

Annexure VII (14), (Vide Article - 7.03)

Land Revenue
Reduction of ----
of lands acquired under the
Maharashtra Private Forests
(Acquisition) Act, 1975

**Government of Maharashtra,
Revenue & Forests Department,
Resolution No. PRF.1077/54195-F 6.
Mantralaya, Bombay-32.
Dated : 17th, July 1979**

RESOLUTION :-

The Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 (Maharashtra Act No. XXIX of 1975 as amended by Maharashtra Act No. XIV. of 1978) came into force from the 30th August 1975. All private forests as defined in the Act but excluding the lands under lawful cultivation within such forests have vested in Government from the above date, free from all encumbrances. The Forest Department has taken over possession of such forest lands as are covered by clauses (i) to (vi) of section 2(f) of the Act aforesaid. However, after coming into force of the Amendment Act of 1978 some of the acquired forest lands have been regranted or are being regranted to the erstwhile owners in accordance with the provisions thereof.

2. Normally, land revenue is reduced or increased according to "Kamī-Jasti Patraḱs" prepared by the Survey department. However, pending completion of that work by the Survey Department, Government is pleased to direct that the land revenue in respect of the acquired forest lands should be provisionally reduced from 30th August 1975. The Assistant and Deputy Collectors who are for the time being placed in charge of one or more sub Divisions of the districts and the Deputy Collectors (Private Forests) in Thane, Kulaba and Ratnagiri Collector under the Act aforesaid should issue orders for the reduction of land revenue of the acquired forest lands. The instructions contained in paragraph 313 of the Land Acquisition Manual (Revised Edition 1973) with regard to the reduction of land revenue should be followed wherever applicable. The land revenue for the forest lands re granted to the erstwhile owners in the manner aforesaid should be reassessed and levied from the date of regrant by the same Revenue Officers who are appointed to perform the duties of the Collector under the act.

3. This Government Resolution issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department. (Vide its un-official reference No. 513/Exp. 10, dated 09/05/1979).

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra

(J.S. GAWKAR)
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Revenue & Forests Department.
