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Management and Working of The Reserved and Protected Forests - Working Plans

1. A 'Working Plan Officer' is an officer responsible for drawing up or revising a working plan and appointed for the purpose by the State Government.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Incharge of Working Plans controls the work of the Working Plan Officers and is responsible for the detailed preparation of a plan.
3. For administrative purposes, the Working Plan Officer and his staff will be under the direct orders of the Chief Conservator of Forests (Working Plan).
4. The procedure which regulates the respective duties of the Working Plan Officers is as follows:-
 - 4.1 The Working Plan Officer will carry out the main work of preparation on the lines laid down in the code of working plan procedure. The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, however, prepares the preliminary report with all details.
 - 4.2 The National Working Plan Code is to be followed in writing a Management Plan.
 - 4.3 The Preliminary Working Plan report would be examined by Chief Conservator of forest-in-charge or working plan and submitted to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Forest Settlement for his approval.
5. The report should contain the following:
 - 5.1 A short description of the area of the forest for which the working plan is to be prepared or revised.
 - 5.2 Short notes on previous working, management and reproduction status of Forests.
 - 5.3 General objects of future management.

- 5.4 Constitution of working Circles, Series, Coupes.
 - 5.5 The Silvicultural systems to be adopted.
 - 5.6 General outlines to conserve and improve the forests and wild life.
6. Approval of Working Plan:-
- 6.1 The Working Plan shall be sanctioned by the State Government. However, prior to such sanction, the Pr. Chief Conservator shall obtain informal approval of Government of India or Officers appointed by Govt. of India for this purpose to ensure that the prescriptions contained in the working plan are in conformity with the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 or guidelines issued thereunder.
7. Form of Working plan:-
- 7.1 The Working plan will be written in the format prescribed in the National Working plan Code.
- 8 The Wild Life areas should be managed in accordance with the Management Plans approved and sanctioned by the Chief Wild Life Warden.