

2. Arabari Socio- economic Forest Complex- usufruct rights to fringe population

Government of West Bengal
FOREST DEPARTMENT
FOREST BRANCH

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Calcutta, the 7th March, 1987

From : The Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.
To : The Chief Conservator of Forest, West Bengal.
Sub : Arabari Social-Economic Forest Complex allowing usufructory rights to fringe population.

Ref: Correspondance resting with his U.O. No. 13255/CS/2h-630

1. The Forest Department has raised an experimental plantation since 1971-1972, under the name and style 'Socio-Economic Forest Complex' on the 1250 ha. of degraded forest lands in Arabari Research Range in the district of Midnapore. A special feature of this programme was the association of the fringe population with the process of raising, maintaining and protecting the plants. The participation of those local people has resulted in the spectacular achievement of regenerating the completely degraded sal forest sites which are prone to a very high degree of biotic interference. In order to foster in the public a feeling of attachment for the forests for the purpose of conservation, the Government has already decided to share 25% of the produce from the RDF plantations raised under the Social Forestry Project. The Government now deems it fit and proper to offer some incentive to the villagers whose efforts are responsible for the unique success of the project at Arabari based on the new technique of forest management with people's support.
2. After careful consideration of the matter, the undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the Governor has been pleased to decide, as a special case, that twenty five per cent (25%) of the yield of first harvesting of standard crops (sal and fast growing species) will be distributed free among the identified beneficiaries of this scheme (618 families) as usufructory benefits subject to the following terms and conditions :

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (i) The usufructory benefits @ 25% of the harvested yield will be allowed from first year's harvesting only pending a review of the matter after the first distribution is completed;
- (ii) That such usufructory rights will be restricted only to the Principal Crops (sal and fast growing species);
- (iii) The usufructory benefits will be allowed to the fringe population @ 25% from the net profits i.e. from the sales proceeds after recovery of costs for plantations, maintenance, harvesting, etc;
- (iv) The State's share of the net profits should be submitted to public revenue prior to distribution of such usufructory benefits;
- (v) That the list of beneficiaries comprising 618 families will have to be vetted by the Bon-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samiti of the local Panchayat Samiti. The said Samiti will also supervise distribution of usufructory benefits.

3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal is requested to submit a detailed report to the State Government on completion of distribution of usufructory benefits showing therein the names of the beneficiaries, quantum of benefits against each of them, State's share of net profit deposited to public fund and percentage of recovery of plantation and harvesting cost, etc. for assessment and review.
4. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, vide their U.O. No. Group Aff/5456 dt. 23.07.1987 and No. 5485/Gr.A/II dt. 23.02.1987.
5. The Accountant General, West Bengal is being informed.

Sd/-

Joint Secretary to the,
Government of West Bengal

3. Sanction of usufructs to FPCs— appropriation of 25% Sale Proceeds of Cashew and Timber for payment of usufructuary share

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Forest Department
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Calcutta, the 12th November, 1993

From : The Officer-on-Special Duty & Ex-officio
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

To : The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
West Bengal

Sub : **Sanction of usufructs to the beneficiaries of F.P.C.s in Joint Forest Management— appropriation of 25% Sale Proceeds of Cashew and Timber for payment of usufructuary share**

With reference to his letter No. 8283/CS/2M-915, dated 17.6.93 on the above subject, the undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the Governor has been pleased to direct that 25% of the net sale proceeds of Cashew & Timber as provided in Clause 4(iii)b and 4(v) of G.O. No. 5962-For.D/1S-16/88, dated 27.7.90 will be appropriated and credited to the head of Amount "8443-Civil Deposits-109-Forest Deposit" in the State Budget in order to facilitate in making payment to the beneficiaries in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid G.O.