GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA FOREST DEPARTMENT

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of powers conferred by Section 51 A of the Indian Forest Act read with Clause (d) of Section 76, the Governor, Tripura, is pleased to make the following rules to further amend the Tripura Forest (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mills and other Wood Based Industries) Rules, 1985, namely—

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commencement

- 1. (1) These rules may be called the Tripura Forest (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mills and other Wood Based Industries) (Second amendment) Rules, 2000.
 - (2) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

Amendment rule 2.

- 2. In rule 2 of the Tripura Forest (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mills and other Wood Based Industries) Rules, 1985 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules)-
- (i) in sub-rule (1) after clause (k) the following clauses shall be inserted, namely –
- (l) "High Power Committee" means the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- (m) "Industrial Estate" means the areas notified by the Government from time to time as per order of the Supreme Court.
- (n) "Government" means the Government of Tripura.
- (o) "State Level Expert Committee" means the Committee constituted by the Government of Tripura in pursuance of order of the Supreme Court".
- (i) after sub-rule (2) the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely –
- "(3) On any dispute, regarding interpretation of any word/expression/clause in these rules, the decision of the Government shall be final."

Amendment. of rule 3.

3. For rule 3 of the principal Rules the following rule shall be substituted, namely -

- "3. (1) No person shall establish a Saw Mill and other Units including factories of the categories mentioned in Section 51 A –
- (a) outside an Industrial Estate; and
- (b) without obtaining a licence in Form-I issued by an Authorised Officer.
- (2) The saw mills, plywood mills and other wood based industries/units -
- (a) Which have been cleared by High Power Committee without penalty; and
- (b) Which are penalised but High Power Committee found that it will not be against public interest if licence is granted to such industries/units. Shall be eligible for grant of licence and allotment of land in the industrial estate if such estate is on Government land."

Amendment of rule 4.

- 4. In rule 4 of the principal Rules –
- (i) for sub-rule (2) the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely -
- "(2) (i) On receipt of an application for licence the Authoriesed Officer shall, after making such enquiry as he may think fit and within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of such application, forward the application with his report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura. The Authorised Officer shall mention in his report if the required quantity of timber as determined by the approved Working Plan is available on annual basis.
- (ii) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests than forward the application together with the report of Authorised officer and his recommendation to the State Level Expert Committee for their consideration and recommendation.
- (iii) After considering the recommendation of the State Level Expert Committee in each case, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests may direct the concerned Authorised Officer to grant licence in Form No.I or reject the application for reasons to be recorded in writing.
- (iv) While directing the Authorised Officer to grant licence, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall decide against which notified Industrial Estate or additional industrial estates as are notified by the Government for such purposes licence shall be issued."
- (ii) In sub-rule (3) for the words, brackets and figure "sub-rule (2)", the words, brackets and figures "clause (i) of sub-rule (2)" shall be inserted.

Amendment of rule 5.

5. For sub-rule (2) of rule 5 of the principal Rules the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely –

"(2) On receipt of an application for renewal of a licence, the Authorised Officer shall, after making such inquiry as he may think fit and within a period of 30(thirty) days from the date of receipt of such application, either grant or refuse to grant the renewal of the licence."

6. In rule 6 of the principal Rules —

Amendment of rule 6.

- (i) for sub-rule (l), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely -
- "(l) The following shall be rate of application fee (non refundable) and the licence fee or as the case may be, the renewal licence fee.

SI No	Nature of Licence	1 4 1	1	
1	2	Application	Licence	Renewal
1		fee	fee	licence fe
1.	For each of Saw mills, veneer factory, plywood factory,	3	4	5
		500.00	2,500.0	1,500.00
	and total based industries including time	1	0	1,500.00
2.	Timber trader shops dealing in timber (for each Forest			
	Division)	150.00	750.00	200.00
3.			750.00	300.00
	For each of Furniture/Cabinet/Handicraft shop using forest produce.			
		1	1	
	(a) Self employed without engaging any workers/labourers.	15.00	75.00	
-	- TOTACIS/IdDOUTERS	30.00	75.00	45.00
	(c) With 3 to 5 workers/labourers.		150.00	75.00
-	(d) With 6 or more workers/labourers.	75.00	300.00	150.00
1	(d) For Sand, Stone firewood and 6.01	150.00	750.00	300.00
		100.00	500.00	200.00
	(b) Thatch, bamboo and any other minor forest produce with			
	or without maintaining a shop. (For each Forest Division)	20.00	100.00	50.00
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(ii) in sub-rule (2) the words "issue or" shall be omitted.

Amendment 7. In rule 14 of the principal Rules for the words "five hundred Rupees", the words "ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

Principal Secretary to the Government of Tripura.