

Annexure XVII (14), (Vide Article - 17.10)

Subject: Nistar facilities -
Extension of to Western
Maharashtra and Marathwada
regions

MEMORANDUM:

No.33/C/11/237/63-64/20054 of 68-69
Poona No.1 dated 4th January, 1969.

Pursuant to the orders contained in Government Resolution No.FCT/1564/2230-X dated 15-1-1968, the nistar facilities in vogue in Vidarbha region are extended to Western Maharashtra and Marathwada regions. The work of distribution of nistar material is entrusted to the respective Zilla Parishad Panchayat Samities concerned according to Government, Revenue and Forests Department, Resolution No.TRN/1168/144095-Z dated 20-9-1968. An outline of the procedure to be followed in this respect is enclosed for guidance.

Encl:- As above.

Sd/-

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Chief Conservator of Forests,
Maharashtra State, Poona.

To

The Conservators of Forests, All.

The Divisional Forest Officers and Independent
Sub-Divisional Forest Officers, all from Poona, Thana,
Nasik and Aurangabad Circles

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Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, (all)

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AN OUTLINE OF THE PROCEDURE REGARDING
DISTRIBUTION OF NISTAR MATERIAL

In accordance with the instructions contained in Government Revenue and Forests Department, Resolution No. FCT/1564/2230-Y dated 15-1-1968 nistar facilities in vogue in Vidarbha region are now extended to the Western Maharashtra and Marathwada regions. The terms and conditions of supply of nistar are detailed in the appendix to the said Government Resolution. However, in order to facilitate smooth implementation of this scheme in Western Maharashtra and Marathwada regions, where it is being tried for the first time, the following instructions are issued for guidance and necessary compliance :

- (1) The coupes to be earmarked for nistar should be selected with due regard to the demand. These coupes are selected in consultation with the respective Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samities. For this purpose a list of coupes due for working is sent to the concerned Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samities with a request to indicate the coupes to which the nistar condition is to be made applicable. The nistar coupes should be finally selected after such consultation, also taking into account, the disposal of material from the coupes of the previous year to which nistar condition was applied (Note:- The latter part would apply in future, this being the year of initiation of the scheme).
- (2) According to the terms and conditions of nistar prescribed in the above Government Resolution the Contractors/Forest Labourers' Co-operative Societies or the Forest Department who are in charge of the working of the coupes are required to keep the produce meant for nistar distribution ready, in the coupe depots within the time prescribed in the Sale Conditions. The nistar material when ready is to be disposed of as advised by the respective Zilla Parishads and Gram Panchayats. Passes are issued by the concerned Panchayat Samities or Gram Panchayats for distribution of the nistar material.
- (3) The material meant for nistar is denoted by a special mark at the time of marking of the coupe and the same is entered in the coupe records. The usual method of marking is to affix two hammer impressions at breast height. The Contractors/Forest Labourers' Co-operative Societies are to collect themselves the material specified for nistar.
- (4) The time-schedule for selection of the nistar coupes by the Zilla Parishads, the collection of nistar material, its final disposal etc. as adhered to in Vidarbha region is as under, as finalised by the Revenue Commissioner in consultation with the Conservators of Forests and the Collector of the Districts :

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Last date prescribed.</u>
(1) Advance Jahirnams indicating the coupes to be worked out etc. to be placed before the concerned Zilla Parishads & Panchayat Samities.	31st March

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(ii) Panchayat Samiti to consider the Jamivaram and communicate to the Divisional Forest Officer the list of coupes required to be sold for nistar. 30th April.

(iii) Details of the material of each category estimated to be extracted from the coupe and made available for nistar to be communicated by the Divisional Forest Officer to the respective Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti. 31st May.

(iv) Finalisation of the selection of nistar coupes to be communicated by the concerned Zilla Parishad Panchayat Samiti to the Divisional Forest Officer. 30th June.

(v) Contractors or Forest Labourers' Co-op societies to work the coupes and stack the nistar material at the pointed places. 31st January

(3) The Contractors/Forest Labourers' Co-operative Societies are informed about the quantity of nistar (poles and firewood) they have to supply from the coupes. They then arrange to stack the nistar quota of poles and firewood in the coupe in each section at suitable places. A leaflet furnishing the details of nistar material available in each coupe is given wide publicity by the Divisional Forest Officer concerned. The needy villages then obtain their requirement of nistar material on the strength of the certificate issued to them by the concerned Panchayat Samiti. The period for the distribution of nistar material generally extends from 1st January to 15th April every year. Nistar is distributed on the principle of "first come first served". The nistar material is sold at 30% of the prevailing market rates as fixed by the Divisional Forest Officers in consultation with the Collector of the District.

(6) A maximum of 10 poles and 2 cart-loads of firewood is admissible for a family.

(7) It is generally the experience that it is not practicable to adhere to the time-schedule strictly in respect of final disposal of the material and that the last date for the disposal of the material has to be suitably extended by the Panchayat Samiti. All possible efforts, however, should be made to conform to the time-schedule as strictly as possible.

(8) If the nistar material in any coupe earmarked for nistar is not lifted by the nistaries in due time, it is either taken over by the Department on payment of nistar value thereof to the Contractor, or released to the contractor by recovering the similar value from the Contractor. Discretion in this respect rests with the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

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