

Department of Forest

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Notification

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1. In exercise of power conferred by section 32A of Goa, Daman and Diu (Preservation of Trees) Act, 1984 (Act No. 6 of 1984), to encourage tree plantation on private non forest land and in public interest, the Government of Goa hereby exempts registered commercial tree plantation area from the provision of said Act and specifies following terms and conditions for carrying out commercial tree plantation in private non forest land in the state of Goa, namely:—

(a) The tree plantation raised on private non forest land shall be registered as commercial plantation area and such area shall not come under the category of deemed forest/private forest.

(b) Registration for commercial plantation to be raised on private non forest land shall be carried out by the land owner in the manner specified by the Forest Department. Registration process shall be completed by the Forest Department within a period of sixty (60) days.

(c) An undertaking shall be given by the land owner that he will not cut the plantation before completion of five years.

Provided that in exceptional cases, on request of tree grower, felling permission for trees raised on registered commercial tree plantation may be considered before completion of five years under the Goa, Daman and Diu (Preservation of Trees) Act, 1984.

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

(e) 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 to his satisfaction that

tree felled was from the registered commercial 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]

(f) The transportation of any felled tree from the registered commercial plantation area shall be through digitally signed e-Pass, to be generated, in the manner specified by the Forest Department.

(g) Forest Department shall complete the procedural formalities within the stipulated time failing which, the requisite permission shall be deemed to have been granted and accordingly the requisite e-pass shall be generated.

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

(i) In case of any violation, action as per the applicable Act/Rule shall be taken.

(j) The whole process of registration, issue of transit pass, and storage of data shall be through dedicated website hosted on e-district portal Goa online.

2. Further, in exercise of power conferred by section 31 of the said Act, the Government of Goa, hereby exempts all tree species henceforth grown in such registered commercial plantation area from all the provisions of the said Act.

3. Forest Department shall take suitable measures from time to time to make the process simpler and people friendly and if required, amendment may be made to this notification with the approval of the Government.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Isha M. Sawant, Under Secretary (Forests).

Porvorim, 15th December, 2020.