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**A MANUAL PRESCRIBED UNDER SECTION 4(1) (b) OF THE
RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**

CHAPTER -I

Organization, functions and duties

The primary role of the Department is to formulate and implement policies and programmes relating to conservation and development of environment, forests & wildlife to help the Administration achieve its overall objective of sustainable development and ecological security of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The department is headed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests who is assisted by one Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and two Chief Conservator of Forests who in turn are supported by various officers as per organization chart given herewith. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is also ex-officio Secretary (Environment & Forests). The Chief Conservator of Forests (Admn.&Vig.) is the ex-officio special secretary (Environment & Forests) and is assisted by a Deputy Conservator of Forests (Headquarters) in respect of all technical matters pertaining to Administration & Vigilance. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (HQ) is also the ex-officio Deputy Secretary (Environment & Forests), A & N Administration. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Planning & Development) is assisted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Planning & Monitoring) in respect of all technical matters pertaining to Planning and Development.

Besides the above, the department has a strength of about 3900 personnel which includes Assistant Conservators Forests, Forest executive staff (Forest Ranger/Deputy Ranger/Forester/ Head Forest Guard/Forest Guard), ministerial staff and industrial workers to execute various forestry works and factory workers to run two saw mills departmentally, one each at Chatham & Betapur. The Accounts Officer is posted to assist in matters pertaining to the Accounts. The Senior Veterinary Officer is responsible for care and maintenance of all livestock of the Department. Andaman and Nicobar Islands being one of the biodiversity hotspots displaying high degree of endemism, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also been designated as the Chief Wildlife Warden of the Islands and he administers all matters pertaining to Protected Area Network of the Islands comprising 9 (nine) National Parks, 96 (ninety six) Wild Life Sanctuaries and 1(one) Biosphere Reserve.

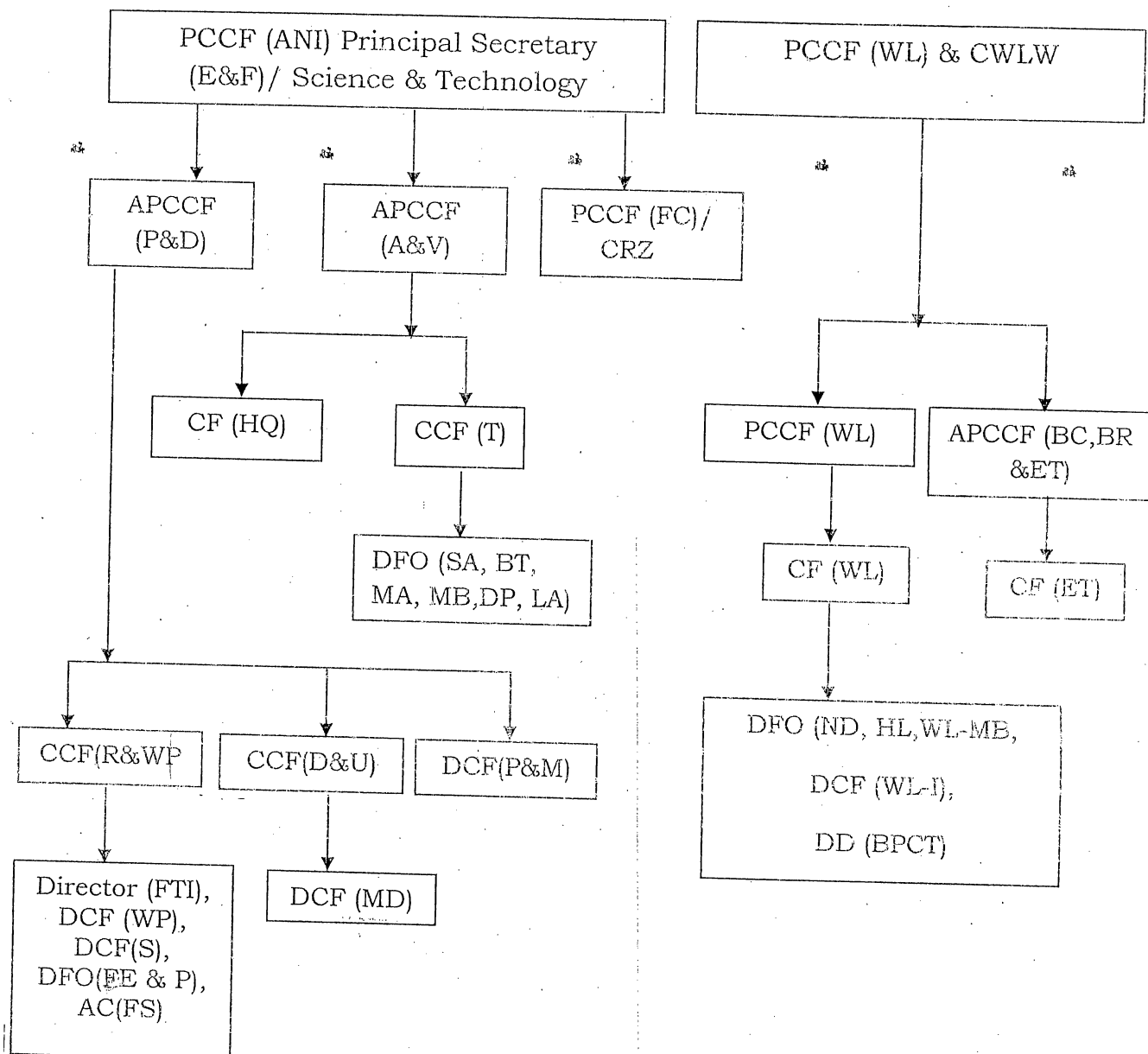
There are seven territorial divisions each under the charge of a Divisional Forest Officer, who actually execute various forestry programmes in the field. To guide, coordinate and control the works of the divisions, there are three territorial circles, namely, Northern Circle, Southern Circle and Wildlife Circle. Each circle is under the charge of a

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Conservator of Forests. Northern Circle covers North Andaman, Mayabunder and Middle Andaman Division; Southern Circle covers, Baratang, South Andaman and Little Andaman Divisions and the Wildlife Circle covers Wildlife Divisions at Port Blair and Mayabunder and Nicobar Forest Division.

In addition to the above, there are two functional circles namely, Development & Utilization Circle and Headquarters Circle, each headed by a Conservator of Forests. The Conservator of Forests (Development & Utilization) looks after the utilization of forest produce and supervises the functioning of Mill Division at Chatham and the Depot Divisions at Kolkata and Chennai. He also handles procurement of stores in bulk and equipments and automobiles for the department. He is also Nodal Officer for Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Member Secretary of Coastal Zone Management Authority of this Union Territory. The Conservator of Forests (Headquarters Circle) supervises works carried out by the Working Plan Division, Silviculture Division, Social Forestry Cell and Forest Settlement Unit.

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The powers and duties of its officers and employees

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests – He is the head of the department and also the ex-officio Secretary (Environment & Forests), to A&N Administration.

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests – He is the Chief Wildlife Warden of A&N Islands and exercises the statutory powers under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Chief Conservator of Forests (A&V) – He is also delegated with the powers of the Head of the Department under the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules and attends to all the matters pertaining to Administration and Vigilance. He is also designated as ex-officio Special Secretary (Environment and Forests), A&N Administration. He is designated as State Public Information Officer for the Department of Environment & Forests.

Chief Conservator of Forests (P&D) - He is also delegated with the powers of the Head of the Department and controls all the matters pertaining to Planning & Development.

Conservator of Forests

The Conservators of Forests are in-charge of Circles and have complete control over the Divisional Forest Officers in respect of the following matters:

- a) Silvicultural operations of all kinds including sowings and plantings, valuation surveys, felling, extraction and disposal of forest produce and any other matter of a purely professional and technical character in so far as they do not affect interests outside the Forest Department.
- b) Statistics and accounts, livestock, stores, tools and plants, books and maps, stationary and printing, furniture, uniform and accoutrements, tents and camp equipments and;
- c) Subordinate forest establishments, their appointment, leave, pay, pension, allowances, promotion, transfer, touring and conduct.

It is the duty of the Conservator of Forests to make frequent tours of inspection/ visiting every division in his charge once in two months at least. Once in four months he is expected to make a detailed inspection in each division visiting, as far as possible the more important forest areas and specially those in which works are in progress. In the course of detailed inspection, the following should receive particular attention:

(i) Survey and settlement, made or in progress and their cost, extent to which they are still required; nature and adequacy of the maps and settlement records prepared; results of working under the settlement in force.

(ii) Working Plan already made or in progress and their cost, extent to which plans are still required; results of working plans in force.

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(iii) Forest boundaries their nature and state of repair, demarcation work in progress and its cost, demarcation work still to be done.

(iv) Roads, buildings and others similar works in existence or under construction, their cost, states of repairs; new roads, buildings, or other works required.

(v) Executive and protection staff - its efficiency, state of discipline etc

(vi) Condition of the forests the method of treatment employed, natural reproduction which interfere with it etc.

(vii) Protection of the forests from injury, by men, by cattle, by fire etc. breaches of the Forest Rules, their frequency and causes.

(viii) Works of reproduction and cultural improvements, extent, condition, and cost of plantations made, condition of nurseries; new sowings or plantings required, thinnings, creeper-cutting, etc., extent to which carried on and required.

(ix) Method of working and management in force, advantageous or otherwise these methods, expenditure incurred on them, outturn of the forests and financial results.

(x) Timber and fuel depots and their situation and adequacy, condition in which kept state of the records kept in connection with them.

(xi) Control over the VHF communications and watercrafts and vehicles through their respective DCFs.

The Conservator should further see that all money transactions are conducted in accordance with the rules in force; and he should scrutinize the cost of current works, as well as those which have been spread over several years. He should also ascertain that the Divisional Forest Officer and other members of the controlling staff are conversant with their duties, that discipline is maintained, and that work is being properly supervised. The result of these inspections should be communicated to the Divisional Forest Officer. The Divisional Forest Officer shall report without undue delay to the Conservator the action taken on the conservator's inspection notes. Copies of these inspection reports will be recorded by the Conservator with any remarks that he may consider necessary.

Divisional Forest Officers

The Divisional Forest Officer is responsible for the general management of the forests, wildlife, protection and maintenance of all registers, records; maps etc in his division and possess direct control over the forest establishment employed therein. The Divisional Forest Officers are declared as Head of the Office under the Delegation of Financial Power Rules and they exercise all powers of Head of the Office prescribed under various rules. Most of the DFOs are also Cheque Drawing DDOs and they exercise the powers under the relevant rules. The territorial DFOs are declared as Estate Officers for the forest area in their jurisdiction under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971. DFOs are designated employers of the industrial establishment under their charge and exercise their powers and functions under various industrial laws, such as, Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1945, Industrial Disputes Act 1947, Factories Act, Contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, etc. He is also responsible for projecting the budget estimates and strict control over the financial achievements.

The Territorial Administrative charges are classified as below:

- a) Controlling charges - Forest Division
- b) Executive charges - Ranges



c) Sub-executive charge -Beats

The arrangement of Forests into Forest Divisions is regulated by the Administration; that of Forest Division into Ranges is regulated by the Conservator provided that no addition to the number of the ranges shall be made without the sanction of the Administration. The arrangement of Ranges into Beats is regulated by the Divisional Forest Officers.

FOREST RANGER

When posted in Forest Training School

As and when a Forest Ranger is posted in Forest Training School, Wimberlygunj his function is that of an Instructor (i.e. teaching staff) and to attend duties as per direction of the Principal of the school.

When posted in a section as section officer .

When a Forest Ranger is posted in a section (Mill Division or any other Division) as a section officer, his duties will be to supervise all kinds of works pertaining to that section.

When posted in a Range as Range Officer.

- (i) He will be over all in charge of the forest Range and perform executive supervisory and protective functions in the Range.
- (ii) He has to make payment of all kinds to the staffs and workers under his range and is responsible for maintenance of cash and out-cash account, collection and recovery of revenue. He will be responsible for preparation and submission of Range cash book and other connected records and returns.
- (iii) He will be responsible for enforcement of Indian Forest Act, 1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made thereunder from time to time. He will also exercise the powers delegated to him under these Acts.
- (iv) He has to supervise the work of timber extraction, camp organization, survey, road and tramline aligning constructions, regeneration survey, plantation, nursery, conversion of timber in mill, timber disposal, timber export, depot organization, marking, enumeration and other preliminary works, maintenance of connected records and returns.
- (v) Writing and maintenance of journals, timber and store accounts.
- (vi) He will be responsible for submission of prescribed returns and progress report, submission of plan estimates for various works, Submission of annual budget and plan of operation of his Range.
- (vii) Supervision of works of his subordinate and their control.
- (viii) He shall be responsible for maintaining the functions of the Range Office.
- (ix) Any other work specially assigned to him by the superior officers.

DEPUTY RANGER & FORESTER:-

The Deputy Ranger and Foresters hold sub-executive charges under a Range Officer. Because of similarity in the nature of work to be performed by the Deputy Ranger and Foresters either of them can be in charge of particular Camp as the exigencies may demand. But considering the variation in pay scale and that the post of Deputy Ranger being a promotional post for Foresters, the camps which are important and big in

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nature of work and labour strength should be given to the Deputy Rangers. The Camps which are less important and small should be given to the Foresters. The details of their duties are under.

- (i) Maintenance of attendance of laborers posted under them. Supervision of work of felling, logging and dragging.
- (ii) Maintenance of connected records specially P.O.L. account, Form No. 7 and 16.
- (iii) Rafting and transporting of logs.
- (iv) Maintenance of depot account.
- (v) Execution of survey, regeneration, plantation and nursery work.
- (vi) Timber conversion at mill and supply of logs and issue transit passes.
- (vii) Enforcement of Indian Forest Act and Wild Life (Protection) Act and rules made thereunder. To exercise the powers delegated to them under the said Act, Rules.
- (viii) Watch and ward over illicit felling, encroachment and booking of offence cases.
- (ix) Supervision and execution of work from the laborers under them.
- (x) Judicious deployment of extraction equipment attached to their camp.
- (xi) Liaisoning with the officials of other departments of their equivalent ranks.
- (xii) Submission of estimate etc. for various works including construction and other executions.
- (xiii) Submission of prescribed returns to Range Officer.
- (xiv) When posted as in charge of Check Post, checking of Transit Passes, movement of timber and maintenance of connected records as per prescribed norms.
- (xv) Any other work specially assigned to them by their superior.

HEAD FOREST GUARD & FOREST GUARD

They are to be posted as attached executives to a particular camp under a Deputy Ranger or Forester in a check post or exclusively in charge of a beat. They are also required to carry out all the works assigned to them by their immediate supervisory staff. Besides keeping watch and ward over illicit felling, removal of timber, encroachment and Wildlife offence, they have to supervise the works of laborers in their area of work and the maintenance of labour attendance.

Besides the above duties, all the executive staff have to attend court cases either as a complainant or as a witness under Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972 as and when required. They are responsible for the maintenance of boundary of forests under their charge.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927

1.	The Chief Conservator of Forests	Sections 21, 25, 26(1)(c), 26(2)(a), 34, 45(2), 46, 47(1) & (2), 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 64(1), 65, 66, 70 & 83.
2.	All the Conservators of Forests	Sections 21, 26(2), 34, 45(2), 46, 47(1) & (2), 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 64(1), 65, 66, 70 & 83.
3.	All the Deputy Conservator of Forests	Sections 21, 26(2), 34, 45(2), 46, 47(1) & (2), 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 61, 64(1), 65, 66, 68, 70, 72(1) & 83.

4.	All the Assistant Conservator of Forests	Sections 21, 26(2), 34, 45(2), 46, 47(1) & (2), 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 61, 64(1), 65, 66, 68, 70, 72(1) & 83.
5.	All the Rangers	Sections 45(2) (only to collect drift and other timber), 52, 56, 57, 64(1), 65, 66, 70, 72(1)(a) & 83(1).
6.	All the Deputy Rangers	Sections 45(2) (only to collect drift and other timber), 52, 56, 57, 64(1), 66, 70 & 83(1).
7.	All the Foresters	Sections 45(2) (only to collect drift and other timber), 52, 64(1), 66, 70 & 83(1).
8.	All the Forest Guards	Sections 45(2) (only to collect drift and other timber), 52, 64(1), 66 & 70.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

1.	The Chief Wildlife Warden (Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests)	Sections: (2), 11(1), 12, 17B, 28, 33, 33A(1), 34, 41(1), 42, 44, 45, 49C(3), 50(1), 50(3), 50(3A), 50(6), 50(8), 54, 55(b)
2.	Chief Conservator of Forests	Sections 34A(1), 50(1), 50(3), 50(3A), 50(8), 58(d),
3.	All the Conservators of Forests	Sections 34A(1), 50(1), 50(3), 50(3A), 50(8)
4.	All the Deputy Conservators of Forests & DFO's (Wildlife Warden)	Sections 34A(1), 50(1), 50(3), 50(3A), 50(8), 54, 55
5.	All the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Asst. Wildlife Warden)	Sections 34A(1)(a), 39(2), 41(1), 47(b), 50(1) 50(3), 50(3A), 50 (6), 50(8), 55
6.	All the Forest Rangers (Asst. Wildlife warden)	Sections 39(2), 41(1), 47(b), 50(1), 50(3), 50(6), and 55
7.	All the Deputy Rangers	Sections 50(1), 50(3)
8.	All the Foresters	Sections 50(1), 50(3)
9.	All the Forest Guards	Sections 50(1), 50(3)

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938

For the proper implementation and enforcement of this Regulation, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and all officers of the Forest Department of and above the rank of Forest Guards have been appointed as Fisheries

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Officer under this Regulation vide Chief Commissioner's Secretariat Notification No.11/77/F.No.5-1(118)72-Dev.11 dated 22nd January, 1977.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956

All Officers of this department not below the rank of a Ranger, is authorized to arrest without a warrant any person who has committed or is suspected of having committed, any offence punishable under the said Regulation vide Chief Commissioner, A&N Island's Notification No.AN/PATR 19(1)/1 dated 6th May, 1957.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of A&N Islands Opium smoking (Prohibition) Regulation, 1955

All the Rangers and Deputy Rangers are authorized to discharge all the functions and to exercise all the powers of the Excise Officer under the above Regulation within their respective jurisdiction vide Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 112/55 dated 2.11.1955.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.P.C.)

One Assistant Conservator of Forests in each division is nominated as Special Executive Magistrate for the forest area of the division, under Section 21, Cr.P.C. They shall exercise the powers under the following sections of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 : Sections 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147 and 148.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971

The Divisional Forest Officers are notified as Estate officers under the Act. They conduct trials of the cases of encroachment as a Civil Court. Their orders are appealable before the District and Sessions Court.

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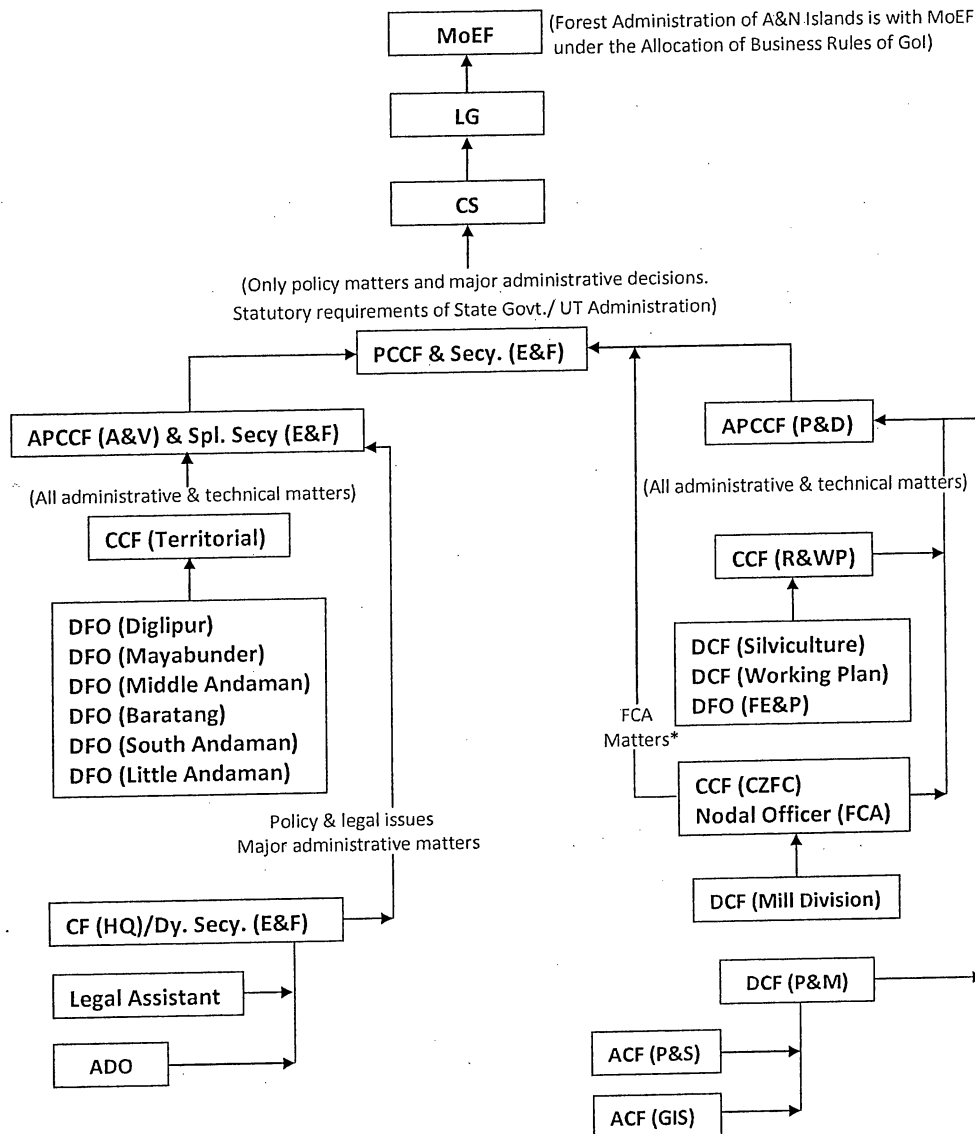
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**THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS,
INCLUDING CHANNELS OF SUPERVISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

Decision making process, channels of supervision and accountability in FORESTRY matters.

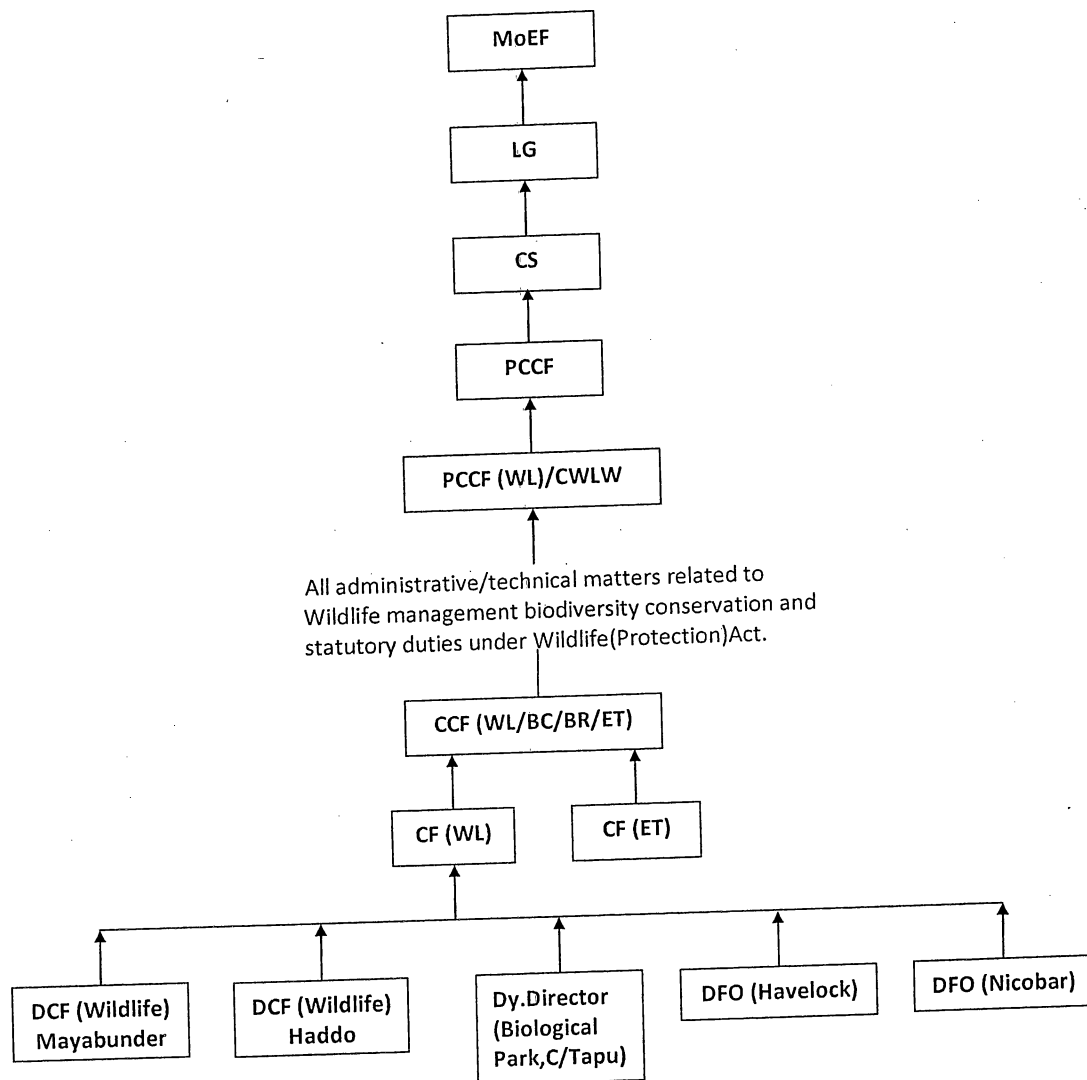


*Approvals upto 1 Ha shall be granted by the State Government in respect of laying of underground electricity cables and electric wires to individual households, drinking water supply, water pipelines, telephone lines, schools, dispensary/ hospital, electric and telecommunication lines, drinking water, water/ rainwater harvesting structures, minor irrigation canal, Non-conventional sources of energy, skill upgradation/ vocational training centre, power sub-stations, communication posts and police establishments in sensitive areas. Approvals upto 20 ha shall be granted by the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Approvals beyond 20 ha shall be granted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests. All approvals will require Environmental Impact Assessment, as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

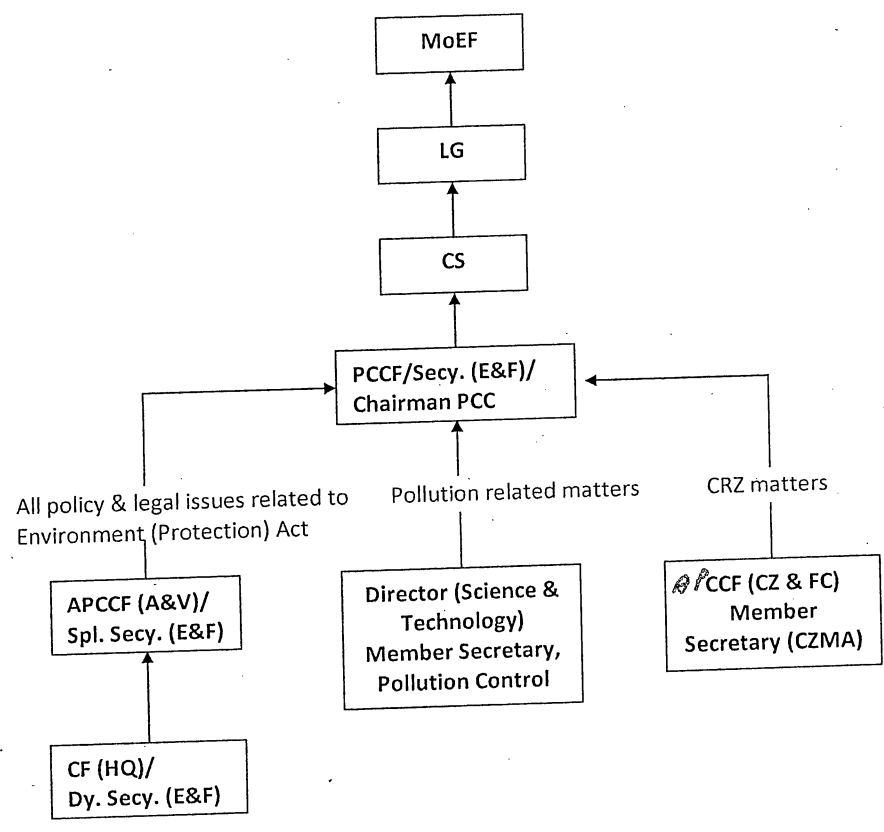
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Decision making process, channels of supervision and accountability in WILDLIFE matters



Decision making process, channels of supervision and accountability in ENVIRONMENTAL matters



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THE NORMS SET BY IT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS

Time frame for disposal of different applications filed by the people as well as for providing other services.

Service Provided		Time limit, from the date of application
a.	Purchase of Sawn Timber/Sawn fuel	4 to 5 days
b.	If readily available	Shall be informed by FR(Y) and FR(S) at the time of placing indent.
c.	Grant of NTFP on payment of royalty	One week
d.	Issue of Transit pass for local transport	Same day
e.	Permission for sand collection	3 days.
f.	Payment of compensation for damage to agricultural crop by departmental elephants.	3 months
g.	Issue of Permit for import of Sand/Forest Produce	15 days
h.	Issue of permission for visiting Protected Areas	3 days
i.	Booking of Forest Rest House	Same day if available.
j.	Payment of compensation for death/injury etc. and damage to agricultural crop by wild animals.	3 months

Clearance of Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

a)	Scrutiny of the proposal by Divisional Forest Officer	15 days
b)	Scrutiny of the proposal by respective Conservator	15 days
c)	Scrutiny of the proposal by Nodal Officer	15 days
d)	Processing of the case in PCCF's Office and final forwarding of the proposal by Nodal Officer to CCF(Central), MoEF	30 days

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Chapter-V

The rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions

The role of Department of Environment & Forests is primarily concerned with the implementation of policies and programmes relating to conservation of bio-diversity, forests and wildlife for enhancement of human well-being. The objectives of the Department of Environment and Forests, A&N Administration are supported by legislative and regulatory measures aimed at the preservation, conservation and protection of the forest and environment. The important legislations are:

- i. The Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- ii. The A & N Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938.
- iii. The A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956.
- iv. A & N Islands Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1966.
- v. Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971.
- vi. Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Rules, 1971.
- vii. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- viii. The Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2002.
- ix. The Wildlife (Protection) (A & N Islands), Rules, 1973.
- x. A & N Forest Department Code, 1973.
- xi. The A & N Islands (Wildlife Transit) Rules, 1976.
- xii. The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- xiii. Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
- xiv. A & N islands Protected Forests Rules, 1986.
- xv. National Forest Policy, 1988.
- xvi. The Coastal Regulation Zone Notification of 1991.
- xvii. Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994.
- xviii. National Eco-tourism Policy, 1998.
- xix. National Forestry Action Plan (NFAP)-1999.
- xx. National Forestry Research Plan (NFRP)-2000.
- xxi. The Coimbatore Charter, 2001.
- xxii. National Wild life Action Plan-2002.
- xxiii. The Biological Diversity Act 2002.
- xxiv. Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003.
- xxv. The Biological Diversity Rules, 2004.
- xxvi. Resolution on Joint Forest Management, 2005.
- xxvii. A & N UT Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, 2005.
- xxviii. Working Plans of various Forest divisions.

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CHAPTER-VI

A Statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control

1. **Registers** (Assets/Building, Stores, Plantation/NRA, Offence)
2. **Files** (Guard, Standing order, circular)
3. **Returns** (Live Stock, arms & Ammunition)
4. **Forms**
5. **Records** connected with Forest lands.
6. Records connected with revenue land allotted to Forest Department.
7. Notifications in respect of PF, RF, Sanctuaries, National Parks, Biosphere Reserve, CRZ, FCA, PATR.
8. Restricted Maps and toposheets.
9. Navigational charts.
10. Imageries
11. Digital data
12. Books (Working Plan, Forest Code)
13. Plantation/ NRA Journals, control Journals
14. Periodicals.
15. ACR's of all staffs & Officers except IFS Officers.
16. Property returns of all Group A, Group B and Group C Officers except IFS Officers.
17. Service Book of All Staffs and Officers posted in PCCF's Office and PCCF(WL)'s Office.

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CHAPTER-VII

The particulars of arrangements that exists for consultations with, or representation by the members of the public in relation to the formulation of policy or implementation thereof

1. The District Planning Committee approves the schemes of the department.
2. A Suggestion Box placed at every office for inviting suggestions for formulation of its policies and improvement in administration.
3. Representatives from NGO's and tribal are included in the State Board for Wildlife, as members for obtaining their experts/advises for the management of wildlife and to draw policies thereof.
4. Representatives from various public institutions are involved for launching various programmes like Schemes under Social Forestry, Van Mahotsava, Wildlife Week Celebration, Ozone Layer Protection, World Environment Day Celebration, etc.
5. Joint Forest Management is implemented through the public participation and their opinion is taken for policy decisions in the matter.
6. Coastal Zone Management Plan /Authority.
7. Through e-mail.
8. Through Seminars and Workshop.
9. Working Plans to manage the forests are prepared by a committee having representatives of NGO's and the implementation of the Working Plan is also monitored by a committee in which NGO's are also included.
10. The following Committees/ Boards/ Councils have representatives of public/ NGOs:
 - a. State Board for Wildlife
 - b. State Level Environmental Council

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CHAPTER-VIII

A Statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minutes of such meeting are accessible for public.

Sl. No.	Name of the Boards/ Councils/ Committees/other bodies	Whether meeting are open to public	whether minutes are accessible to public
1.	State Board for Wildlife	No	Yes
2.	State Level Environmental Council	No	Yes
3.	Natural Resource Management Authority	No	Yes
4.	Coastal Zone Management Authority	No	Yes
5.	Sand Allotment Committee	No	Yes
6.	Timber Pricing Committee	No	No
7.	UT Level Coordination Committee for Anti Poaching	No	No
8.	District Level Coordination Committee for Anti Poaching	No	No
9.	Departmental Promotion Committee	No	Yes
10.	Departmental Selection Committee	No	Yes
11.	Pollution Control Committee	No	Yes
12.	Purchasing Committee	No	Yes
13.	Technical Committee	No	Yes
14.	Chidyatapu Biological Park Steering Council	No	Yes
15.	Committee for Procurement and maintenance of Vessel/Board/Launches in the Department	No	Yes
16.	Make shift Unit Review Committee	No	Yes
17.	Committee for fixation extraction Charge of ANFPDC	No	Yes

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CHAPTER-IX

A Directory of its Officers and employees

Name & Designation	Office	Residence
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Shri. Rajee George Divisional Forest Officer (Baratang) dfobt302@gmail.com	Divisional Forest Officer, Baratang	279524/ 279707 (F) 9434285639
Dr. Abdul Qayum, IFS Divisional Forest Officer (Middle Andaman)	Divisional Forest Officer, Middle Andaman	274210/ 269054 (F) 9434281424 (O) 9013904883 (P)
Shri. Thomas Varghese, IFS Divisional Forest Officer (Mayabunder)	Divisional Forest Officer, Mayabunder	273212/ 273067 (F) 9531856022 (O)
Shri. Thomas Varghese, IFS Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife Mayabunder)	Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Mayabunder	273099/ 273258
Shri. Siva Shakthi, IFS Divisional Forest Officer (Diglipur)	Divisional Forest Officer, Diglipur	272233/ 272799 (F) 8900972917 (O) 9600637704
Shri. S. Ganeshan, IFS Divisional Forest Officer (Little Andaman)	Divisional Forest Officer, Little Andaman	284335/ 284334 (F) 9434278917 (P)
Shri. V.V. Dinesh Divisional Forest Officer (Nicobar Division)	Divisional Forest Officer, Nicobar Division	264213/ 264243 (F) 7063925919 (P)
Smti. Lata Hegde Prasad	Divisional Forest Officer, Swaraj Dweep	282366 (F)/ 282350

Divisional Forest Officer (Swaraj Dweep)		9434262102 (P)
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Shri. Suraj Singh, IFS Deputy Conservator of Forests (Mill Division)	Deputy Conservator of Forests ,Mill Division, Chatham	8285875186
Shri. Birendra Choudhary, IFS Deputy Conservator of Forests (Working Plan)	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Working Plan, Haddo	8264163789 (P)
Shri. Sandeep Divyajyoti Behera, IFS Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ (Planning & Monitoring)	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Haddo	8900920019 (P)
SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER		
Dr. Sam Varghese		9476095724
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CHIDIYATAPU BIOLOGICAL PARK		
Shri. A.C. Tilak Deputy Director, Chidiyatapu Biological Park	Deputy Director, Chidiyatapu Biological park	9474221677
DIRECTOR, FOREST TRAINING INSTITUTE		
Shri. A.C. Tilak Director, Forest Training Institute	Director, Forest Training Institute	9474221677
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (FOREST SETTLEMENT)		
Shri. Abhishek Gulia, DANICS	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mill Division, Chatham	232606 (O)/ 230474 (O) 9474262129 (P)

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CHAPTER-XII

The manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes;

There is no scheme at present for providing subsidy.

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CHAPTER-XIII

Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorizations granted by it:

1. Concession

The rights of aboriginal tribes for collection of Forest Produce and hunting are protected in this territory.

2. Permits

- Issued to local inhabitants for collection of MFP and sand for their bonafide use on payment of royalty.

- Issued to the visitors and tourists for entry into the Protected areas on payment of entry fee.

- Issued to the Research fellows for collection of samples of forest produce and wildlife for scientific study.

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Details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form:

1. GIS Cell (Geographical Information System Cell)
 - (a) Data on Forest cover received from Forest Survey of India
 - (b) Data on Biodiversity richness, Fragmentation and Disturbance index in respect of A&N Islands
2. NRIS Node [National (Natural) resource information System]
 - (a) Data in respect of landuse, soil, rock, geomorphology, etc. provided by the IIRS, Dehradun based on Satellite imagery and other sources for A&N Islands as provided by IIRS, Dehradun.
3. ENVIS Node [Environment information system]
Information/ articles and books published by A&N Department of Environment and Forests, CARI, Agriculture Department, Fisheries Department, Survey of India, BSI, ZSI, etc on environmental related issues of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
4. Emoluments of officers & staffs of Department of Environment & Forests

Other information like Gradation list, Bio-Posting profile of officers and staff, Working Plan, Citizen Charter, Forest Statistics, and Tenders are available in electronic form.

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The particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use:

Library or reading rooms not maintained for public use.

- Facilities available
- Pamphlets,
- Brochures,
- Public Grievance cell,
- Public interviews
- Web site for the Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Islands-
forest.and.nic.in

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Chapter –XVI

**The names, designations and other particulars of the Public
Information Officers**



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सं. 294/2018/फा.सं. 11-43/2006-ए.आर.— सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (2005 की अधिनियम सं. 22) की धारा 5 (1) तथा (2) के साथ पठित उसी की धारा 2 (ई)(v) के तहत प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए और इस प्रशासन के दिनांक 03 जून, 2014 के असाधारण अंक के दिनांक 03 जून, 2014 के अण्डमान तथा निकोबार राजपत्र सं. 86 में प्रकाशित दिनांक 03 जून, 2014 की अधिसूचना सं. 81/2014/फा.सं.11-43/2013-ए.आर. (पी.एफ.) में आंशिक संशोधन करते हुए उप राज्यपाल (प्रशासक), अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीपसमूह एतद्वारा, अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन के वन तथा पर्यावरण विभाग, पोर्ट ब्लेयर के संबंध में निम्नलिखित जन सूचना अधिकारी तथा अपीलीय प्राधिकारी नियुक्त करते हैं :-

दिनांक 3 जून, 2014 की राजपत्रित अधिसूचना सं. 86 के क्र.सं. 2, 4, 14, 15, 16 तथा 21 के सामने दर्शाई गई कॉलम सं. 6 और क्र.सं. 5 के सामने दर्शाई गई कॉलम सं. 2 के प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक के प्रमुख कार्यालय के संबंध में एतद्वारा निम्नलिखित संशोधन किए जाते हैं।

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क्रम सं.	अधिकारियों का पदनाम	(जन सूचना अधिकारी तथा सहायक जन सूचना अधिकारी) के रूप में पदनामित	टेलिफोन नं./ फैक्स नं./ ई-मेल तथा कार्यालय का पता	क्षेत्राधिकार	अपीलीय प्राधिकारी	टेलिफोन नं./ फैक्स नं./ ई-मेल तथा कार्यालय का पता
1.	वन संरक्षक (मुख्यालय)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	233233 (दूरभाष) 230213 (फैक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक के कार्यालय की स्थापना	अवर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (स्था. तथा सर्त)	238986 (दूरभाष/फैक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
2.	वन संरक्षक (वन्य जीवन) वन्य प्राणी भवन, चाथम	जन सूचना अधिकारी	233502 (दूरभाष/फैक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. (व.जी.) का कार्यालय, वन्य प्राणी भवन, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक की स्थापना तथा सी.डब्ल्यू.एल. डब्ल्यू. कार्यालय	अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (वन्य जीवन)	240986 (दूरभाष/फैक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. (व.जी.) का कार्यालय, वन्य प्राणी भवन, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर

क्रम. सं.	अधिकारियों का पदनाम	(जन सूचना अधिकारी तथा सहायक जन सूचना अधिकारी) के रूप में पदनामित	टेलिफोन नं./ फैंक्स नं./ ई-मेल तथा कार्यालय का पता	क्षेत्राधिकार	अपीलीय प्राधिकारी	टेलिफोन नं./ फैंक्स नं./ ई-मेल तथा कार्यालय का पता
3.	उप वन संरक्षक (मिल प्रभाग)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	233060 (दूरभाष/ फैंक्स) 232778 (दूरभाष) उप वन संरक्षक का कार्यालय (मि.प्र.), चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	मिल प्रभाग, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर का स्थापना, कोलकाता तथा चेन्नई के डिपो	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (डी तथा यू.)	231366 (दूरभाष/ फैंक्स) मु.व.सं. (डी तथा यू) का कार्यालय, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
4.	उप वन संरक्षक (वन्य प्राणी)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	232816 (दूरभाष/ फैंक्स) 235866 (दूरभाष) उप वन संरक्षक का कार्यालय (वन्य प्राणी) हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	वन्य जीवन प्रभाग, पोर्ट ब्लेयर का स्थापना तथा वन्य जीवन प्रभाग, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (वन्य जीवन)	240986 (दूरभाष/ फैंक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. (व.ज.) का कार्यालय, वन्य प्राणी भवन, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
5.	उप वन संरक्षक (सिल्वीकल्चर)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	231718 (फोन) उप वन संरक्षक (एस) का कार्यालय सिल्वा परिसर, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	उप वन संरक्षक (सिल्वीकल्चर) का स्थापना तथा उसके तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (अनुसंधान तथा कार्य योजना)	231718 (दूरभाष/ फैंक्स) मु.व.सं. (अनु तथा का.यो.) का कार्यालय, सिल्वा परिसर, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
6.	उप वन संरक्षक (कार्य योजना)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	232780 (फोन) उप वन संरक्षक (का.यो.) का कार्यालय, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	कार्य योजना प्रभाग का स्थापना तथा कार्य योजना के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (अनुसंधान तथा कार्य योजना)	231718 (दूरभाष/ फैंक्स) मु.व.सं. (अनु तथा का.यो.) का कार्यालय, सिल्वा परिसर, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
7.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (वन विस्तार एवं प्रचार)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	231720 (फोन) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (व.वि. एवं प्र.) का कार्यालय सिल्वा परिसर, हैडो पोर्ट ब्लेयर	वन विस्तार एवं प्रचार प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा वन विस्तार एवं प्रचार के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (अनुसंधान तथा कार्य योजना)	231718 (दूरभाष/ फैंक्स) मु.व.सं. (अनु तथा का.यो.) का कार्यालय, सिल्वा परिसर, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
8.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (डिगलीपूर)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	272233 (फोन) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (डिगलीपूर), नवीन नगर, डिगलीपूर	डिगलीपूर प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा डिगलीपूर वन प्रभाग के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (प्रादेशिक परिमंडल)	241874 (दूरभाष), 231790 (फैंक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
9.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (मायाबन्दर)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	273212 (फोन) 273067 (फैंक्स) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (मायाबन्दर)	मायाबन्दर प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा मायाबन्दर वन प्रभाग के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (प्रादेशिक परिमंडल)	241874 (दूरभाष), 231790 (फैंक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर

क्रम सं.	अधिकारियों का पदनाम	(जन सूचना अधिकारी तथा सहायक जन सूचना अधिकारी) के रूप में पदनामित	टेलिफोन नं./ फैक्स नं./ ई-मेल तथा कार्यालय का पता	क्षेत्राधिकार	अपीलीय प्राधिकारी	टेलिफोन नं./ फैक्स नं./ ई-मेल तथा कार्यालय का पता
10.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (मध्य अण्डमान)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	274210 (फोन) 269054 (फैक्स) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (मध्य अण्डमान), रंगत	मध्य अण्डमान प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा मध्य अण्डमान वन प्रभाग के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (प्रादेशिक परिमंडल)	241874 (दूरभाष) 231790 (फैक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
11.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (बाराटांग)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	279524 (फोन / फैक्स) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (बाराटांग) नीलाबूर, बाराटांग	मध्य अण्डमान प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा मध्य अण्डमान वन प्रभाग के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (प्रादेशिक परिमंडल)	241874 (दूरभाष) 231790 (फैक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
12.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (दक्षिण अण्डमान)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	255228 (फोन तथा फैक्स) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (दक्षिण अण्डमान), विम्बलीगंज	दक्षिण अण्डमान प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा दक्षिण अण्डमान वन प्रभाग के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (प्रादेशिक परिमंडल)	241874 (दूरभाष) 231790 (फैक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
13.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (लिटिल अण्डमान)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	284335 (फोन / फैक्स) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (लिटिल अण्डमान), हट बे, लिटिल अण्डमान	लिटिल अण्डमान प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा लिटिल अण्डमान वन प्रभाग के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (प्रादेशिक परिमंडल)	241874 (दूरभाष), 231790 (फैक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
14.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (निकोबार प्रभाग)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	264213 (फोन तथा फैक्स 264243) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी कैम्पबेल बे, ग्रेट निकोबार	निकोबार प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा (निकोबार प्रभाग) वन प्रभाग के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	अपर मुख्य वन संरक्षक (जीवन)	240986 (दूरभाष/ फैक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. (व. जी.) का कार्यालय, वन्य प्राणी भवन, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
15.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (वन्य जीवन) मायाबन्दर	जन सूचना अधिकारी	273258 (फोन) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी, मायाबन्दर	वन्य जीवन प्रभाग, मायाबन्दर की स्थापना तथा वन्य जीवन प्रभाग, मायाबन्दर के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	अपर मुख्य वन संरक्षक (जीवन)	240986 (दूरभाष/ फैक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. (व. जी.) का कार्यालय, वन्य प्राणी भवन, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
16.	प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी (हैवलॉक)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	282366 (फोन / फैक्स) प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी कार्यालय, हैवलॉक	हैवलॉक प्रभाग की स्थापना तथा हैवलॉक प्रभाग के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	अपर मुख्य वन संरक्षक (जीवन)	240986 (दूरभाष/ फैक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. (व. जी.) का कार्यालय, वन्य प्राणी भवन, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
17.	सहायक वन संरक्षक (डी एवं यू)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	231366 (फोन / फैक्स) मुख्य वन संरक्षक (डी एवं यू) का कार्यालय, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (डी एवं यू) की स्थापना	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (डी एवं यू)	231366 (दूरभाष/ फैक्स) मु.व.सं. (डी एवं यू) का कार्यालय, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर

क्रम सं.	अधिकारियों का पदनाम	(जन सूचना अधिकारी तथा सहायक जन सूचना अधिकारी) के रूप में पदनामित	टेलिफोन नं./ फ़ैक्स नं./ ई-मेल तथा कार्यालय का पता	क्षेत्राधिकार	अपीलीय प्राधिकारी	टेलिफोन नं./ फ़ैक्स नं./ ई-मेल तथा कार्यालय का पता
18.	सहायक वन संरक्षक (प्रादेशिक परिमंडल)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	241874 (दूरभाष) 231790 (फ़ैक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी.) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	प्रादेशिक परिमंडल की स्थापना	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (प्रादेशिक परिमंडल)	241874 (फोन), 231790 (फ़ैक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी.) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
19.	सहायक वन संरक्षक (सी.जेड एवं एफ.सी.)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	231492 (फोन/ फ़ैक्स) मु.व.सं. (सी.जेड एवं एफ.सी.) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (सी.जेड एवं एफ.सी.) की स्थापना	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (सी.जेड एवं एफ.सी.)	233369 (फोन तथा फ़ैक्स) मु.व.सं. (टी.) का कार्यालय, वन सदन, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
20.	निदेशक, वन प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, विम्बलीगंज	जन सूचना अधिकारी	255475 (फोन) 255916 (फ़ैक्स) वन प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, विम्बलीगंज	वन प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, विम्बलीगंज की स्थापना	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (आर. एवं डब्ल्यू. पी.)	231718 (दूरभाष मु.व.सं. (आर. एवं डब्ल्यू. पी.) का कार्यालय, सिल्वा परिसर, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
21.	उप निदेशक, बायोलॉजिकल पार्क, चिडियाटापू	जन सूचना अधिकारी	281000 (फोन) उप निदेशक, बायोलॉजिकल पार्क, चिडियाटापू का कार्यालय	उप निदेशक, बायोलॉजिकल पार्क, चिडियाटापू की स्थापना तथा बायोलॉजिकल पार्क, चिडियाटापू के तहत रेंज/ यूनिट/ कैम्प	अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (वन्य जीवन)	240986 (फोन/ फ़ैक्स) प्र.मु.व.सं. (व.ज.) का कार्यालय, वन्य प्राणी भवन, चाथम, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
22.	सहायक वन संरक्षक (आर. एवं डब्ल्यू. पी.)	जन सूचना अधिकारी	231718 (फोन) मुख्य वन संरक्षक (आर. एवं डब्ल्यू. पी.) का कार्यालय, सिल्वा परिसर, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर	मु.व.सं. (अनुसंधान तथा कार्य योजना) का स्थापना	मुख्य वन संरक्षक (आ. एवं का.यो.)	231718 (फोन मु.व.सं.) (आर. एवं डब्ल्यू. पी.) का कार्यालय, सिल्वा परिसर, हैडो, पोर्ट ब्लेयर

दिनांक 03 जून, 2014 के राजपत्र अधिसूचना संख्या 86 के कालम संख्या 6 के सामने क्रम सं.2, 4, 14, 15, 16 और 21 तथा कालम -2 के सामने क्रम संख्या 5 निरस्त किया जाता है।

उप राज्यपाल,
अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीपसमूह के आदेश से तथा उनके नाम पर,

ह./-
(जी.सुन्दरम थॉमस)
सहायक सचिव (प्रा. सु.)
नोडल अधिकारी (सू.क.अ)

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the 13th September, 2018.

No. 294/2018/F. No.11-43/2016-AR.— In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2 (e) (v) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Act No. 22 of 2005) read with Section 5 (1) & (2) thereof and in partial modification of A & N Administration's Gazette Notification No. 81/2014/F.No.11-43/2013-AR(PF) dated 3rd June, 2014 published in the Extraordinary issue of A & N Gazette No. 86 dated 3rd June, 2014, the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands hereby appoints the following PIOs and Appellate Authorities in respect of department of Environment & Forests under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration as mentioned below :-

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests :-

Under the heading office of the PCCF in the Column - 6 (Appellate Authority) mentioned against Sl. No. 2, 4, 14, 15, 16 & 21 and in the Column No. 2 mentioned against Sl. No. 5 of the Gazette Notification No. 86 dated 3rd June, 2014, the following modifications are hereby made:-

The existing entries in the Gazette Notification No. 86 dated 3rd June, 2014 in Column - 6 against Sl. No. 2, 4, 14, 15, 16 & 21 and in Column - 2 against Sl. No. 5 of the Notification is re-designated and substituted to be read as under:-

S.No.	Designation of Official	Designated as (PIOs & APIOs)	Telephone/ Fax No./e-mail and official address	Jurisdiction	Appellate Authority	Telephone/Fax/ e-mail and official address
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Conservator of Forests (HQ)	PIO	233233 (Tel) 230113 (Fax) O/o PCCF, Van Sadan, Haddo, P/Blair	Establishment of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Office	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Admn. & Vig.)	238986 (Tel/Fax) O/o PCCF, Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair
2.	Conservator of Forests (Wild Life), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham	PIO	233502 (Tel & Fax) O/o PCCF (WL), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham, Port Blair	Establishment of PCCF (Wild Life) & CWLW Office	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)	240986 (Tel/Fax) O/o PCCF (WL), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham, Port Blair
3.	Deputy Conservator of Forests (Mill Division)	PIO	233060 (Tel / Fax) 232778 (Tel) O/o DCF (MD), Chatham, Port Blair	Establishment of Mill Division, Chatham, Port Blair, Depots at Kolkata & Chennai	Chief Conservator of Forests (D&U)	231366 (Tel/Fax), O/o CCF (D&U), Chatham, Port Blair

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4.	Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wild Life)	PIO	232816 (Tel/Fax) 235866 (Tel), O/o DCF (WL), Haddo, Port Blair	Establishment of Wild Life Division, Port Blair and Range/Units/ Camps under Wild Life Division, Haddo, Port Blair	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)	240986 (Tel & Fax) O/o PCCF (WL), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham, Port Blair
5.	Deputy Conservator of Forests (Silviculture)	PIO	231718 (Tel), O/o DCF (S), Silva Complex, Haddo, Port Blair	Establishment of DCF (Silviculture) & Ranges/Units/ Camps under it	Chief Conservator of Forests (Research & Working Plan)	231718 (Tel/Fax), O/o CCF (R & WP), Silva Complex, Haddo, Port Blair
6.	Deputy Conservator of Forests (Working Plan)	PIO	232780 (Tel.), O/o DCF (WP), Haddo, Port Blair	Establishment of Working Plan Division and Ranges/Units/ Camp under Working Plan Division	Chief Conservator of Forests (Research & Working Plan)	231718 (Tel/Fax), O/o CCF (R&WP), Silva Complex, Haddo, Port Blair
7.	Divisional Forest Officer (Forest Extension & Publicity)	PIO	231720 (Tel.), O/o DFO (FE&PD), Silva Complex, Haddo, Port Blair	Establishment of Forest Extension and Publicity Division and Ranges/ Units/Camps under Forest Extension and Publicity Division	Chief Conservator of Forests (Research & Working Plan)	231718 (Tel/Fax), O/o CCF (R & WP), Silva Complex, Haddo, Port Blair
8.	Divisional Forest Officer (Diglipur)	PIO	272233 (Tel), O/o DFO (DP), Naveen Nagar, Diglipur	Establishment of Diglipur Division and Ranges/Units/ Camps under Diglipur Forest Division	Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)	241874 (Tel), 231790(Fax), O/o CCF (T), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair
9.	Divisional Forest Officer (Mayabunder)	PIO	273212 (Tel), 273067 (Fax), O/o DFO (MB), Mayabunder	Establishment of Mayabunder Division and Ranges/Units/ Camps under Mayabunder Forest Division	Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)	241874 (Tel.), 231790(Fax), O/o CCF (T), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair

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10.	Divisional Forest Officer (Middle Andaman)	PIO	274210 (Tel), 269054 (Fax), O/o DFO (MA), Rangat	Establishment of Middle Andaman Division and Ranges/Units/ Camps under Middle Andaman Forest Division	Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)	241874 (Tel.), 231790(Fax), O/o CCF (T), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair
11.	Divisional Forest Officer (Baratang)	PIO	279524 (Tel & Fax), O/o DFO (BT), Nilambur, Baratang	Establishment of Baratang Division and Ranges/Units/ Camps under Baratang Forest Division	Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)	241874 (Tel), 231790 (Fax), O/o CCF (T), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair
12.	Divisional Forest Officer (South Andaman)	PIO	255228 (Tel & Fax), O/o DFO (SA), Wimberlygunj	Establishment of South Andaman Division and Ranges/Units/ Camps under South Andaman Forest Division	Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)	241874 (Tel.), 231790 (Fax), O/o CCF (T), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair
13.	Divisional Forest Officer (Little Andaman)	PIO	284335 (Tel. / Fax), O/o the DFO (LA), Hut Bay, Little Andaman	Establishment of Little Andaman Division and Ranges/ Units/ Camps under Little Andaman Forest Division	Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)	241874 (Tel), 231790 (Fax), O/o CCF (T), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair
14.	Divisional Forest Officer (Nicobar Division)	PIO	264213 (Tel/ Fax), 264243 (Tel), DFO Office, Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar	Establishment of Nicobar Division and Ranges/ Units/ Camps under Nicobar Division	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)	240986 (Tel/Fax), O/o PCCF(WL), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham, Port Blair
15.	Divisional Forests Officer (Wild Life), Mayabunder	PIO	273258 (Tel) DFO Office, Mayabunder	Establishment of Wild Life Division, Mayabunder and Ranges/Units/ Camps under Wild Life Division, Mayabunder	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)	240986 (Tel/ Fax), O/o PCCF (WL), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham, Port Blair

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16.	Divisional Forest Officer (Havelock)	PIO	282366 (Tel/Fax), DFO Office, Havelock	Establishment of Havelock Division and Ranges/Units/Camps under Havelock Division	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)	240986 (Tel/Fax), O/o PCCF (WL), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham, Port Blair
17.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (D&U)	PIO	231366 (Tel/Fax), O/o CCF (D&U) Office, Chatham, Port Blair	Establishment of CCF (D&U)	Chief Conservator of Forests (D&U)	231366 (Tel/Fax), O/o CCF (D&U), Chatham, Port Blair
18.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)	PIO	241874 (Tel), 231790 (Fax), O/o CCF(T), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair	Establishment of Territorial Circle	Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)	241874(Tel), 231790 (Fax), O/o CCF (T), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair
19.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (CZ&FC)	PIO	231492 (Tel/Fax), O/o CCF (CZ & FC), Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair	Establishment of CCF (CZ&FC)	Chief Conservator of Forests (CZ&FC)	233369 (Tel. & Fax), CCF (CZ&FC)'s Office, Van Sadan, Haddo, Port Blair
20.	Director, Forest Training Institute, Wimberlygunj	PIO	255475 (Tel) 255916 (Fax) Forest Training Institute, Wimberlygunj	Establishment of Forest Training Institute, Wimberlygunj	Chief Conservator of Forests (R&WP)	231718 (Tel), O/o CCF (R&WP), Silva Complex, Haddo, Port Blair
21.	Dy. Director, Biological Park, Chidiyatapu	PIO	281000 (Tel), O/o Dy. Director, Biological Park, Chidiyatapu	Establishment of Dy. Director, Chidiyatapu Biological Park & Range/Units/Camps under Chidiyatapu Biological Park	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)	240986 (Tel/Fax), O/o PCCF (WL), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham, Port Blair

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22.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (R & WP)	PIO	231718 (Tel), O/o CCF (R&WP), Silva Complex, Haddo, Port Blair	Establishment of CCF(Research & Working Plan)	Chief Conservator of Forests (Research & Working Plan)	231718 (Tel/Fax), O/o CCF (R&WP), Silva Complex, Haddo, Port Blair

Entries in Column-6 against SI No.2, 4, 14, 15, 16 & 21 and in Column-2 against SI.No.5 of the Gazette Notification No.86 dated 3rd June, 2014 thereby stand cancelled.

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Sd./-
(G. Sundaram Thomas)
Assistant Secretary (AR&Trg.)
Nodal Officer (RTI)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005
CHAPTER-XVII

Such other information as may be prescribed:

Forest Cover:

As per the State of the Forest Report 2023 of the Forest Survey of India about 81.62 % of the 8249 Sq.Km of geographical area of Andaman & Nicobar Island is under forest cover whose breakup (density-wise) is given in the table below.

Table-1

District	Geographical Area					Percentage	Scrub
		*Very Dense Forest	*Moderately Dense	*Open Forest	Total		
Nicobar	1841.00	1147.61	105.83	156.97	1410.41	76.61	1.30
North & Middle Andaman	3736.16	2668.91	320.07	70.63	3059.61	81.90	2.32
South Andaman	2671.85	1886.35	22.7.30	149.25	2262.90	84.69	0.54
Total	8249.00	5702.87	653.20	376.85	6732.92	81.62	4.16

***Very dense:** Forest cover with a canopy density over 70%

***Moderately dense:** Canopy density between 40% and 70%

***Open Forest:** Canopy density between 10% and 40%

Notified Forest

The total notified forest is 7170.69 Sq,Km, which is 86.93% of the total geographical area of the islands. District wise and category wise details of recorded forest are given in the following table.

Table-2

District	Reserved Forest	Protected Forest	Total Forest
North & Middle Andaman	3320.82	0	3320.82
South Andaman	2291.61	16.19	2307.80
Nicobar	0	1542.07	1542.07
Total	5612.43 or 5613	1558.26 or 1558	7170.69 or 7171

It may be observed that the notified forest area is 5.31% more than the forests cover of 81.62% of the geographical area of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This is mainly on account of the fact that notified area also covers grass lands particularly in Nicobar group of Islands falling within forest area but not treated as forest cover.