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- To :
1. All Chief Conservator of Forests.
 2. The Conservator of Forests, Working Plans & G.I.S.
 3. All Divisional Forest Officers.
(Who will undertake the harvesting operation as per approval of MoEF&CC)
 4. Divisional Forest Officers:-
 - a. Working Plan (South)-I Division, Midnapore,
 - b. Working Plan (South)-II Division, Bankura,
 - c. Working Plan (North) Division, Darjeeling.

Sub: Grant of permission for Timber Operations as per approved Working Plans/Working Schemes of West Bengal for 2018-19 – regarding.

Ref: Letter No. 13-FCWP/WB-GEN dated. 25.09.2018 of CF (Central), GOI, MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of above said approval which will speak up itself.


It has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that while undertaking the harvesting operation both by territorial DFOs and Divisional Managers of WBFDC Ltd, some deviations from Working Plans prescriptions, even to the tune of excess felling without permission, have taken place in some areas.

To avoid any such irregularities during the harvesting, CCF of concerned circle will arrange co-ordination meeting of that circle with his territorial DFOs along with CF Working Plan and GIS Circle, DFO Working Plan of that area, Divisional Manager, WBFDC Ltd of that area, concerned ADFOs/ADMs, Range Officers/ Range In Charge/Range Managers before the harvesting operation actually starts.

The date and venue of such meetings are to be informed to the undersigned.

The main objective of such meetings will be to explain and discuss the importance of following the guidelines of Working Plan, the guidelines of MOEF&CC and the working guidelines of maintaining records like ITC, JPC, depot registers, stock reconciliation and avoidance of any kind of deviation from Working Plan.

Enclosure: As stated above.


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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, W.B.



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No. 13-FCWP/WB-GEN

Date: 25.09.2018

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Sub: Grant of permission for Timber Operations as per approved Working Plans/Working Schemes of West Bengal for 2018-19 - regarding.

Ref.: (1) Your office letter No.255/1W-30 dated 19.06.2018
(2) Letter No.353/1W-30/17 dated 24.08.2018

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the communications on the above subject and to inform you that the Regional Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of the Addl. PCCF (Central), Eastern Regional Office, Bhubneswar has examined the Action Taken Report of the West Bengal Forest Department for the year 2016-17, the proposal for timber felling and regeneration for the year 2018-19. The timber felling and regeneration operation for the year 2018-19 as proposed by the West Bengal Forest Department has been recommended for permission by REC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, which is accordingly approved and is as follows:

Proposed felling from Working Plan (North) Division as proposed by the West Bengal Forest Department.

| Division | Proposed felling for 2018-19 for North Bengal | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| | Sal Working Circle | | | | Misc. Working Circle | | | | C&MSD Working Circle | | | |
| | Regeneration in ha. | | | | Regeneration in ha. | | | | Regeneration in ha. | | | |
| Felling Target 2018-19 | Target (felling coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration (Rs.) | Funds required (Rs.) | Felling Target 2018-19 | Target (felling coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration (Rs.) | Funds required (Rs.) | Felling Target 2018-19 | Target (felling coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration (Rs.) | Funds required (Rs.) | |
| Balkunthapur | 27.59 | 27.83 | 62,846 | 1749004 | 28.96 | 28.88 | 62,273 | 1798444 | | | | |
| Jaldapara WLS | 20.51 | 21.48 | 62,846 | 1349932 | 16.14 | 16.42 | 62,273 | 1022523 | | | | |
| Jalpaiguri | 0 | 0 | 62,846 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62,273 | 0 | | | | |
| Cooch Behar | 0 | 0 | | | 8.87 | 9.69 | | 0 | | | | |
| Kalimpong | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 5.05 | 62,084 | 313524.2 | |
| Grand total | 48.1 | 49.31 | 62,846 | 3098936 | 53.97 | 54.99 | 62,273 | 2820967 | 0 | 5.05 | 62,084 | 313524.2 |

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| Division | BLES Working circle | | | | Eco Tourism & Eco Dev. Working Circle | | | |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Regeneration in ha. | | | | Regeneration in ha. | | | |
| | Felling Target 2018-19 | Target (felling coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration (Rs.) | Funds required (Rs.) | Felling Target 2018-19 | Target (felling coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration (Rs.) | Funds required (Rs.) |
| Darjeeling | | | | | | | | |
| Kurseong | 0 | 36.73 | 62,084 | 2280345 | 0 | 1.6 | 62,084 | 99334.4 |
| Kalimpong | 0 | 16.66 | 62,084 | 1034319 | 0 | | | |
| Grand total | 0 | 53.39 | 62,084 | 3314664 | 0 | 1.6 | 62,084 | 99334.4 |

Proposed felling from Working Plan (South) Division No.II as proposed by West Bengal Forest Department

| Division | Sal Working Circle | | | | | Development Working Circle | | | |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Regeneration in ha. | | | | | Regeneration in ha. | | | |
| | Felling Target 2018-19 | Target (felled coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration | Funds required | Funds available | Felling Target 2018-19 | Target (felled coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration (Rs.) | Funds required (Rs.) |
| Bankura (N) | 545 | 577 | Coppice regeneration, therefore not applicable | | | 263.7 | 45 | | |
| Bankura (S) | 423 | 333 | | | | 501 | 432 | | |
| Panchet | 485.5 | 381.5 | | | | 495 | 413 | 65,000 | 2,30,00000 |
| Purulia | 28 | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| Kangsabati (N) | 55 | | | | | 357 | | | |
| Kangsabati (S) | 160 | | | | | 140 | | | |
| Burdwan | 20 | 40 | | | | 186 | 160 | | |
| Durgapur | 10 | 20 | | | | 75 | 110 | | |
| Birbhum | 20 | 25 | | | | 136 | 156 | | |
| Grand total | 1746.5 | 1376.5 | | | | 2153.7 | 1316 | | |

Grand total of proposed (revised) felling of South -I & South II Division as proposed by West Bengal Forest Department.

| District Division | Sal Coppice Working circle | | | | Development Working Circle | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Regeneration in ha. | | | | Regeneration in ha. | | | |
| | Felling Target (2018-19) | Target (felling coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration | Funds required | Felling Target (2018-19) | Target (felling coupes 2017-18) | Cost per Ha. for regeneration (Rs.) | Funds required (Rs.) |
| Total for South I | 1923 | 2394.5 | Coppice regeneration, therefore not applicable. For South I there is no change | | 939.5 | 1010 | 56,937 | 5,75,06,370 |
| Total for south II | 1,746.50 | 1,376.5 | | | 2,153.7 | 1,316 | 56,937 | 7,49,29,092 |
| Grand total for South I & II | 3,669.5 | 3,771 | | | 3,093.2 | 2,326 | | 13,24,35,462 |


The approval is subject to the following conditions:-

1. Funds required for regeneration would have to be ensured in budgetary allocation for implementation of the work programme. The State Government shall certify that the funds for regeneration shall not be utilized from CAMPA funds.
2. In areas having law and order problem or any unavoidable reasons, if no regeneration can be taken place then no felling should be carried out in equivalent areas.
3. In plantation WC the following prescriptions would be strictly followed:-
 - i. The sections size at a place should not exceed 20 ha.
 - ii. 5 m wide strip of natural forest should be retained on all sides of sections.

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- iii. 40-60 healthy trees per hectare of valuable and fruit bearing species be retained in areas where plantations are undertaken.
 - iv. No fruit trees, rare species and trees of religious importance not otherwise dangerous to human and wildlife (leaning), should be felled.
 - v. No felling should be done on either side of Nullahs, Streams and River Banks up to 20 m distance.
 - vi. The improved planting stock should be used in order to increase productivity.
4. There shall be no clear felling.
 5. The state Government of West Bengal should carry out coupe wise analysis of estimated yield as per working Plan and actual yield and reason for shortfall, if any.
 6. The felling shall not be carried out in areas which do not have approved working plan.
 7. The targets for activities like regeneration, construction of boundary pillars, demarcation of forest boundaries and fire protection shall be achieved fully. In case of any shortfall in achievement of these target for felling shall also be reduced proportionately.
 8. All operations should be in tune with National Forest Policy 1988 and National Working Plan Code 2014.
 9. The State Government may be directed to take due care for shortfall in thinning operation.
 10. 52.00 ha. of extra felling in Bankura (North) Division is approved.
 11. It may be ensured that in future utmost care may be taken to avoid such type of irregularities and concerned DFO may duly be cautioned with a copy to this office for record.

Yours faithfully,



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CF (CENTRAL)

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