



Andhra Pradesh Forest Department Code - FOREWORD

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The functioning of Forest Department is governed by the provisions of the Forest Department Code. The first edition of the Indian Forest Code was issued by Government of India in 1877 covering general regulations with forms and appendices. This code was adopted by the local Governments with certain variations, leading to the issue of Hyderabad Forest Code and Madras Forest Code prior to independence in 1947.

After State re-organization with the formation of the state of Andhra Pradesh, the Government in their G.O.Ms.No.2004, Food and Agriculture Department dated 4.8.1964 ordered for adoption of the Madras Forest Code pending finalization of separate code for Andhra Pradesh.

The Andhra Pradesh Forest Department created a post of Codification officer in 1964 where in Shri Y. Sudhakar Rao, IFS. Put in great efforts to revise the code and finalized it in 1967, but it could not get approval of the Government. In due course many changes occurred and many circles instructions were issued leading to the revision of the code in 1977, taking into consideration the changes upto 31.12. 1976. The draft Code in two volumes was submitted to Government vide CCF ref. No. 64675/77/F1dt.4.7.1977 with a comparative statement showing the provisions of Madras Forest Code. Revised sections with reasons for changes was submitted on 21.9.1979. However, for various reasons, the draft Code submitted in 1977 was again not approved by Government.

Taking into account the changes in the administration of the department, the revision of the Code was again taken up in 1992, by Mr. A. Kishan, Asst Conservator of Forests. The revised draft dealt with Organization of Forest Department, Management and Working of Forests, Timber Accounts, Budget, Works, Offices work and procedure, duties of different categories of Officers, Wireless network etc. Thus, taking into account all the activities of the department, the provisions have been drafted, however, within the broad frame work of Madras Forest Code, so that there are no radical or abrupt changes in the administration but yet it incorporates the latest trends in forest management and administration.

The draft code was scrutinized by the senior officers of the Forest Department.

Government was kind enough to approve the code as submitted by the Department and communication the approval through their Memo No.27008/For./1/92 EFE&T (FOR.1) Dept., dt.24.2.93. While approving the code, the Government recorded its appreciation for such a long lasting contribution. Several Officers and staff have worked hard in bringing out this monumental record. I had experienced great difficulties for want of a code during my several postings in the field and at the head office as CCF (Administration) I therefore commend their effort and put it on record while congratulating them. The posterity will remember and appreciate their valuable contribution.

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