Government of Himachal Pradesh Department of Forests.

No. FFE-B-A(3)-4/99-I

Dated Shimla-171002, the

15th March, 2017.

ORDER

The felling of trees over private, forest, non-forest lands is governed under various acts and rules formulated by the Government from time to time. It has been observed that there is lack of clarity amongst the field functionaries of the Forest Department regarding provisions with respect to felling of trees.

Therefore, in order to bring clarity the various provisions under various acts and rules governing felling of trees are given in the table below:-

	Sr. No.	Name of the Act(s)/ Rule(s)/ GoHP Order Governing Felling	Purpose of felling	Particulars of Authority for granting permission	Remarks
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Pr. CLF (17) Dro (215) प्रवस्ति संव	1	H.P. Land Preservation Act,1978 & GoHP Order No. FFE-B- A(3)-4/99 dated 10-09-2002	i) Bonafide domestic and agricultural use	No permission is required upto 5 trees in one financial year in case of broad leave species including Chil and Ban/Oak and upto 3 trees in case of Coniferous species; Upto ten trees with the written permission of the Range Officer and more than ten trees with the written permission of the DFO concerned.	Where private land adjoins Govt. land demarcation of land is necessary
PCCF (May).)		H.P. Land Preservation Act,1978; GoHP Order No. FFE-B- A(3)-4/99 dated 10-09-2002	ii) Felling of trees (except Ban/Oak trees) for sale purposes i.e. under Ten Year Felling Programme	Upto-50 trees-DFO concerned Upto-100 trees - CF/CCF concerned Circle Upto-200 trees-PCCF, H.P.	Felling will be done through HPSFDC Ltd. in case of nationalized species. Page 1 of 5

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	& Order No. FFE-B-A(3)- 4/99-Loose dated 11-11-2013		Above-200 trees-Govt. of H.P.	
	H.P. Land Preservation Act, 1978; GoHP Order No FFE-B-A(3)-4/99 dated 29-04-2003; Order No. FFE-B-F(1)1/2010-11 dated 03-02-2011 & Order No. FFE-B-A(3)4/1999-I dated 16-10-2014	iii) Felling of exempted species which requires no permission	Albizia ¹ , Poplar ² , Bahunia ³ , Eucalyptus ⁴ , Mulberry ⁵ , Siris ⁶ and Bamboo ⁷ , Japanese Shahtoot ⁸ . In case of bamboo as per three years felling programme approved by DFO.	Where private land adjoins Govt. land demarcation of land is necessary
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	(B)F(13)53/2 006-I dated 20-08-2011	(except Ban/Oak trees) from non- forest land in rural areas for developmental activities which is not forming compact wooded block of above 5 ha. and land is not classified as Van, Bani, and Jungle etc in Revenue record.	Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests of concerned circle will grant felling permission.	these trees and after obtaining
	GoHP letter No. Fts(F) 13-38/84 dated 11.02.1986	ii) Felling of Ban/Oak trees	There is complete ban on felling of Ban/Oak trees. In case felling is necessary for developmental purposes such as Constructions of	

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By order,

Tarun Kapoor Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Endst. No. FFE-B-A(3)-4/99-I Dated Shimla-171002, the 15th March, 2017.

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Chief Wildlife Warden, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.

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(Sat Pal Dhiman) 15-3-2017 Joint Secretary (Forests) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh. Phone No. 0177-2621874.

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