

1.58 Rights and concessions

Just for the sake of history the following descriptions are reproduced from Shri S.G.Panda's Plan/G.C.Sahu's Scheme /Scheme of ex-Zamindari forests.

Rights and concessions in Reserved Forests
(excluding those of ex-Sonepur State)

1.59 Rights

Statement of claims to right and orders passed thereon in Katikala reserved forest.

1.63 Rights and concessions in areas of PRFs/DPPs

These blocks have been carved out of the ex-zamindari Forests which were transferred to Forest Department on abolition of following Zamindaries.

Rampur, Raipur, Kudabaga, Loira, Tampargath, Jujumura, Loisingh, Paharasrigida, Barpali, Parkulunda, Bheden, Kharsel

These forests were locally known as 'Zapiti' jungles and were being worked out by the owners prior to abolition of Zamindari in the 1957 according to the Rules for the management of the Zamindari and Malguzary forests issued in 1930. The zapiti forest blocks of Raipur ex-zamindari were declared "Protected forests" under orders of Deputy Commissioner of Sambalpur on the 11th of August 1927 in Revenue case No. 5/11-250 of 1925-26. As regards 'Zapiti Forests' of other ex-zamindaries, similar notifications are not available.

1.64 However no rights of any kind were admitted in these blocks. The villagers were allowed to remove certain forest produce for their own consumption on payment of commutation fees. In Kudabaga ex-zamindari, the commutation fee levied for fire wood was at the rate of Rs. 0-8-0 per cart load and Rs. 0-2-0 for a plough-read. Kumhar, Kamars (Blacksmith) and Goldsmiths were allowed to remove firewood on annual payment of Rs. 1-8-0 per individual. An annual grazing fee was, for goat Rs. 0-4-0, buffalo Rs. 0-2-0 and bullock Rs. 0-1-0 per head. Such schedule of rates for other ex-zamindaries are not available relating to the period prior to the abolition of zamindaries. After abolition of zamindaries and taking over of management by the Forest Department no such concessions were allowed in the zapiti forests. The concessions mentioned above were allowed in Badjungles only on payment of different rates for different produce according to the schedule of rates fixed for the division by the Government.

Concessions are limited to permission for all villagers to remove fruits and flowers for their bonafide personal consumption and in addition to the tenants of forest villages the grant of free fire wood and bamboos for bonafide consumption and privilege of free grazing provided that when any forest produce of a commercial value is concerned the quantity is limited to 1 seer (0.94 kg) at a time. Free grants of timber, bamboos and thatch-grass are made in times of natural calamity such as fire and flood. The value of these free grants is generally under Rupees 500 in the year of calamity in ex-Sambalpur Division and Rupees 50 in ex-Barapahar Division vide para 44 of the 1941 Sambalpur Plan and para 32 of the 1931 Sambalpur West Division Plan. The Revenue Divisional Commissioner has since accepted a proposal that grant should be made in cash from discretionary grant placed at the disposal of the District Collector. In future free grants should be limited to petty ones given by forest officers for religious, charitable or educational purposes. The schedule of rates which has been duly approved by the Government for the division, may be treated as a part of this Plan.

1.61 Right of way

The rights of way to the various temples inside reserved forests where there is daily worship or a mela held annually and over forest roads are as under:

(1) There are the Lord Shiva temples at Budharaja, Laxmidungri and Chandidungri hills where daily worship and annual melas are held during the Sivaratri festival. No right of way has been admitted but the right is allowed without particular permission being asked for or granted.

(2) In Laddera block, the temple of Gosainnath is occasionally visited for worshipping the deity especially in October and November and in Tabla block 'Melas' are held annually for two days in February - March. No right of way is admitted in both these cases but permission for worshipping and melas is annually asked for and granted.

(3) Under Notification No. 5527-R. dated the 31st July 1913, right of way over the then existing roads in the reserved forest for the public was recognised.

Rights and concessions in Forest Blocks of ex-Sonepur State

Forests.

The following rights and concessions are allowed in A class Reserved

Reserved species - (1) Teak (2) Sal (3) Bandhan (4) Mahul (5) Sissoo (6) Bija (7) Kusum (8) Khair (9) Rohini (10) Palas (11) Harida (12) Gambhar (13) Sahaj (14) Ainla (15) Mundi (16) Halanda

Concession - Nistar cess or other cesses at the rate of Re. 0-1-6 per acre of paddy land and Re. 0-1-0 per acre of Ata land

In A class R.Fs Timber

- Nil

Fire wood

- Nil

Bamboos

- At full schedule of rate Rs. 1-4-0 per 100 on left bank and Rs. 2-8-0 per 100 on right bank of Mahanadi river.

Minor Forest Produce

- Nil

Grazing

- No free grazing. Tenants rate outsider's rate.

Buffalo

- Rs. 0-2-6 per head Rs- 0-4-0 per head

Cow, bullock

- Rs. 0-1-6 per head Rs. 0-3-0 per head

In B class Reserved forests.

Timber

- Unreserved species free, reserved species on half royalty.

Fire wood

- Unreserved species free

Bamboo

- On full royalty.

M.F.P.

- fibre, fruits, roots and leaves free, Sahai grass, thatch grass on full royalty.

Grazing

- No free grazing

In Khesra or unreserved.

Timber

- Same as in B Class reserved forests.

fire wood

- Same as in B Class R.F.

Bamboo

- at full rate

M.F.P.

- same as in B class R.F.

Grazing

- free.

Claimant's name,
father's name,
caste, residence &
occupation be recorded
as per as practicable

Manner in which
provisions for the
exercise of the right
admitted has been made

Remarks

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Mirrabhanu Singh
Gobarthian Pradhan
Bidyadhar Sahu
Gajendra Sahu
Ananda Chandra Panda
Dhaneswar Adhhee
Charnar Sahu
Bhannar Mali
Khageswar Pradhan
Udey Sahu
Maktari Padhan
Butu Gour
Durodhan Padhan
Bhukal Padhan
Harichandra Padhan
Jaydev Padhan
Sukha Bhoi
Bisi Keot
Karuna Sahu
Tima Gour
Markand Naik
Judhistir Gour
Sukdev Dharua
Bhagrath Bhoi
Banswar Ganda
Ranjit Ganda
Budhi Gonda
Chhura Gonda
Bidyadhar Kandha
Mihukunu Kalo
Haircharan Naik
Kanu Sahu
Bhagbat and Mala
of Kartikela

(1) The tenants are allowed
" Free collection of grass,
leaves for plates subject, if
necessary, to the control of the
Forest Deptt, edible fruits of the
species other than sal(Shorea
robusta), bandhan (Ougenia
dalbergioides), Pisal(Pterocarpus
marsupium) edible flowers of
species other than timber species,
fencing thorns and thatching grass
subject to such control of the
Forest Deptt. as is - considered
necessary. These products may be
removed for their own domestic
use but not for any kind of
transfer whatsoever whether
permanent or temporary or
absolute or conditional."
(2) A right of pasture of their
agricultural cattle at a nominal
fee of Re-0-1-0 per head
per annum over that portion
of the forest which will be
thrown open to grazing by
the forest Department from
time to time.

In accordance
with the recom-
mendations made
by Deputy
Commissioner
in his letter
no.3507-G dt.
23rd May 1933.

V.K.B.Pillai
Deputy Commissioner, Sambalpur.