

FOREST DEPARTMENT
YEAR 2012-13

In Maharashtra State, 50757 Sq. Km. (Provisional) of scheduled area is spread over the districts of Thane, Nashik, Dhule, Pune, Nandurbar, Jalgaon, Amravati, Yavatmal, Nanded, Nagpur, Chandrapur & Gadchiroli. The extent of forest dispersed in scheduled areas in these 12 districts is 19219 Sq. Km. (Provisional) approximately constituting about 31.32 % of the total forest area of Maharashtra State, Viz 61358 Sq. Km. (Provisional). Forest villages & inforest settlements were established & developed with the purpose of ensuring sustained and adequate availability of labour for forestry works. At present the forest villages and inforest settlements are under the administrative control of the Revenue Department subject to the provisions of Forest Conservation Act 1980, the inhabitants of the forest villages and inforest settlements enjoy the same benefits of occupancy rights in hand as are available to the residents of Revenue villages. The large scale of employment in various forestry works undertaken in forest areas was a source of livelihood to the forest dwellers. They were granted concessions, privileges like Nistar and Grazing facilities etc. & were provided amenities like drinking water, school, rooms/buildings etc. through development plan programs to the extent possible. A brief view of the welfare activities under is presented below.

II) CONCESSIONS IN RESPECT OF FOREST & FOREST PRODUCE :-

The Forest Department provides ameliorative facilities for the Welfare of the inhabitants in forest villages & inforest settlements through measures like meeting their essential needs of forest produce such as small timber, fuel wood, grazing facilities.

III) FOREST LABOURERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES :-

In the year 2012-13, 131 Forest Laborers Co-Operative Societies were allotted 184 coupes for working. The break-up of working of coupes is as under.

| Sr.No. | Name of the Circle | No. of F.L.C.S. to which coupes are allotted | No. of Coupes Allotted |
|---------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Yavatmal | 14 | 23 |
| 2 | Nagpur | 54 | 65 |
| 3 | Chandrapur | 18 | 20 |

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| 4 | Gadchiroli | 35 | 66 |
| 5 | Amravati | 10 | 10 |
| | TOTAL | 131 | 184 |

Source: D-11, O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Production and Management), M.S. Nagpur

During the year 2012-13, there were 386 F.L.C.S. out of which 199 are functioning, 107 FLCS are not functioning and 80 FLCS were under liquidation with a total membership of about 80 thousand. Out of 386 FLCS, 244 F.L.C.S are in tribal areas with a membership of 74 thousands.

IV) Forestry works offered employment opportunities on a very large scale, especially to the adivasis & backward class people who were paid wages as fixed by wage board. The total labour employment during 2012-13 was estimated to be 19402 thousand mandays (Provisional).

(V) GRANT OF 7% FOREST REVENUE TO ZILLA PARISHADS :-

An amount of Rs 1611.43 lakhs (Provisional) was given as grant-in-aid by the Government for carrying out development works in respect of forest villages & inforest settlements. The detail note on physical and financial achievements during the year 2012-13 under various tribal sub-plan schemes carried out by Forest Department is shown in a table enclosed herewith.

Achievement Details of Schemes / Programs implemented under T.S.P. / O.T.S.P
Schemes carried out by Forest Deptt. for 2012-13
(Provisional)

| S.No. | Scheme / Program | Sector | Achievement 2012-13 (Rs. in Lakh) | |
|-------|---|----------------|---|-----------|
| | | | Physical | Financial |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | Plantation of species of Industrial and Commercial use | TSP (District) | Committed works 3626.50 ha. PPO works 503 | 616.31 |
| | | OTSP(District) | Committed works 3942.50 ha. PPO works 181 | 177.17 |
| 2 | Construction of roads and stone check dam | TSP(District) | Const. of roads and Stone Check Dam | 663.12 |

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| | | OTSP(District) | Const. of roads and Stone Check Dam | 143.35 |
| 3 | Reforestation of Degraded Forest | TSP(District) | Committed works 4333.05 ha. PPO works 331 | 1715.36 |
| | | OTSP(District) | Committed works 813.50 ha. PPO works 24 | 179.86 |
| 4 | Establishment of Central Nurseries | TSP(District) | Preparation of seedlings | 119.28 |
| | | OTSP(District) | Preparation of seedlings | 8.8 |
| 5 | Joint Forest Management | TSP(District) | Committed works 3024.00 ha. PPO works 240 | 455.85 |
| | | OTSP(District) | Committed works 267.00 ha. PPO works 0 | 34.10 |
| 6 | Plantation Program | TSP(District) | Committed works 715 ha. PPO works 81 | 179.19 |
| | | OTSP(District) | Committed works 770.50 ha. PPO works 26 | 75.24 |
| 7 | Forest Protection from Fire | TSP(District) | Fireline | 61.64 |
| | | OTSP(District) | Fire line | 13.63 |
| 8 | Development of Minor forest Produce | TSP(District) | Committed works 813.50 ha. PPO works 24 | 453.78 |
| 9 | Exploitation of Forest Produce by Govt. Agency | OTSP(District) | Committed works 813.50 ha. PPO works 24 | 44.99 |

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| 10 | Development of Tourism | TSP(District) | Development of 45 Tourism places in forest areas | 982.04 |
| | | OTSP(District) | Development of 4 Tourism places in forest areas | 9.98 |
| Total of State plan (District Plan) | | TSP(District) | | 5246.57 |
| | | OTSP(District) | | 687.12 |
| State Plan | | | | |
| 1 | Supply of cooking gas to adivasi beneficiaries in protected forest areas | TSP (State) | Supply of 1.LPG – 26281 Beneficiaries, 2. Biogas – 119 Beneficiaries 3. Milch cattle- 458 Beneficiaries 5. Protection of plantation – 1848 Beneficiaries | 1981.29 |
| 2 | Development of Tourism in adivasi forest areas | TSP (State) | Rehabilitation of villages in Tipeshwar sanctuary | 400.00 |
| 3 | Plantation for G.U.T (Bamboo Plantation) | TSP (State) | Committed works 4495.60 ha. PPO works 1368 | 648.54 |
| 4 | Establishment of Central Nurseries and preparation of seedbeds | TSP (State) | 1. Payment made to Beneficiaries for preparation of 18.43 lac plant in year 2011-12 2. Payment made to Beneficiaries for preparation of 16.06 lac plant in year 2012-13 (Beneficiaries- 535) | 223.27 |
| Total of State plan | | | | 3253.10 |

Source: Desk- 1, O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Hoff), M.S. Nagpur