



(ii) rupees twenty-five thousand, if made by the officer in charge of the circle or any officer superior to him.

(2) In any case in which any person has been convicted of any offence against the forest laws, but no penalty has been imposed or on confiscation or if penalty imposed has not been realized or in any case in which any person has performed any service of special merit for prevention or detection of any such offence, rewards may be granted to person, officer or otherwise who may have contributed to the conviction.

Provided that, the aggregate amount of rewards thus granted in any case shall not exceed,-

(i) by the officer in charge of the circle or any officer superior to him, an amount not exceeding rupees ten thousand; and

(ii) by the Deputy Conservator of Forests of the division, an amount not exceeding rupees five thousand.

(3) The officer in charge of the circle or any officer superior to him and the Deputy Conservator of Forests are empowered to grant special rewards up to rupees five thousand and rupees two thousand five hundred respectively, for good service in regard to prevention or detection of offence against forest laws not covered by the foregoing sub-rules:

Provided that, no such reward shall normally be given for service in connection with forest fires.

(4) The officer in charge of the circle or any officer superior to him and the Deputy Conservator Forests may sanction rewards not exceeding rupees five thousand and rupees two thousand five hundred respectively, in cases relating to forest fires to Gram Panchayath level officers and other persons (not being Government servants of the Forest Department) and communities including Village Forest Committees or Eco Development Committees, who keep forests altogether free from fire or who render exceptionally good services in suppressing fires or who give information leading to the conviction of a forest incendiary.

(5) In forest offence cases, except in cases relating to forest fires, which have been compounded under section 79 of the Act, the officer in charge of the circle or any officer superior to him or the Deputy Conservator of Forests of the division may grant, in such proportion as they deem fit, to any person or persons who may have contributed to the detection of the offence and the seizure of the forest produce of value of rupees ten thousand and above involved in the case, a reward not exceeding five percent of the estimated value of the forest produce belonging to Government and involved in the case:

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Provided that, the aggregate amount of rewards thus granted in any one case shall not exceed-

- (i) rupees five thousand if made by the officer in charge of the circle or any officer superior to him; and
- (ii) Rupees two thousand and five hundred, if made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests of the Circle.

**5. Amendment of rule 143.-** In rule 143 of the said rules,

(i) after the word "sea", the words "by railways, by the use of cart or any vehicle, by conveyor system or pipe or by any other means" shall be inserted.

(ii) after the word "port", the word "stockyard" shall be inserted; and

(iii) the following Note shall be inserted at the end, namely:-

"**Note:** For the purpose of this rule, the term vehicle shall have the same meaning as defined under the Motor vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and the term railway shall have the same meaning as defined under the Railways Act, 1989 (Central Act 24 of 1989) and the term Airport shall be the same meaning as defined under the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994 (Central Act 55 of 1994)".

**6. Amendment of rule 144.-** In rule 144 of the said rules, the proviso after (g) and entries relating thereto shall be omitted.

**7. Substitution of rule 145.-** For rule 145 of the said rules, the following shall be substituted, namely:

**"145. Pass for transport or removal of forest produce.-** (1) Pass for transport or removal of forest produce:

(A) belonging to the Government shall be issued by Range Forest Officer or a subordinate officer duly authorized by him,

(i) in Form 25 in respect of timber; and

(ii) in Form 26 in respect of other forest produce.

(B) purchased from the Government forest or depot, shall be issued by a Forest Officer duly authorised in this behalf by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, in Form 27.

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(C) from inam lands or private lands including coffee lands, shall be in Form 28 and issued by,

(i) Range Forest Officer or such Deputy Range Forest Officer cum surveyor as may be authorized by him, if the forest produce to be moved is not more than five cubic metres of timber or thirty cart-loads firewood or one hundred bags of charcoal or one thousand bamboos; and

ii) Deputy Conservator of Forests, if the quantity exceeds the limit specified in sub clause (i) above.

(D) from private market or from outside the State shall be in Form 29, issued by a Forest Officer not below the rank of the Deputy Range Forest Officer cum surveyor.

(2) Application for a pass referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by a fee of rupees two hundred. However, in case of ores the fee at following rates shall be payable.

Mode of Transport	Fee
Conveyor system	Rupees Twenty per metric tonne
Rail Wagon	Rupees Two thousand per trip
Six Wheel Truck	Rupees Four hundred per trip.
Ten Wheel Truck	Rupees Six hundred per trip
Twelve Wheel Truck	Rupees Seven hundred and fifty per trip
Fourteen Wheel Truck	Rupees Nine hundred per trip
Sixteen Wheel Truck	Rupees One thousand one hundred per trip

(3) Passes issued under this rule may also be generated online electronically and be printed for issuance. Wherever required, the online electronically generated passes in various forms may be merged together for issuance and where integration of such online generated transit passes is required with other Government departments, the format for such integrated passes shall be notified by the Government.

(4) No goods vehicle as defined in clause (8) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) shall enter a reserved forest without a pass given by a Forest Officer, duly authorized in this behalf and an application for such a pass shall be accompanied by a fee of rupees twenty-five.

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(5) Any transit pass or No Objection Certificate generated through National Transit pass system shall be acceptable or valid within the geographical boundary of the State.

**8. Substitution of Form 27.-** For Form 27 of the said rules, the following shall be substituted, namely:

**“FORM 27  
TRANSIT PASS  
(See sub-rule (2) of rule 145)**

**Book Number:**

**Pass Number :**

**Pass for the transport of timber and other forest produce by consumers and purchasers from Government Forest and Government depots.**

1. From where the forest produce is removed (Forest/depot/forest lease):
2. Destination and address of the place to which the forest produce is to be transported:
3. Name and address of the person/entity to whom the pass is issued:
4. Marks if any on the timber/forest produce:
5. Route:
6. Mode of Conveyance:
7. Vehicle No./Conveyance ID, if any:
8. Name of the check posts en-route, where the pass and the material are to be produced for check:
9. Time allowed (in hours):
10. Particulars:

Type of forest produce (Timber, Mineral, Firewood, Billets, Poles, etc)	Species / Grade	Number or quantity	Dimensions as applicable				Quantity (Volume/Weight/Number etc.) and its unit	Remarks
			Length	Girth	Width	Thickness / Height etc.		

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11. Any other relevant information/Total quantity:-

Date and Time of Issue of Pass:  
Station:

Signature and designation of  
the officer issuing the pass

(To be printed in duplicate:Original to accompany the forest produce in transit and the duplicate copy to be remained as counterfoil in the issuing office.)”

**9. Substitution of Form 29.-** For Form 29 of the said rules, the following shall be substituted, namely:

**“FORM 29  
TRANSIT PASS**

(See clause (1) sub-rule (1) of rule 145)

**Book Number:**

**Pass Number :**

Pass for removal of timber and other forest produce from private market/depots or imported from outside the State:

1. The private depot or place from where the forest produce is removed:
2. Destination and address of the place to which the forest produce is to be transported:
3. Name and address of the person/entity to whom the pass is issued:
4. Marks if any on the timber/forest produce:
5. Route:
6. Mode of Conveyance:
7. Vehicle No./Conveyance ID, if any:
8. Name of the check posts en-route, where the pass and the material are to be produced for check:
9. Time allowed (in hours):
10. Number and date of pass in Form 27 or 29 or Import pass against which this pass is issued:

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11. Particulars:

Dimensions as applicable							Quantity (Volume/Weight/Number etd.) and its unit	Remarks
Type of forest produce (Timber, Mineral, Firewood, Billets, Poles, etc)	Species / Grade	Number or quantity	Length	Girth	Width	Thickness/ Height etc.		

12. Any other relevant information/Total quantity:-

(To be printed in duplicate: Original to accompany the forest produce in transit and the Duplicate copy to be remained as counterfoil in the issuing office.)"

By Order and in the name of the  
Governor of Karnataka

*M.S. Leelavathi* 28/06/2024  
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