

**GOVERNMENT OF GOA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

**Application for Registration of Commercial Tree Plantation
in private non-forest land**

FAQs

1. Who can apply for registration of Commercial Tree Plantation?

A land owner of private non forest area in Goa State, intend to raise Commercial Tree Plantation in the said land can apply for the registration.

2. What's a Commercial Tree Plantation?

The tree plantation to be raised on any private non forest land in Goa may be registered as commercial plantation area, and such area shall not come under the category of Government Forest/private forest/provisionally identified private forest etc.

3. How the registration of Commercial Tree Plantation can be done?

The whole process of registration, issue of transit pass, and storage of data shall be through the website hosted on e-district portal; Goa Online.

4. Which is the relevant Gazette Notification on registration of Commercial Tree Plantation?

Govt. Gazette Notification No. 5/7/2020-FOR/232 dated 15.12.2020.

5. Whether the registration of Commercial tree Plantation can be done in offline mode also?

No. The registration can be done only online mode in e-district portal of Goa online.

6. Which are the accepted land ownership documents to register the Commercial Tree Plantation?

- i. Ownership deed
- ii. Sale deed
- iii. Partnership deed
- iv. Succession deed
- v. Gift deed
- vi. Lease agreement
- vii. Inventory proceedings
- viii. Relevant Court Order etc.

7. Is there any minimum number of trees to be planted to be qualified as a Commercial tree Plantation?

No such minimum number of trees prescribed. A tree grower can register for raising even a single tree also.

8. Which species to be raised?

Any tree species can be raised in Commercial Tree Plantation area

9. What is the definition of tree for the purpose of this registration?

“Tree” means any woody plant whose branches spring from and are supported upon a trunk or body and whose trunk or body is not less than ten centimetre in diameter at a height one meter from base.

10. What’s the time taken for registering a Commercial Tree Plantation?

Registration process will be completed by the Forest Department within a period of sixty (60) days.

11. Any undertaking to be provided by the land owner while registering the Commercial Tree Plantation?

Yes. An undertaking shall be given by the land owner that he will not cut the trees/plantation before completion of minimum five years.

12. Whether the land owner can fell the trees before 05 years from registered Commercial Tree Plantation?

In exceptional cases, on request of tree grower, felling permission for trees raised on registered commercial tree plantation before completion of five years will be as per the provision of Goa (Preservation of Trees) Act,1984.

13. Whether the land owner need to inform about felling of trees in advance to the Forest Department?

Yes. The land owner shall inform the concerned Tree Officer (DCF) at least a month in advance before felling of any tree in such plantation.

14. In case of trees got damaged due to any natural event, what a tree grower needs to do?

The tree grower may inform about any such events and related damages to the Tree Officer (DCF concerned) in writing.

15. Whether the trees felled from registered Commercial tree Plantation need to be inspected by the Forest Department?

In case tree of any the following tree six species is felled it shall not be removed from the area until an inspection is carried out by the Tree Officer (DCF) to his satisfaction that tree felled was from the registered Commercial Tree Plantation area.

- i. Tectona grandis [Teak]
- ii. Dalbergia latifolia [Rosewood]
- iii. Acacia catechu [Khair]
- iv. Santalum album [Sandalwood]
- v. Terminalia paniculate [Kindal]
- vi. Terminalia tomentosa [Madat]

16. Whether the felled materials can be transported outside the State?

Yes. The tree grower shall be free to sell and transport the felled timber/wood to any place outside Goa.

17. Whether transit passes required for transportation of such felled trees from registered Commercial tree Plantation?

Yes. Transportation of felled trees from the registered commercial tree plantation shall be through e-Passes generated from the portal Goa Online.

18. What is the usual time taken for obtaining the transport permission/ e-Pass?

Forest Department will be completing the procedural formalities for e-Pass within 15 days, otherwise the requisite permission shall be deemed to have been granted and accordingly the requisite e-pass will be generated.

19. Whether the trees grown in registered Commercial Tree Plantations are exempted from the provision of Goa (Preservation of Trees) Act,1984?

Yes. In exercise of power conferred by section 31 of the said Act, the Government of Goa has exempted all tree species grown in such registered commercial plantation area from the provisions of the Goa (Preservation of Trees) Act,1984. But felling permission for trees raised on such registered commercial tree plantation, before completion of five years will be as per the provision of Goa (Preservation of Trees) Act,1984.

20. In case of any further queries/clarification required, whom to contact?

In case of any queries/clarifications required, please contact the concerned DCFs as per the contact details below;

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