) and the provisions of Chapter XVIII of the Madhya Pradesh Land Revenue Code, 1954, be entitled to graze their cattle kept for agricultural purpose free of charge in a protected forest as follows:—

(a) Cultivators—2 plough cattle per plough plus 4 others including one she-buffalo.

(b) Agricultural artisans and labourers—

4 cattle including one she-buffalo;

Provided further that all animals in excess of those specified in (a);

Provided that a calf under one year shall not be counted;

Provided further that all animals in excess of those specified in clauses (a) and (b) shall be charged at such rates as the State Government may from time to time sanction in this behalf.

(2) No person shall graze his cattle in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (1) except under a licence granted by a person duly authorised in that behalf and in accordance with the conditions thereof.

(1) The Conservator of Forests shall prepare in October each year a list of protected forests which shall be closed to the public generally for hunting, shooting, fishing, netting or setting snares.

(2) This list shall specify those forests which are closed.

(a) absolutely, for purposes of Forest management or as sanctuaries for the protection of game other than carnivore.

(b) conditionally, subject to the issue of a permit in accordance with the rules made under section 76(a) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.