



Business Reform Action Plan 2016 Response by Government of Maharashtra

Area 9d: Inspection by Appropriate Authority for felling trees (prior to commencement of construction activities)

260: Mandate online submission of inspection report within 48 hours to the Department

Response: **Yes**

Remarks:

As seen in the second screenshot below from the section 'Inspection Procedure, Guidelines and Time limit', from the website:

<http://www.mahaforest.nic.in/internal.php?id=40>

Inspection Report is mandated to be submitted within 2 days that is 48 hours.

Also refer to the Maharashtra Felling of Trees (Regulation) Act, 1964.

Supporting Documents:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.mahaforest.nic.in/internal.php?id=40>. The page content includes the following text:

As per section 3(BB) of the Maharashtra felling of Trees (Regulation) Act, 1964; the permission to fell trees shall be granted subject to the condition that the applicant shall plant equal number of trees of the same or any other species as the Tree Officer may direct, on the same site or other suitable place in the vicinity in the ensuing plantation season.

Inspection procedure, guidelines and timelimit.

S No	Particulars	Time Limit
1	Issuing Acknowledgement to the Applicant: Verification of application and accompanying documents to ascertain completeness of the application as indicated at the Website and major issues given below: a) To ascertain the ownership of the application over land and Trees. If the applicant is Bhogavadar-II, whether the certificate from appropriate authority is attached. b) If the caste of applicant is scheduled Tribe, whether the certificate from appropriate authority is attached. c) To ascertain the location and shape of the survey number same as per settlement, remeasurement and consolidation maps provided by the applicant. d) The said Survey number is not a part of notified Reserve forests/protected forests/ zudpi jungle/ unclassed forests/ acquired private forests /identified forests. e) Whether the applicant's land is adjoining to	7 days



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	h) Drawing the Panchanama, regarding the above observations and submit report alongwith recommendation to the Tree Officer	
4	Submission of report by Round Officer to the Tree Officer	2 days
5	Based on the observations/recommendations of Round Officer, the Tree Officer will call objections from public if any, by way of issuing Advertisement (Jahirnama) in Grampanchayat. Enquire into the objections received and process the application accordingly.	15 days
6	Field inspection and related enquiries by Tree Officer. (a) The Tree Officer on the basis of report received from the Round Officer and available documents and after field inspection and making necessary enquiry will ensure that the trees to be felled belong to occupant and no other trees are included. (b) The Tree Officer will decide the species-wise number of trees to be permitted to fell after inspecting the status of trees, as per Maharashtra Felling of Trees (Regulation) Act 1964 and Rules made there under. (c) The tree officer may also decide the number of trees to be planted by the applicant, if necessary, in the ensuing rainy season	10 days
7	Communication of decision by tree officer to the applicant	03 days
	Total	60 days

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