

CHAPTER 37

Non Timber Forest Produce & Tendu Patta

1. Non timber forest produce

- 1.1 Economic significance of Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) lies in the fact that they are found mostly in areas inhabited by poor, particularly the tribals. NTFP, in Rajasthan, constitutes valuable economic reserves, both in terms of income and employment potential. Approximately 5 million tribal people sustain themselves through the collection, processing, transporting and marketing of the forest produce, supplementing their meager income.
- 1.2 Despite having only 9.30% of the geographical area under forest, mainly following items of NTFP as listed below are collected in Rajasthan.

S. No.	NAME OF NTFP	BINOMIAL NAME	USES	MONTH OF COLLECTION
1.	DOLMA	<i>Madhuca latifolia</i>	Medicine	Jun-Jul
2.	KANJI	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Non edible oil	Jan, Feb, Mar
3.	MAHUA PHOOL	<i>Madhuca latifolia</i>	Beverage	Mar-Apr
4.	AAMLA	<i>Embelica officinalis</i>	Medicine	Nov, Dec, Jan
5.	BAHEDA	<i>Terminalia bellerica</i>	Medicine	Mar, Apr, May
6.	GOND DHAWRA	<i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>	Gum	Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun
7.	GOND SALAR	<i>Boswellia serrata</i>	Gum	Mar, Apr, May, Jun
8.	GOND KARAYA	<i>Sterculia urens</i>	gum	Mar, Apr, May, Jun
9.	GOND BABUL	<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	Gum,medicine	Mar, Apr, May, Jun
10.	GOND KHAKHRA	<i>Buitea monosperma</i>	Gum,dye	Mar, Apr, May, Jun
11.	KALI MUSLI	<i>Curculigo orchioides</i>	Medicine	Sep, Oct
12.	SAFED MUSLI	<i>Chlorophytum tuberosum</i>	Medicine	Sep, Oct
13.	SATAVARI	<i>Asparagun racemosus</i>	Medicine	Sep, Oct
14.	KEMACH BEEJ	<i>Mucuna prurita</i>	Medicine	Oct, Nov, Dec.

15.	GHAT BOR	<i>Zizyphus xylopara</i>	Medicine	Mar, Apr
16.	BIL or BEL	<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	Medicine	Apr,May,Jun
17.	GOND GODAL	<i>Lannea coromandelica</i>	Gum	Mar,Apr,May, Jun
18.	SAHED (HONEY)	--	Medicine/food	Round the year
19.	MOM (BEEWAX)	--	Commercial	Round the year
20.	GOND KHAIR	<i>Acacia catechu</i>	Gum	Mar-Jun
21.	GOND DHOKRA	<i>Anogeissus pendula</i>	Gum	Mar-Jun
22.	GILOY	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>	Medicine	Feb-Jun
23.	CHITRAK	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	Medicine	Oct-Jun
24.	ADUSA	<i>Adhatoda vasica</i>	Medicine	Jam-Jun
25.	GOKHARU	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Medicine	Sep-Oct
26.	RATANJOT	<i>Jatropha carcus</i>	Medicine, Oil	Sep-Nov
27.	DHATURI	<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Medicine, intoxicant	Apr-May
28.	FUWAD	<i>Cassia tora</i>	Cattle feed	Sep-Oct
29.	ARANDI	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Non edible oil	Nov-Dec
30.	CHOTI KATERI	<i>Solanum suratense</i>	Medicine	May-Jun
31.	MAL KANGNI	<i>Celestrus spp.</i>	Medicine	Round the year
32.	VIDARIKAND	<i>Puraria tuberosa</i>	Medicine	Dec-Jan
33.	AUKAL	<i>Alangium lamarcana</i>	Medicine	Sep-Oct
34.	NEEM BEEJ	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Medicine	Jun-Jul
35.	ASWAGANDH	<i>Withania somnifera</i>	Medicine	Round the year
36.	KOHDA	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	Medicine	Round the year
37.	MARORPHALI	<i>Helictres isora</i>	Medicine	Oct-Dec
38.	VAJRADANTI	<i>Barleria cristata</i>	Medicine	Sep-Nov
39.	SANKH PUSHPI	<i>Evolvulus alsinioides</i>	Medicine	Sep-Nov
40.	TENDU PATTI	<i>Diospyros melanoxylon</i>	Bidi making	May-June

1.3 In Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) areas & Saharia areas, the collection and sale of minor forest produce is authorized to the Rajasthan Tribal Area Development Cooperative Federation, Udaipur. The royalty on collection of such M.F.P. is also exempted¹ with effect from 1.4.1992.

1.4 Tendu patta collection is separately managed, it's collection and trade

1. G.O. No. F.6 (6) Forest/92 Jaipur, dated 17.7.1992.

is governed by the Rajasthan Tendu Leaves (Regulation of Trade) Act, 1974.

- 1.5 In order to avoid over exploitation of Salar & other gum yielding trees and promote their regeneration, Govt. has banned extraction of Salar & other gums since 1985-86. The ban was further extended² by the Government from time to time. It has now been extended indefinitely till further orders. Ban on extraction of Gum from *Anogeissus* spp. & Khair was later lifted³ from the Saharia tribal area (Shahbad) of District Baran.

2. Tendu Patta

- 2.1 Tendu patta is one of the prominent Minor Forest Produce growing in the State. It is found mainly in Banswara, Dungarpur, Udaipur, Pratapgarh, Chitorgarh, Jhalawar, Baran districts and partially in Kota, Bundi, Alwar, Dholpur, Bhilwara, Sirohi & Pali districts of the state. Tendu patta is used for BIDI manufacturing as a wrapper on tobacco.
- 2.2 Tendu patta is a nationalized commodity. It's collection & trade is controlled by "Rajasthan Tendu Leaves (Regulation of Trade) Act, 1974⁴" and Rules made thereunder called "Rajasthan Tendu Leaves (Regulation of trade) Rules, 1974.⁵" Earlier from the year 1974 to 1983, Tendu Patta of different units was auctioned at the rate of per standard bag (1000 bundles with 50 leaves in one bundle i.e. 50,000 leaves) & collection of leaves was done by departmental agents. Collection charges were paid to Laborers (Collectors) by the Forest Department through the agents.
- 2.3 On reviewing the system some drawbacks were observed and the Rules were amended⁶ and new system was implemented from 1984. The Tendu patta unit is now auctioned as a whole on lump-sum basis and the purchasers directly collect tendu patta at rates notified by the Government of Rajasthan. Presently the following system is in operation for collection and trade of tendu leaves in the state.

2. G.O. No. F.6 (4) Forest/90 Jaipur, dated 21.5.2012.

3. G.O. No. Pa.6(4)Forest/90 dt 23.04.1999.

4. Rajasthan Gazette part 4 (d) dated April 11,1974

5. Rajasthan Gazette part 4 (x) sub part 1 dated February 21,1974

6. Gazette part 4(x) sub-part (I) dated 14-02-1984.

2.4 **Constitution of tendu patta units**

2.4.1 Units of Tendu patta are constituted and notified by giving details of collection centers (Phad) and the villages to be covered for collection of tendu leaves under the collection center. The tendu leaves are collected on these centers only. Order in this regard is issued⁷ by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and notified in Rajasthan Gazette in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Tendu Patta Act 1974.

2.5 **Fixing of Tendu Patta Collection Charges:-**

2.5.1 Collection charges per standard bag of 1000 bundles, each containing 50 leaves i.e. (50,000 leaves) that are to be paid to tendu leaves collecting laborer are decided by the State Govt. For this purpose, an advisory committee is constituted by the State Govt. Region wise for recommending the Collection rates. This committee consists of 5 members including one Local Public Representative (MLA), one Tendu Patta trader & three officers of forest department i.e. DFO/DCF concerned, Regional Chief Conservator of Forests concerned & Chief Conservator of Forests, Tendu Patta. The committee holds meeting at circle level and recommends to the Government, the collection rate per standard bag to be paid to tendu patta collecting laborers. The State Govt finally decides it. The purchaser is bound to pay the decided rate to the laborers.

2.6 **Registration of Tendu Patta traders**

2.6.1 Every person dealing in purchase and export of tendu patta or manufacturing of bidis in the State has got to be registered annually as per rules. The registration / renewal is done up to 31 March every year on payment of Rs. 50/-. After 31st March it can be registered / renewed on payment of extra Rs. 10/- as late fee upto 15th April each year. The person registered and dealing in tendu patta trade and manufacturing of Bidis is bound to submit the return of his stock on 31 March and 30th Sept and a declaration upto 15th April of each year as per Sec. 8 of Tendu Patta rules

7. G.O. No. F.10(6)Forest/2003 dt 20/10/2003

1974. The Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned has to register the tendu patta Trader's.

2.7 **Deciding reserve prices of units**

2.7.1 Before putting for auction, reserve price of each unit is proposed by the committee⁸ constituted by the Govt. The committee has the following members.

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests - Chairman
2. Addl Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Production) - Member
3. Financial Advisor, PCCF office or Senior most Accounts Officer of the Department - Member
4. Chief Conservator of Forests Tendu Patta
5. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests - Member Secretary
6. DCF of Division concerned. - Member

2.7.2 The State Govt finally approves the Reserve price for each Unit. On approval of the reserve price by the State Govt., the units can be sold to the highest bidder on or above the reserve price. Decision of departmental collection in unsold units is also made by the State Govt. on the basis of recommendation of this committee.

2.8 **Trading of Tendu Patta Units**

2.8.1 Tender / Auction of Tendu Patta units on lump sum basis is usually done in the month of January-February every year. The Regional Chief Conservators of Forests, as per rules, invite sealed tenders. The sealed tenders are opened in the presence of bidders. After examining the tenders in all respects, the name of the highest bidder is recommended by the sale and disposal committee if it is above the reserve prices. The committee is constituted⁹ of 3 members i.e. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests concerned; the Chief Conservator of Forests, Tendu Patta and the DCF concerned. The unsold units are again put to auction by the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests in order to get sale

8. G.O.No. F 10 (38) Forest /89 Pt II dt 3.08.2009.

9. F 10 (7) 2003 dated 27-06-2004.

price more than the reserved price. On obtaining such bid the case is recommended by the sale and disposal committee to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests then issues the approval. After such approval an agreement is executed between the DCF concerned & the purchaser that is further signed by Regional Chief Conservator of Forests concerned. After that Tendu Patta work is executed. For unsold units, based on the recommendations of reserve price fixing committee State Govt. issues directions¹⁰ for departmental collection or keeping it as it is.

2.9 **Price preference to registered Co-operative societies**

- 2.91. To facilitate and promote the cooperative system and tribal development the State Govt. has taken a decision to provide 10% price preference to such institutions. Under this order the registered tendu patta collecting labor societies, Bidi manufacturing laborers cooperative societies and Rajasthan Tribal Area Development Cooperative Federation & it's societies are provided 10% price preference against the highest bid in open auction. In case Govt. reserves some unit in advance to such cooperative societies the price of that unit is decided on the trend prevailing in the area and 10% price preference¹¹ is provided over this to such society.

10. Sec 12 of Tendu Patta Act. 1974 and Rule 11 (8) of Tendu Patta Rules 1983

11. G.O. No. F.10(38)Forest/89 dt 31/11/1991 and 15/01/1998