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Port Blair dated the 18 Oct., 2024

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
SA/BT/MA/MB/DP/LA/SD

Sir,

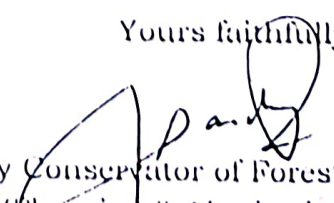
I am directed to inform you that a Policy note on Cane giving an overview of its exploitation over the years for collection on the basis of Working Plan, in particular by the SSI unit holders has been prepared. In addition, the guideline for allotment of Cane to registered SSI Units from 2025-26 onwards is also enclosed.

As far as the current financial year is concerned. In view of limited availability of time, guideline as indicated below is to be adhered.

1. To undertake a rapid survey of all SSI units located in your jurisdiction and collect information in the prescribed format. Unit wise survey reports will be communicated to the CCF (Territorial) in hard copy and by mail on or before 01 November, 2024.
2. Data on Malai and Red Cane collected by individuals and artisans for use locally in the past 3 years.
3. Allotment of cane to the registered SSI units shall be made by 15 November, 2024.
4. Permits for collection of cane to be issued on payment of royalty by 30 November, 2024.
5. Collection of cane shall be made over a period of 4 months from 01 December, 2024 to 31 March, 2025.
6. No extension of time limit will be given for collection after end of current financial year.

The DFOs are expected to therefore sensitize the SSI Unit holders of the guidelines while undertaking field survey exercise.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Conservator of Forests
A (Planning & Monitoring)

Encl : A/above .

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Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

Guidelines for allotment and extraction of canes by SSI Units

1. The Divisional Forest Officers to conduct survey all registered SSI cane units in their jurisdiction in the month of April to assess the following :
 - Unit functional or non- functional.
 - Verification of permits issued to the unit in previous financial year.
 - Quantum of cane collected from various divisions.
 - %age of cane product being sold as finished / semi-finished / unfinished.
 - Assessment of its working capacity in terms of different species of cane.
 - Maintenance and submission of records.
 - Status of returns filed by the licensee.
 - Requirements if any, of other available cane species currently not commercially exploited.
 - Information on Cane permits issued to other category of consumers like Individuals, Local artisans and Government departments.
 - The survey report should be submitted to CCF (T) by 31st May in the prescribed format along with recommendations.
2. The DFOs based on assessment report of availability of all commercial Cane species and working plan prescriptions for extraction of cane species wise, recommend the actual quantity of cane, species wise to be extracted from division by 31st May. To ensure that no potential cane harvest area is left out.
3. The Circle office shall collate the information so received from all divisions including Little Andaman and Swaraj dweep Islands to assess overall requirement in a given year by various end users vis-à-vis availability. Allotment of cane in a rational way for each species of cane to all operational SSI units across divisions shall be done by CCF (T). This exercise is to be completed on or before 31st July and communicated to DFOs.
4. The DFOs will communicate the Cane allotment order to all SSI units in their Jurisdiction for remittance of royalty in a period of two months till 30th September based on which permits shall be issued.
5. Harvest of cane from the area indicated in permits shall be made over a period of four months from December to March next year. In no case, the extension of time for extraction shall be granted. Royalty for the un extracted cane shall be forfeited.
6. Any dispute arising out between the Department and the SSI units shall be subject to redress by the Additional PCCF(Planning & Development) whose decision shall be final.

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Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Format for survey of Cane SSI Units

Name of Division: _____
Date of survey: _____

Name & Address of the SSI Unit: _____
Registration particulars: _____
Registration validity: Permanent / Fixed period (If so, indicate the period) _____

S. No.	Attribute	Status			Remarks, if any			
		Functional / Non-functional	(If non-functional, indicate the period since inoperative)					
			Year	Month	Days			
1.	Working of Unit							
2	Permits issued to unit in previous financial year for collection of Cane	Verified / Not verified (Reasons to be indicated in writing)						
3	Quantum of Cane collected in previous year (Division wise) against permits issued.	[In R mt]	Name of Division (s)	Motabeth	Junglibeth	Malaibeth	Redbeth	
			Total					
4	Quantum of Cane processed in previous year against permits issued.	[In R mt]						
5	Percentage of cane disposed		Unfinished	Semifinished (cricket bat handle/lathi)		Finished (Furniture/ Decorative items)		
6	Quantity of cane required by SSI unit for current year	[In R mt]	Mota beth	Junglibeth	Malai beth	Red beth	Remarks, if any	
7	Maintenance of prescribed records	Yes/ No	Indicate any record(s) not maintained here					
8	Filing of monthly returns	Yes/ No	Indicate period in months that return (s) is/ are due					
9	Requirements, if any of cane species available in Cane working area of the Division but currently not commercially exploited	Yes/ No [In R mt]	Rassi beth	Burma beth		Sanga beth		

Name & Signature of DFO