CHAPTER XVII

DEMARcation AND MAINTENANCE OF BOUNDARIES

Demarcation of Boundaries.

The boundaries of all forests whose limits have been decided upon and all other lands which are in the undisputed possession of the Forest Department shall be demarcated on the ground by cut lines and easily recognised boundary pillars which should be placed on the outer edge of the cleared line. Boundary pillars should preferably be stone monoliths 5" x 5" in cross section. Where stone monoliths cannot be obtained, the boundary pillars must be of pucca stone masonry.

(ii) The cost of clearing and demarcating a boundary line will be met by the Government.

(iii) The work of demarcation will be carried out by the Forest Department.

(iv) The following specifications are prescribed:—

(a) Outer Boundary Pillars:—The over all length should be 3½ ft. to 4 ft. in length of which 18" shall be under ground and 2'—2 1½ above ground. The cross-section should be 5" x 5" or 5" x 6". They should be serially numbered. The numbers should preferably be engraved and should be painted over with Black Japan on a white enamel paint background. The top 9" will be painted with red enamel paint and the next 9" will be painted with white enamel paint.

The faces on which the serial numbers are engraved or stenciled will be 2" below the top and 4" broad and 3" long. The faces should be dressed smooth. The length of the numbers engraved or stenciled will be 2½" and before they are engraved or stenciled the faces should be dressed smooth. On the top of the pillars the letters ‘F. D.’ should be written, preferably engraved. The length of letters engraved should be 2". The faces will be painted with white enamel paint numbers and letters engraved will be painted over with Black Japan.
In fixing the pillars it should be seen that the letters 'F. D.' face the outer boundary. Each pillar will be painted with red and white paint.

(b) **Inner Boundary Pillars**.—The overall length should be 3', 28'' being under ground. The cross-section should be 5'' x 5'' and they should be serially numbered and the numbers should preferably be engraved and painted over with Black Japan on a white enamel paint back ground.

(v) **Outer Boundary Pillars (Masonry)**.—The overall height above ground should be 2' 9'' and the top 9'' of the pillars should be pyramid. The sides should be 18'' square with a stone engraved number plate painted over with Black Japan on a white enamel background. The pillar must be white. They should be serially numbered.

(vi) **Inner Boundary Pillars (Masonry)**.—The overall height above ground should be 1' 9''. The top 9'' should be a pyramid. The cross-section above ground should be 12'' square. The serial number plate should be of the same type as for the outer boundary pillars.

(vii) The pillars should be fixed in such a manner that each pillar is clearly visible from the one in front and the one behind it. The numbering should be done in a clockwise manner.

(viii) When a stream or ravine is selected as the boundary the mid-stream should ordinarily be taken as the boundary and, therefore, pillars should be fixed alternately on both sides of the stream.

(ix) The maintenance of boundaries is the concern of the territorial staff. The Range Officer shall inspect the boundaries in his range once a year and shall be responsible to see that the boundary lines are cleared and the boundary pillars are kept in
repairs annually. The Divisional Forest Officer shall inspect annually one-fifth of the boundary himself or depute a Gazetted assistant to do so. An inspection register shall be maintained in the Range Office and the Divisional Office showing the dates on which the inspection has been made, the state of the boundary lines and pillars and whether any encroachment has taken place or not.

The width of the outer boundaries of Government Forests should ordinarily be 20 ft. For other land it will be 50.