

FOREST DEPARTMENT
YEAR 2014-15

In Maharashtra State, 50757 Sq. Km. (Provisional) of scheduled area is spread over the districts of Thane, Raigad, Nashik, Dhule, Nandurbar, Pune, Ahmadnagar, Jalgaon, Amravati, Yavatmal, Nanded, Chandrapur & Gadchiroli. The extent of forest dispersed in scheduled areas in these 13 districts is 27584.80 Sq. Km. (Provisional) approximately constituting about 44.79 % of the total forest area of Maharashtra State, Viz 61579 Sq. Km. (Provisional).

Districtwise Scheduled Forest Area for 2014-15

(Area in Sq Km)(Provisional)

Sr no.	District	Reserved Forest	Protected Forest	Unclassed Forest	Total
1	Thane	2529.23	829.48	2.22	3360.93
2	Raigad	291.58	16	0.26	307.84
3	Nashik	1478.85	242.01	2.16	1723.02
4	Dhule	1130.82	2.22	0.05	1133.09
5	Nandurbar	1997.68	46.011	166.12	2209.811
6	Pune	387.52	0	9.37	396.89
7	Ahmadnagar	395.7	13.97	1.6	411.27
8	Jalgaon	1029.71	1.13	0.2	1031.04
9	Amravati	2945.33	15.09	4.89	2965.31
10	Yavatmal	399.09	3.99	16.56	419.64
11	Nanded	720.03	16.26	24.72	761.01
12	Chandrapur	625.59	220.93	38.98	885.5
13	Gadchiroli	10532.98	1353.42	93.05	11979.45
		24464.11	2760.51	360.18	27584.80

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 2014-15, total 153 Forest Laborers Co-Operative Societies (F.L.C.S) were allotted 291 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	Nagpur	57	71
2	Yavatmal	24	73
3	Amravati	9	10
4	Chandrapur	31	35
5	Gadchiroli	24	80
6	Aurangabad	6	20
7	Thane	02	02
	TOTAL	153	291

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

During the year 2014-15, 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 86 thousand. Out of 386 FLCS, 277 F.L.C.S are in tribal areas with a membership of 78 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 under TSP/ OTSP schemes during 2014-15 was estimated to be 2312 thousand mandays (Provisional).

Under Employment Guarantee Scheme an expenditure of Rs. 5341.17 lakhs (provisional) and the employment generated under EGS is 2765 thousand mandays.

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

An amount of Rs 1697.45 lakhs (Provisional) was given as grant-in-aid by the Government of Maharashtra for carrying out development works in respect of forest villages & inforest settlements. The detail note on physical and financial achievements during the year 2014-15 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 2014-15
(Provisional)**

S.No.	Scheme / Program	Sector	Achievement 2014-15 (Rs. in Lakh)	
			Physical	Financial
1	2	3	4	5
1	Plantation of species for General use	TSP (District)	Committed works 5273.00 ha. PPO works 633 ha.	842.45
		OTSP(District)	Committed works 660 ha. PPO works 0 ha.	369.23
2	Construction of roads, buildings and stone check dam	TSP(District)	Const. of roads and Stone Check Dam	1811.49
		OTSP(District)	Const. of roads and Stone Check Dam	374.98
3	Reforestation of Degraded Forest	TSP(District)	Committed works 4947.00 ha. PPO works 371 ha.	2381.33
		OTSP(District)	Committed works 439.00 ha. PPO works 268 ha.	364.48
4	Establishment of Central Nurseries	TSP(District)	Preparation of seedlings	132.50
		OTSP(District)	Preparation of seedlings	29.22
5	Joint Forest Management	TSP(District)	Committed works 4087.00 ha. PPO works 124.00 ha	847.47
		OTSP(District)	Committed works 195.00 ha. PPO works 20 ha.	75.03
6	Plantation Program	TSP(District)	Committed works 1248.00 ha. PPO works 25.00 ha.	153.82
		OTSP(District)	Committed works 398.00 ha. PPO works 25.00 ha	49.09
7	Forest Protection from Fire	TSP(District)	Fireline	135.18
		OTSP(District)	Fire line	43.34
8	Development of Minor forest Produce	TSP(District)	Committed works 3400.00 ha. PPO works 353	1021.12
9	Exploitation of Forest Produce by Govt. Agency	OTSP(District)	Committed works 56.00 ha. PPO works 19.00 ha.	29.09

10	Development of Tourism	TSP(District)	Developmental works carried out at Tourism places	531.96
		OTSP(District)	Developmental works carried out at Tourism places	34.97
	TOTAL (District Plan)	Total TSP(District)		7857.32
		Total OTSP(District)		1369.43
		Grand TOTAL		9226.75
State Plan				
1	Supply of cooking gas to adivasi beneficiaries in protected forest areas	TSP (State)	7085 Beneficiaries were supplied with cooking gas, Biogas, Milch cattle Supply of and also provided with Forest Protection material	1499.96
2	Development of Tourism in adivasi forest areas	TSP (State)	Rehabilitation of 2 villages in Tipeswar sanctuary	900.00
3	Plantation for G.U.T (Bamboo Plantation)	TSP (State)	Committed works 7568.00 ha. PPO works 1688 ha	937.09
Total of State plan				3337.05
GRAND TOTAL (District + State)				12563.80

Source: Desk- 1, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Budget, Planning and Development), M.S. Nagpur

