



Government of Telangana

Supporting Documentation for implementation of Ease of Doing Business Reforms in the State of Telangana

Concerned Department: Forest Department

4c. NOC for tree felling from Tree Authority/ Appropriate Authority (prior to commencement of construction activities)

DIPP Point No. 82

Define clear timelines mandated through legislation for approval of complete application

Compliance Supporting Documentation

URL	http://forests.telangana.gov.in/Documents/EODB/MIS/Panchayath%20Raj_G.O.Ms.No.17,%20dt.23.02.2016.pdf
GO/ Notification/ Act	GO. MS. No. 17. Dated 23.02.2016
Screenshots	Refer GO. MS. No. 17. Dated 23.02.2016
Login Details	NA
Approach to Reform	Government of Telangana has clearly stated the timelines for approval of complete application. For applications for felling of non-exempted trees, the Designated Officer shall complete all necessary pre-requisite action to issue permission for felling within three (3) days from the date of submission of application. In case the designated authority does not intimate the final decision on the application, it shall be deemed that the applicant is authorised to fell the tree as requested in his application. However, if any owner desires to fell a tree, that is exempted, the owner shall only make self-certification to the Divisional Forest Officer and proceed to fell tree(s) as per the application made. This has been stated clearly mandated as per GO. MS. No. 17. Dated 23.02.2016 and is also written in the procedure process map on the website.

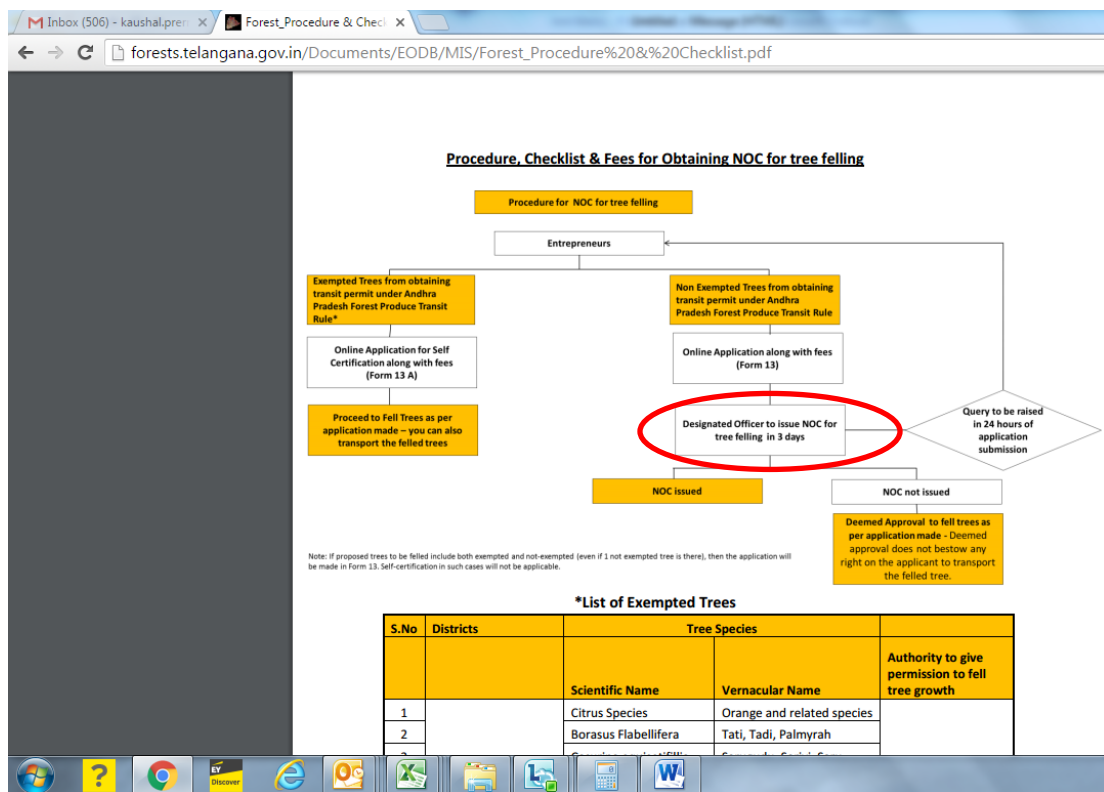


Screenshot of the Relevant Clause stating the timeline (GO MS No. 17 Dated 23.02.2016)

(3) On receipt of such application form, the applicant, the Designated Officer shall complete all necessary pre-requisite action to issue permission for felling within (3) days from the date of submission of application. In case the designated authority does not intimate the final decision on the application, it shall be deemed that the applicant is authorised to fell the tree as requested in his application. In case of applications categorized as high risk, Divisional Forest Officer shall be the designated authority. In other cases, concerned Forest Range Officer shall be the designated authority.

(4) If any owner desires to fell a tree, that is exempted, the owner shall only make self certification to the Divisional Forest Officer, in the Format prescribed in rules as Form 13(A) with a fee per tree as indicated below and proceed to fell the tree.

The same has also been stated through a process map on the website



***List of Exempted Trees**

S.No	Districts	Tree Species		Authority to give permission to fell tree growth
		Scientific Name	Vernacular Name	
1		Citrus Species	Orange and related species	
2		Borassus Flabellifera	Tati, Tadi, Palmyrah	



Complete GO –Walta Amendment (GO MS. No. 17 Dated 23.03.2016)

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ABSTRACT

Rural Development – The Telangana Water, Land and Trees Rules, 2004 –
Amendment – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 17

Dated: 23/02/2016

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.18, PR & RD (RD.II) Dept, dt.31-01-2015.
2. Note from the Secretary, EFS&T Dept, dt.7-12-2015.
3. From the Director, RD, Lr.No.34/SLNA-TS/APWALTA/2015, dated:14-12-2015.

ORDER:

The following Notification will be published in an Extraordinary issue of the Telangana State Gazette, dated:26.02.2016.

2. The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase, Telangana State, Hyderabad is requested to supply 100 copies of the notification to the Department.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 45 of the Telangana Water, Land and Trees Act, 2002 (Act No.10 of 2002), the Government of Telangana hereby makes the following amendments to the Telangana Water, Land and Trees Rules, 2004 Issued in G.O.Ms.No.339, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (RD-IV) Department, dated 06.11.2004 as subsequently amended from time to time, which were adapted to the State of Telangana vide G.O.Ms.No. 18, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (RD.II) Department, dated.31-01-2015

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules;

(1) for clause (4) of rule 24, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

74) If any owner desires to fell a tree, that is exempted, the owner shall only make self certification to the Divisional Forest Officer, in the Format prescribed in rules as Form 13(A) with a fee per tree as indicated below and proceed to fell the tree.

(i) For urban residential and Institutional areas	Rs.50/-
(ii) For urban commercial areas	Rs. 100/-*

(2) after clause (4) of rule 24, the following sub-clause shall be added, namely:-

74(a) If any owner desires to fell a tree, that is not exempted from obtaining transit permit under Andhra Pradesh Forest Produce Transit Rule, the owner shall inform to the Divisional Forest Officer in the Form 13 as prescribed in rules, of the intentions to fell a tree with a fee per tree as indicated below.

(i) For urban residential and Institutional areas	Rs.50/-
(ii) For urban commercial areas	Rs. 100/-*

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(3) for clause (5) of rule 24, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

¶5) On receipt of such application form, the applicant, the Designated Officer shall complete all necessary pre-requisite action to issue permission for felling within (3) days from the date of submission of application. In case the designated authority does not intimate the final decision on the application, it shall be deemed that the applicant is authorised to fell the tree as requested in his application. In case of applications categorized as high risk, Divisional Forest Officer shall be the designated authority. In other cases, concerned Forest Range Officer shall be the designated authority.

High risk is defined as that involves the following type of trees

- Teak
- Rose wood
- Red Sanders
- Sandalwood

or that involves felling of more than 20 non exempted trees / per acre. Deemed approval does not bestow any right on the applicant to transport the felled tree. Permission to transport a non-exempted tree is mandatory.

Provided further that, if the tree permitted to be felled is not exempted from purview of Forest Produce Transit rules, the Designated Officer/Owner shall inform the concerned Divisional Forest Officer for grant of transit permit and the owner shall not transport felled material without a valid permit."

(4) for clause (6) of rule 24, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

¶6) The Designated Officer shall dispose the application within three days from the date of receipt of application by the owner / applicant."

(5) for clause (1) of rule 26, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

¶1) Whoever contravenes/violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punishable with fine which shall not be less than Rs.1000/- but which may extend to Rs.5000/-."

(6) for clause (2) of rule 26, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

¶2) For felling of non-exempted and prohibited trees without prior permission, whether deemed or issued shall be punishable with a fine which shall not be less than two times the value of such tree, but which may extend upto 5 times of the value of such tree."

(7) for Form 13 appended to the said rules, the following Form shall be substituted, namely:-

* Form 13
(see rule 24)

Application for permission for felling trees

I, Srl _____ S/o. _____ Aged _____
R/o. (Address) _____ request you to please permit me to fell the
following tree / trees in my premises/land/plot as given below.

1. Address/location of premises/land/ plot:

- a) Survey No./Plot No./Door No.
- b) Village/Street

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- c) Mandal/Municipality/Municipal Corporation.
- d) District
- e) Contact Number of applicant
- f) e-mail of applicant
- g) Latitude and Longitude of premises

2. Category of Premises:

- a) Residential
- b) Institutional
- c) Commercial
- d) Agriculture
- e) Industrial
- f) Others- specify

3. Area of the premises:

4. Number of trees and species proposed to be felled:

Species	No. of Trees existing in the premises/plot	No. Of trees proposed for felling	Whether exempted from WALTA or not.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

5. Age (approximate) of the tree proposed to be felled:

6. Reason for proposing to fell the tree/trees:

7. Photo I.D. of Applicant: PAN/Aadhar/Voter I.D./Driving License/Passport:

8. Certificate of Title and ownership of the tree from concerned

MRO enclosed: YES/NO

9. Details of the payment of fee for tree felling:

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the species and other details of trees as disclosed above are correct to the best of my knowledge and other information furnished above is true and correct.

I undertake that I shall replant immediately tree / trees in place of the trees felled as per T.S. WALTA Rules, failing which, plants will be raised by the Authority/Designated Officer at my cost."

Place:

Name of the Applicant

Date:

Signature

(8) after Form 13, the following Form shall be inserted, namely:-

* Form 13 A
(see rule 24)

Application for permission for felling exempted trees

I, Sri _____ S/o. _____ Aged _____,
R/o. (Address). _____ request you to please permit me to fell the
following tree / trees in my premises/land/plot as given below:

1. Address/location of premises/land/ plot:

- a) Survey No./Plot No./Door No.
- b) Village/Street

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- c) Mandal/Municipality/Municipal Corporation
- d) District
- e) Contact Number of applicant
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Place:

Name of the Applicant

Date:

Signature

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

S.P.SINGH

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director, PR&RD, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The CEO, SERP, Telangana, Hyderabad.

All members of the Committees Constituted under TSWALTA (Through Director, RD)

All District Collectors in the State (Through Director, RD)

All Project Directors, DWMA/DRDA in the State (Through Director, RD)

The Commissioner, TSIPARD, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.

The Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing)

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The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Aranyabhavan, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The P.S. to Addl.Secy. to CM.
The P.S. to CS.
The P.S. to Minister (PR&IT).
The P.S. to Minister (Forest).
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The P.S. to Minister (Revenue).
The P.S. to Minister (MA&UD).
The P.S. to Minister (Agriculture).
The P.S. to Minister (Energy).
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SECTION OFFICER