

Government of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. G. 12673-82—Ft. 185-24-7, dated 11th April 1929.

Rules for the management of Minor Forests.

Approves of the—under section 35 (iii) of the Forest Regulation.

READ—

Government Order No. I. C. 239-29—Ft. 164-20-11, dated 14th July 1924, sanctioning tentatively for three years, the scheme for the formation of Minor Forests and directing that the Forest Regulation be amended by rescinding the term 'District Forests' and introducing in lieu thereof the term 'Minor Forests' in conformity with the above scheme.

2. Letter No. 263, dated 2nd December 1925, from the Chief Conservator of Forests, forwarding for sanction a set of draft rules for the management of 'Minor Forests' as a class of District Forests under section 35 of the Forest Regulation.

3. Letter No. G. 2724—26-27, dated 14th December 1927, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending the adoption of the Rules proposed by the Conservator of Forests.

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Government are pleased to direct that the scheme of Minor Forests referred to in the order read above be in operation for a period of five years from the date of promulgation under section 35 of the Regulation of the Rules relating to them. The Revenue Commissioner and the Chief Conservator of Forests are requested to submit annual reports to Government in the first week of August regarding the working of the scheme.

2. The rules for the management of Minor Forests submitted by the Chief Conservator are approved with some modifications and are appended to this order. They will be separately published in the *Mysore Gazette*.

3. The constitution of Minor Forests about which proposals have already been submitted to Government, will be notified in due course.

4. The Revenue and the Forest Departments are requested to take early action to give effect to the scheme.

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Offg. Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

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Rules for the Management of Minor Forests under Government Order No. I. C.
239397—Ft. 164-20-11, dated 14th July 1924.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to make the following rules under section 35 (iii) of the Mysore Forest Regulation (XI of 1900) for the regulation of the use of the forest produce and of the pasturage in the areas placed under special protection, hereinafter called "Minor Forests," under the provisions of the said section.

The Rules shall apply to all Districts, but shall not affect the Rules in force for the time being defining the Privileges of Raiyats in District Forests and the Rules defining the Raiyats Privileges in the Districts of Kadur, Shimoga and Hassan, so far as they relate to Taluks and parts of Taluks specified therein as Malnad, except to the extent defined in the Rules hereunder.

Subject to all rights now legally vested in individuals or communities, the use of pasturage and of the forest produce in Minor Forests shall be regulated by the following Rules:—

1. a Minor Forest will consist of such unassessed Government lands of a village or a group of villages as form a compact block and admit of and are fit for being easily conserved and managed by the Forest Department;
2. minor Forests will be worked by the Forest Department according to working plans which shall contain adequate provisions for meeting the *bonafide* requirements of the Raiyats;
3. after the blocks have been notified as Minor Forests in the Gazette, Working Plans therefor shall be prepared by the District Forest Officer and approved by the Deputy Commissioner who will also have power to modify them from time to time, if necessary, in respect of grazing, fuel and unreserved timber;
4. the Working Plans of Minor Forests in the Taluks specified as special localities in the appendix to these Rules or of Minor Forests containing a rich growth of Sandalwood in the maidan districts, as well as any modifications that may be made therein by the Deputy Commissioner, will be subject to the approval of the Chief Conservator who will refer to Government for orders, all cases in which there may be a difference of opinion between himself and the Deputy Commissioner;
5. the Rules in force for the time being defining the Privileges of Raiyats in District Forests and the Rules defining the Privileges of Raiyats in the Malnad will be applicable to Minor Forests subject to the provisions of the approved Working Plans and subject also to the condition that all removals will be effected under permits, *mafi* or otherwise, as the case may be, issued by officers authorised in that behalf;
6. (a) *mafi* permits for the removal of produce from Minor Forests by raiyats for their *bonafide* domestic and agricultural use, will be issued by the Chairman of the Village Panchayet, or by Patels, where there are no Panchayets;
(b) permits for removals other than free removal under Rule 6 (a), of produce not exceeding the estimated value of Rs. 25 will be issued by licensed vendors who will be appointed by Deputy Commissioners on the recommendation of District Forest Officers;
7. the authority for the exploitation of produce exceeding the estimated value of Rs. 25 shall vest only in the officers of the Forest Department;
8. pending the provision of Working Plans, no Minor Forest shall be exploited by the Forest Department for Commercial or Industrial purposes except with the approval of the Deputy Commissioner. Cases in which there is a difference of opinion between the Chief Conservator and the Deputy Commissioner, will be decided by Government;
9. after Working Plans are approved, it will be open to the Forest Department to work Minor Forests for timber and fuel in accordance with such Plans, provided that the raiyats are given the first refusal in respect of such timber and other produce in the working coupes as may be required by them for their *bona fide* private use;
10. the District Forest Officers shall carry out any instructions that the Deputy Commissioner may give regarding the administration of Minor Forests except in respect of purely technical matters;
11. (a) save as provided by Rule 16, no person shall fell or uproot, lop, burn, or otherwise damage or remove any reserved trees;
(b) save with the written permission of the Deputy Commissioner or other Officer duly empowered, no tree, shrub, or bamboo or other produce in Minor Forests shall be cut or burnt within (a) 50 yards of the banks of a hill stream, or any of its feeders; (b) a radius of 50 yards from any stream of water or (c) 50 yards of any public road;

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12. on land declared a Minor Forest, no fresh clearing shall be made for cultivation or any other purpose without the permission of the Deputy Commissioner which shall be granted only with the concurrence of the Chief-Conservator;

13. after the limits of any Minor Forest have been duly notified in the Gazette, no person within such land shall;

(i) set fire to any tree, timber, grass or other forest produce or shall kindle or keep burning any fire except at such places and subject to such precautions as may be prescribed by the Deputy Commissioner or other person duly authorised in that behalf;

(ii) fell, remove, girdle, mark, lop, tap uproot or burn or strip bark or leaves from or otherwise damage, any tree growing on such land or use or injure or remove any forest produce found thereon, unless such person shall be duly authorised to do so;

14. no person shall boil catechu, distil wood-oil or burn lime or charcoal in any Minor Forest except in such places as may be specially set apart for the purpose by the Deputy Commissioner;

15. the Revenue officials of the Taluk especially patels of neighbouring villages will be held responsible for seeing that the privileges for obtaining the forest produce free of payment or at reduced rates, are not abused. Patels of such villages shall interfere for the purpose of preventing and shall report, any breach of these Rules of which they may become cognizant. In the case of disputes, the Deputy Commissioner shall, after considering the area and productive capacity of the forest concerned, decide which are 'neighbouring villages' within the meaning of the Rules;

in villages in whose limits there are no village or District Forests, the Deputy Commissioner may assign Minor Forests of other village or villages or particular areas therein, where such villages can exercise the right of obtaining timber, etc.;

16. subject to the exceptions provided for in Rule 5 the felling, conversion and removal of trees or timber and the collection or removal of other forest produce in Minor Forests, may be effected in one or other of the following ways but in no other way:—

(i) departmentally, i.e., by the officers of the Forest Department having control over the produce or, by persons acting under the immediate superintendence or control of such officers;

(ii) by persons holding permits duly issued by a Forest Officer or other authorised person;

and (iii) by any person holding the right under a lease, contract or permit granted by any officer duly authorised in this behalf;

17. the Deputy Commissioner may appoint by notification in the Gazette any person or class of persons by name or by virtue of his office, to issue or recover permits under the foregoing rules, and may also prescribe *tannas* or places at which the timber or other forest produce shall be brought for examination and where permits shall be checked or recovered or way permits issued;

holder of permits must comply with the regulations of the Forest Department and the conditions entered in the permit;

18. quarrying in Minor Forests shall be regulated by the Rules under the Land Revenue Code, care, however, being taken by the Deputy Commissioner to see that it is not ordinarily permitted in places where damage is likely to be caused to forest growth;

19. without obtaining a special license in accordance with the Rules framed from time to time under the Game and Fish Preservation Regulation, no person shall be allowed to beat or drive for game or kill or capture game by setting nets, traps or snares;

20. any breach or infringement of Rules 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 or 19 shall render the offender liable to imprisonment of either description as defined in the Indian Penal Code, which may extend to one month or to fine which may extend to Rs. 200 or both;

21. the Rules in respect of reserved and classified trees and seigniorage rates prescribed under the General Rules for the management of District Forests and other lands at the disposal of Government and in Government Notification No. R. 11096—Ft. 137-18-3, dated 1st March 1919, as amended from time to time and also the Malnad Raiyats' Privilege Rules, in respect of reserved and other groups of trees and seigniorage rates prescribed therein shall be applicable to Minor Forests.

