

CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, WORKING PLAN, NAGPUR

Sub :- Implementation of the prescriptions
of approved working plan.

No. CCF/WP/N/RS/(12-13)/442/2012-13

Nagpur Dated 21st July 2012.

To,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Nagpur Circle, Nagpur

- Ref :- 1. Government Letter No. FDM/CR-160/F-2, dated 21st June 2012.
2. This office letter No. CCF/WP/N/(12-13)/336, dated 30th June 2012.
3. This office letter No. CCF/WP/N/(12-13)/358, dated 5th July 2012.

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Government of Maharashtra, Revenue and Forest Department vide G.R. No.Misc-2011/CR-289/F-7, dated 29th September 2011 issued instruction for effective implementation of working plan prescription of approved working plan.

2.00 In this regard undersigned has inspected personally some of the working plan activities carried out during the year 2011-12 in Nagpur Circle along with concerned officials of concerned forest divisions & findings of these inspections have been communicated to you as well as to higher authorities. These findings reveal gross violation of working plan prescriptions resulting in infructuous expenditure in most of the places. Some of the irregularities are serious in nature and the works have not been carried out as per prescriptions of working plan. Looking into above lapses in implementation of prescription of approved working plan, it is clear indication of casual and indifferent approach of field staff/officers in implementation of working plan prescription in Nagpur Circle. Such financial, technical and administrative irregularities in implementation of these activities should be avoided in future.

3.00 While implementing the prescriptions of approved working plan, following observations have been observed by the undersigned.

1. The major technical problem faced while carrying out the prescriptions like, demarcation, marking, logging and subsequent silvicultural operations, of various working circles is that the working of coupe is left to the lowest level field staff like forest guards or foresters. Marking rules are little complicated for the field level staff, specially, the forest Guards and foresters, to understand and practice in the field. The important operation of marking has been neglected as most of the times this has been left to the junior most forest staffs.
2. In most of the division, important information in respect of implementation of working plan prescription, like compilation of Coupe Control Forms, Compartment History Forms are not

maintained at all. Under these circumstances it is not possible to assess & analyse the result of the implementation of working plan prescriptions.

3. Treatment Maps are not prepared as per the prescription of approved working plan. These maps should be prepared by RFO & should be verified by ACF, which is rarely done.
4. Demarcation of coupes in the field are also not done with the help of GPS.
5. Marking records, felling record are not maintained properly. Felling & regeneration proposal as well as Action Taken Report (ATR) are never scrutinised by senior officers, which contains lots of mistakes.
6. It is observed that it has become a standard practice to carry out only the revenue yielding operations prescribed in the plans and the subsequent operations, vital for the health of the future crop, like *CBO, Cleaning, Thinning, Singling, protection from fire and grazing etc.* have been neglected & even it has been implemented, no proper record has been maintained in the division. Besides no any appreciable improvement in the crop could be observed, leading to the general deterioration of the crop.
7. The valuable species are given priority in marking and felling leading to felling of some rare trees like Haldu and Shisham, which should be avoided.
8. Some of the forest area allotted to SCI Working Circle, at times did not have sufficient matured trees for marking and many times the area was rich in young congested crop. These crops needed proper thinning, which was not carried out in time thus adversely affected the crop.
9. The areas from CWR of the previous Working Plan, most of the time did not have sufficient stock of matured trees for marking as per the prescriptions of the working plan. This led to removal of whatever matured trees were available in the area leading to reduction in matured trees in the area.
10. Thinning and cleaning in the pole crops and old plantations were not carried out, leading to congestion in the crop, retarding the growth of valuable species and encouraging the growth of inferior species.
11. The malformed regenerations and advance growths were also not cut back leading to increase in the number of malformed and damaged tree growth in the coupe.
12. A considerable part of forest allotted to various working circles are heavily damaged due to *regular fire and uncontrolled grazing*. The prescriptions regarding protection of worked coupes and regenerated areas from fire and grazing were not implemented.
13. At places it was noticed that plantation sites are not properly selected, Teak plantations have been done in dense forest areas leading to suppression of the plantations.

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14. The field staff failed to execute effective improvement felling in favour of desirable species. Thus the required positive effects of improvement felling were not observed in most of the areas.
 15. The working under various working circle was also not properly monitored, which is apparent from the condition of the crops. There are plenty of damaged and malformed trees present in the area, large areas are still under inferior species and valuable species are suppressed.
 16. The areas under SCI & IWC were never worked completely and all the prescribed treatments were never given to the crops, as a result the crop does not show signs of improvements.
 17. Regeneration status in almost all Working Circles is almost nil with a few exception due to uncontrolled fire & grazing. Due to the proximity to villages, whatever plantations have been taken, most of them have been damaged by fire and grazing.
- 4.00 You are requested to look into the matter on above points & monitor the various activities in Nagpur circle as per the prescription of approved working plan during the year 2012-13.

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1. Copy submitted to Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai for information.
2. Copy submitted to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) M.S., Nagpur for information & necessary action.
3. Copy submitted to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (P & M) M.S., Nagpur for information & necessary action.
4. Copy submitted to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Working Plan-East), Nagpur for information & necessary action.
5. Copy submitted to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Budget, Planning & Development) M.S., Nagpur for information & necessary action.

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