

1.15 RIGHTS AND CONCESSION

1.15.1 In the ex-States of Dhenkanal tenants were granted the following rights and concessions.

A. In class 'A' Reserves, cess paying tenants

*Were allowed to procure timber on payment of 75% of full royalty for their own *bona fide* use, if such timber is not available in the class 'B' Reserved forests or in the Khesra forests;

*Could graze cattle on payment of grazing fee;

*Were allowed to collect all kinds of MFP items from the Reserved forests for their own use and sale to the State monopolists;

*Were allowed to take bamboo on payment of concessional rates.

B. In class 'B' Reserves, cess paying tenants

*Could take timber of un-reserved species free of charge, and that of reserved species on payment of three-eighth royalty from the annual coupes set aside for them, provided the timber was for their own *bona fide* domestic consumption only;

*Could graze cattle on payment of grazing fee;

*Could take timber of reserved species for making ploughs and agricultural implements free of charge;

tribes, poorer classes and landless laborers, who can sell to other local persons for their personal use and they have to maintain the external boundary annually against payment of wages at prescribed rate.

(viii) Admitted rights shall pass on to their successors.

The following rights and privileges are admitted to the genuine inhabitants and forest cess payers of the locality whose names have been entered in the enumeration register which forms part of the settlement records subject to condition that such rights are exercisable up to the limit of which the reserve forest can bear under proper management-

- (i) Local tenants may take timber of unreserved species free and reserved species at concession rates as in practice or as may be decided by the Government from time to time from annual coupes set aside for them, provided the timber is for their own bonafide domestic consumption only.
- (ii) They may take timbers of unreserved and reserved species for making plough and agricultural implements from annual coupes free of charges.
- (iii) They may take fuel and fencing materials from annual coupes free or on payment of only the cost involved if the cutting is done departmentally as may be settled by the Divisional Forest Officer in respect of each land.
- (iv) They may collect dry and fallen branches (not fit for timbers) even of the reserved species from any where outside the annual coupes.
- (v) They may take minor forest produce like edible roots, fruits, leaves, creepers and grass free only for their personal consumption.
- (vi) Permits procured from the forest Department shall cover all removal except the removal permitted at IV and V above.
- (vii) No free grazing is permitted. They may be allowed to graze their cattle on payment of grazing at concessional rate as prescribed from time to time under rules subject to the number, which the forest can support, and subject to such Silvicultural Rules and control as may be necessary in the interest of the Forest. No grazing for sheeps, pigs, and goats are permitted.
- (vii) The right holders shall not sell or barter timber or any forest produce obtained in exercise of the above rights except in the case of Panas and members of the aboriginal

* Could collect edible roots and fruits, and creepers for their personal consumption free of charges

* Could collect such items of MFP as have not been leased out, at one fourth of Schedule of rates

B. In the class 'B' reserves, cess paying tenants

* Were allowed to take timber of un-reserved species free of charges and those of reserved species on payment of one-fourth the schedule of rates;

* Were allowed grazing on payment of grazing fee.

C. In the Khesra forests, cess paying tenants

* Had right to procure timber for agricultural implements, house-hold materials, fuel, bamboo etc. except of reserved species.

* Had right to free grazing

* Could collect honey and wax, free of charge.

* Had right to the flesh of the wild animals killed by tiger and wild dogs by informing the forest officials and surrendering the horns and the skins, if any, to the Forest Department.

D. Tribal and land-less labourers being *bona fide* residents of the State were allowed to fell, cut and collect un-reserved species and all forest produce free of charge, provided it is for their personal use except in the 'A' class Reserved forests.

1.5.3 Rights admitted in Sadangi R.F. as per notification dt.26th November 1970 are discussed below.

- *Could take bamboo free of charge;
- *Could take fuel and fencing material free or on payment of Rupees two per bullock cart to cover costs, if the cutting was done departmentally;
- *Might collect dry and fallen branches even of reserved species from anywhere in the forest.

C. In the Khesra forests, cess paying tenants

- *Could remove reserved species at half the schedule of rates and un-reserved species free of charge.
- *Could graze cattle, free of grazing fee;
- * Could collect MFP, Bamboo etc. free of charge, for their personal consumption.

D. Tribal and land-less labourers were allowed to exercise the following concessions:

- *In the class 'A' reserves, they were allowed to collect dry firewood and all Minor Forest Produce as much as they require for their personal consumption and also for sale within the State.
- *In the class 'B' reserves and the Khesra forests they have been given the same privilege, as given to cess paying tenants but free of any charges.

1.15.2 In the Hindol ex-State, the people were granted the following kind of Rights and Concessions:

A. In the class 'A' reserves, cess paying tenants

- *Could graze cattle on payment of grazing fee;