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From: The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Public Grievances, Law and Information, West Bengal.

To : 1. The Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
2. All the Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests (Circle in charges of Territorial Divisions)

Sub: - Clarification regarding requirement of Transit Pass for exempted species i.c.w. G.O. No. 1/107043/2020 dated 24.11.2020 .

Ref:- DFO/Midnapore's office letter no. 4676/28-4 dated 24.12.20 in connection with timber Merchant Association's appeal and DFO/Purulia's similar correspondences regarding (copy attached for reference to the matter).

Sir (s)

In view of the queries being raised by Timber Merchant's Association of different districts of South Bengal and clarification the Divisional Forest Officers, the queries were examined in the light of G.O. No. 1/107043/2020 dated 24.11.2020 by Law Officer I.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force , West Bengal has endorsed the view of Law Officer which is as follows:

1. The species listed are exempted from TP within the State. However, if any person wants to have a TP, they may be provided TP after paying the prescribed T.P. fees. This application has to be very specific, clearly asking for TP for the exempted species.
2. All produces from Government Depots, including those exempt from TP, have to be marked with specified marks. The facsimile may also be placed on the sale receipts for species exempted from TP.
3. There is no system of in lieu TP anymore. This practice has to stop forthwith, if it is still being done by any unit.
4. If any person is transporting a consignment of species which require TP along with species exempt from TP, the consignment will be covered by a TP only to the extent of forest produce requiring the TP. The notification is for exemption of species not for consignments.
5. The species listed in the notification for exemption from TP have been made on recommendation of Gol, to promote agroforestry.


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