

INTRODUCTION

The Working Plan of *Buldhana* Division written by Shri B. S. *Thengdi* for the period 1995-96 to 2004-05 expired in March 05. The Plan was given annual extension till 2007-08 by the Government of India on condition that no felling operations are carried out. The I- PWPR of *Buldhana* Division was presented by Shri *Tasnim Ahmed*, the then Chief Conservator of Forest (Territorial), Amravati in the State Level Committee's meeting held on 18th January 2006. The minutes of said meeting has been circulated vide PCCF's letter No.D-14/WP/CR-369-A/1418/05-06 dated 17th March 2006. The views of territorial CCF expressed in I- PWPR as well as modifications suggested by the Committee has been taken into account while writing II- PWPR.

The II-PWPR covers not only Reserved Forest areas but also Protected Forest and Un-classed Forest areas of the Division. The good forests areas of *Ghatbori* Range and *Jalgaon Jamod* Range have been proposed to be treated under Selection cum Improvement Working Circle and Protection Working Circle respectively, considering the results of stock mapping and enumeration. Also the enumeration results in Babul ban reaffirms the views expressed by CCF (T) that they are invaded by *Prosopis* and *Babul* is hardly found in these forests. These forests are proposed to be treated under Fuelwood Working Circle. The C- class Reserved Forests proposed for sheep grazing by the Grazing Settlement Officer has been included in Pasture Working Circle, with 3 years rotation period. The remaining C-class Reserved Forests and A-class Reserved Forests are proposed to be treated under Improvement Working Circle. In this Working Circle, the areas having rooted stock are to be treated by Root Stock Management and Tending of NR whereas areas lacking in rootstock and suitable for planting will be artificially regenerated. The *Anjan* Forests are also included in Improvement Working Circle and rules for lopping of *Anjan* have been prescribed in consultation with the local staff. The compartment numbers have been assigned to the C- class Reserved Forests, Protected Forests and Un-classed Forests as suggested by the territorial CCF.

The A- class Reserved Forests and Protected Forests of *Bhingara & Kuwardeo* have been stock mapped. Also enumerations have been carried out in A- class Reserved Forests, Babul bans and *Kuwardeo* Protected Forests. Protected Forests have been enumerated and stock mapped for the first time. Earlier only *Ambabarwa* Forests were enumerated during 1960's by Shri *Parasnis*. Also for the first time, digitized topo-sheets have been procured from Survey of India, Hyderabad. This will reduce work of digitization and GIS based maps can be provided to the Division in much shorter time frame.

The II-PWPR of Budhana Division was discussed by the State Level Committee in the meeting held on 27th February 2009 and approved subject to some minor correction. These corrections/ changes as directed by the Committee have been incorporated in the Plan.

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