

11. Forest Produce Transit Rules for the 24-Parganas Division

No. 2821 For.— The 8th November 1906.— In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 31(a) and 41(b) of the Indian Forest Act, 1878 (VII of 1878), and with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to make the revised rules hereinafter set with below for the control of the transit of timber and other forest-produce in the Sundarbans Forest Division.

The notifications, dated respectively the 12th October 1885, the 10th May 1887, the 6th September 1888, the 10th December 1889, are hereby cancelled.

- I. Prohibition against cutting or converting timber without pass : No person shall cut or convert any timber in any Reserved or Protected Forest in the Sundarbans of the 24-Parganas district without a pass or otherwise than in accordance with the conditions entered on such pass obtained as provided in rule IV.
- II. Prohibition of transit without pass : The transit of forest-produce in any forest described in Rule I or any waterway intersecting or skirting such forest or any land leased under the rules for the lease of waste lands in the Sundarbans of the 24-Parganas district or through any part of the said forests without a pass or otherwise than in accordance with the conditions entered on such pass, obtained as prescribed in rule IV, is prohibited.
- III. Production of passes : Every person who cuts or converts any timber in any forest described in rule I or transports any forest-produce in any river or waterway, or in any forest described in rule II, shall immediately produce his pass when called upon by any Forest or Police Officer to do so, and permit the said officer to examine the produce, by measurement if necessary.
- IV. Form and issue of passes: Every pass referred to in rule I and II shall be in the form either of permit or of a right-of-way pass or of a certificate in accordance with the forms hereto appended, and shall be obtained from an Officer in charge of a Forest Revenue or a Checking Station authorized by the Conservator of Forests concerned to issue such passes. The names of the Forest Revenue or Checking Stations, the officer in charge of which so authorised are to issue, permits, right of way passes or certificates, shall be placed in a prominent position in each Forest Revenue or Checking Station and in the Divisional Forest and District Offices.
- V. Rights under permit : The pass issued shall be in the form of a permit when the applicant wishes to cut or remove forest-produce in or from the said Reserved or Protected Forests or leased lands. A permit shall only authorize the cutting and removal of the forest produce specified from the locality described therein and its transit to the depot specified on the pass for its examination, where the permit shall be surrendered on or before the date on expiry entered therein.
- VI. Rights under right-of-way pass : The pass issued shall be in the form of right-of-way pass when the applicant wishes to transport forest-produce from outside the said Reserved or Protected Forest or leased lands and waterways described in rule II. A right-of-way pass shall only authorize the transit of the forest-produce specified in the depot mentioned therein for its examination.
- VII. Certificates on surrender of permit or right-of-way pass : A pass in one or other of the appended forms for a certificate shall be issued in exchange for a permit or a right-of-way pass when the latter has been surrendered and the forest-produce collected under it has been examined in the appointed depot.

VIII. Conditions precedent to issue of permits, right-of-way passes and certificates : No permit shall be issued till the estimated value of the forest-produce which the permit-holder is authorized to cut, collect and transport, calculated at the rate in force for the time being, has been paid in full and no right-of-way pass shall be issued till the fee due in accordance with the schedule of right-of-way pass fees ordered by the Conservator of Forests has been paid :

Provided that this fee shall in no case exceed a rate of two pies per man ?? of boat capacity. No certificate shall be issued till any balance of the price of fee due for produce in respect of which the certificate is acquitted has been paid in full.

IX. Registration of Boats : No forest produce shall be brought to, or removed fro, any depot in the Sundarbans Forest Division except in boat which has been registered by an officer in charge of a Forest Revenue or Checking Station described in rule IV, or under any Rules of Act for the time being in force and which bears it registered number and marks on a conspicuous place on its laws.

X. Depots : For the purpose of rules V, VI, VII and IX all Forest Revenue or Checking Stations in the Sundarbans Division shall be deemed to the depots.

¹⁸The Conservator of Forests may, by notification in the 'Calcutta Gazette' establish within the Sundarbans Forest Division such Forest Revenue and Checking Stations, as depots under clause (e) of section 41 of the Indian Forest Act, 1878¹⁹, as he may deem necessary, and may, from time to time, by a similar notification, alter the situation of or abolish any such Revenue and Checking Station.

¹⁸ Added by Notification No. 1060 For., dated the 2nd March 1912

¹⁹Replaced by clause (e) of section 41 of the Indian Forest Act,1927

Note : The following Revenue and Checking Stations have been notified by the Conservator of Forests in supersession of previous lists :

Notification	Name	Situation
No. 882-For. dated 13 th February, 1932	Narkeldanga ²⁰	87 Talpukur Road, Beliaghata.
	Shikarpur	At the junction of the Shikarpur Khal and the Baratala River or Channel Creek or the Muri Ganga River.
	Namkhana	At the junction of the Duar Agra Gang, the Hatalin Doania Khal and the Ghibati Gang (Ghiapati Khal)
	Nalgora (Nalkora) (as amended by G.O. No. 7143-For., dated 8 th August 1950)	At the junction of Thakuran River and Pukelham Khal in J. plot (leased land)
	Kultali (Kultala) (as amended by G.O. No. 7143-For., dated 8 th August, 1950)	Junction of Petkalchar Khal and Chitradi Khal in Herobhanga Compartment 9.
	Sajnakhali	At the junction of Satjalia and Sajnakhali.
	Matla (as amended by C.F.S.C.'s order No. 7705-For., dated the 13 th September 1940)	On the Matla River, near Canning Railway Station.
	Rampur (Rampura)	In the Tushkhali Abad, at the junction of the Bara Kalagachi Gang (Bara Kalagachia Nadi) and the Jeliakhali Khal.
No. 3562-For., dated 30 th April, 1943.	Bagna	On the forest boundary, at the junction of the Raimangal River with the Kornikhali Khal or the Bagna Khal and the Jhilla River.
	Patharpratima	In the Patharpratima Abad at the junction between Mural or Calchira Gang and Walsh or Habilla Creek.

²⁰Checking Station only

XI. Licenses for transport through water channels : Any person who desires to transport any forest produce from lands leased under the rules in force for the lease of waste lands in the Sundarbans through any of the water channels described in rule II shall hold a printed license, duly filled up in accordance with the sample form to be obtained from the Officer in charge of the 24-Parganas Forest Division at Alipore (district 24-Parganas) signed either by the lessee himself or by an authorized and recognized agent of the lessee, whose signature and residence must be recorded in the office of the said official at Alipore. The printed license so filled up shall be produced by the holder for inspection when he is called upon to do so by any Forest or Police Officer.

XII. Examination of produce transhipped or landed : Any person who moves forest produce from the boat to another or lands forest-produce from any boat in, or on the bank of any, river or waterway in the district of 24-Parganas, shall permit any Forest or Police Officer to examine such produce, and it so ordered by any Forest or Police Officer, shall desist from such moving or landing between sunset and sunrise.

Note : Except in Calcutta when an officer is kept for the purpose, powers should not be exercised under Rule XII except by the Divisional Forest Officer or his gazetted assistant or by subordinates especially empowered by him for a limited time in each case. The police should not ordinarily interfere unless an offence is reported to them or they are asked for help by a Forest Officer.

(Government order No. 3158 date the 6th December 1906.)

XIII. Transport of *sundri* or *passur* timber : No person shall transport any piece of *sundri* or *passur* timber which does not bear the Forest departmental transit or sale-mark by river or by land in any part of the 24-Parganas district, without the permission in writing of a Forest Officer employed in the 24-Parganas Forest Division not below the rank of Extra Assistant Conservator of Forests.

XIV. Saving : The above rules shall not be held to apply to any trees or the produce of any trees or plants which do not grow in the Sundarbans or the 24-Parganas district.

XV. Penalty for breach of rules: Any person who infringes any of these rules shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine not exceeding Rs. 500, or with both.

**FORM OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PASS (PRESCRIBED IN RULE VI)
FOREST DIRECTORATE, WEST BENGAL**

24-Parganas Forest Division

Book No. Right of way Pass No.

Name.....

Father's Name

Residence, Thana

District, is authorised to pass through theForest,
via to and to transport in the boat described
below :

Register No.	Length	Breadth	Depth	Capacity	Rate	
				Kilo gram	Rs.	P.

To the Forest Revenue Station to the Officer in charge of which this pass must be surrendered, the above described boat and all timber or other forest-produce carried therein being at the same time presented for examination on or before the 19.....

This pass only authorises the transport of one cargo, whatever the size of that cargo, may be, of the abovementioned forest-produce.

Amount paid Rs.

Officer in Charge

..... *Revenue Station*

West Bengal Form No. 1666.

(Government of West Bengal, Department of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries, Forests Branch, notification No. 807-For., dated the 5th July 1947, published in the *Calcutta Gazette*, dated the 11th December 1947, Part I, Pages 426 to 428.)

FORM OF PERMIT PRESCRIBED FOR IN RULES IV AND V

**FOREST DIRECTORATE, WEST BENGAL
24-Parganas Forest Division**

Permit No..... Book No., dated the19....., issued from
..... Station / Coupe.

Name

Son of.....

Resident of,

to cut and collect or collect in,

the under mentioned timber and other forest-produce, namely :

Compartment No. or locality	Type of produce	Species	Dimensions	Quantity	Rate	Price
			Girth/diameter at butt/middle top, Length over/ under bark	Kilo-grams/ cubic meter	per	

Total

and to transport the same in the boat described below :

Register No.	Length	Breadth	Depth	Capacity	Contents, if any (number and measurements of old jhools, empty jalas, tins, etc.).
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kilogram

gram

to the Forest Checking Station, to the Officer-in Charge of which this permit must be surrendered, the above described boat and all timber or other forest-produce collected therein being at the same time presented for examine on the before the 19.....

The permit is not transferable and only authorises the cutting, collection and transit of one cargo, whatever the size of the cargo may be, of the above-mentioned forest-produce in or slung from the above described boat. But only timber may be slung from any boat and timber may not be slung more than one deep in the water. The holder of this permit must not use or employ for the cutting, collection or transport of the said forest-produce any boat other than the boat described above or more than workmen, namely :

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The permit-holder must proceed to the place where he is authorised to cut and collect or collect the above described produce by the following route,namely :

..... and he must proceed from such place to the Checking Station specified for the surrender of this permit by the following route, namely :

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Classification : The schedule of rate in force details the classification of pieces of wood into “timber” and “fuel”.

Total price received in advance (in words, both in English and Bengali)

vide

Revenue Register item No., dated 19.....

Officer in-Charge

..... *Revenue Station / Coupe.*

Date and hour of surrender of permit

Officer in-Charge

..... *Checking Station*

(To be filled in Coupe)

Details of produce given free

Compartment No.	Type of produce	Species	Dimensions	Quantity	Rate per	Price
			Girth/diameter at butt/middle top, Length over/ under bark	number/Kilo-grams/ cubic meter		

Total

Rupees (in words, both in English and Bengali).....realised under Receipt/
Certificate No., dated 19 vide Revenue Register item No.
..... of 19

Officer- in-Charge,

..... Coupe.

West Bengal Form No. 1666A

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE PRESCRIBED FOR RULE VII TO BE FILLED UP AND SUPPLIED IN
EXCHANGE FOR A PERMIT**

FOREST DIRECTORATE, WEST BENGAL

24-parganas forest division

Certificate No. Book No., dated the
.....19..... Against Permit No.Book No.....dated
.....19.....issued from Station / Coupe.

Certified that I have examined the under mentioned forest-produce collected by :

Name

Son of

Resident of

under the above permit, and found that he has collected the following amount of produce :

Compartment No. or locality	Type of produce	Species	Dimensions Girth/diameter at butt/middle top, Length over/ under bark	Quantity entered on permit (number) Kilo-grams/ cubic meter	Rate per	Price

						Total
						Prepaid on permit

Time expiry fee, if any, for days at.						Balance Due

						Grand Total

Total dues realised by me (in words, both in English and Bengali)
 vide Revenue Register item No. dated
 The above named has now the permission to remove the
 said forest-produce to by the following route, namely in the
 boat described below :

Register No.	Length	Breadth	Depth entered permit	as in	Actual depth.	capacity (kilo gram) entered in permit	Actual Capacity (kilo gram)

Officer in-Charge
*Checking Station*