

## **1. The Telangana Sandalwood Possession Rules, 1969**

The Andhra Pradesh Sandalwood Possession Rules, 1969 issued vide G.O. Ms. No. 437, Food & Agri. (Legn.), dt, 12.3.1969 pub in A.P. Gazette RS to Pt. II, dt. 29.5.1969, has been adopted by the Government of Telangana vide notification issued in G.O.Ms.No.22 EFS&T (For.I) Department, dt.13.05.2015.

In exercise of the powers conferred by<sup>1</sup>[Sections 32,33,34 and 35] read with Section 68 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967( Act 1 of 1967), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules to regulate the possession of sandalwood in the State.

### **Rules**

**1.** These rules may be called the Telangana Sandalwood Possession Rules, 1969.

**2.** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

- (a) 'dealer' means a person who deals in sandalwood;
- (b) 'Divisional Forest Officer' means the Divisional Forest Officer having jurisdiction over the area concerned;
- (c) 'form' means a form set forth in the Schedule appended to these rules;
- (d) 'licence' means a licence prescribed under these rules;
- (e) <sup>2</sup>[x x x];
- (f) 'Stockist' means a person who stocks sandalwood for conversion into sandalwood oil or other products <sup>3</sup>[ xx x].

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- 1. Subs, for the words "Sections 32 and 33" by G.O. Ms. No. 854, F & RD (For.III) dt. 13.12.1978.
  - 2. Clause (e) defining 'Sandalwood Transit Rules' was omitted by G.O. Ms. No. 854, F & RD (For. III), dt. 13.12.1978 pub. In A.P. Gazette RS TO pt. II. Dt. 19.4.1979.
  - 3. The words 'but not for disposal of sandalwood as such' were omitted by ibid

**3.** (1) No person shall possess sandalwood in excess of the limit specified in Section 32 of the Act, except under a licence issued in this behalf in Form-II by a Divisional Forest Officer. Every application for a grant of licence shall be in Form-I and accompanied by the authenticated documents and other material in support of the origin of procurement of Sandalwood and fee of Rs. 100 <sup>1</sup>[ xx x];

Provided that no fees shall be payable by institutions like temples which stock sandalwood for their *bona fide* requirements.

(2) A dealer or stockiest shall not at any one time possess over and above and metric tone of sandalwood obtained from patta lands, <sup>2</sup>[except with the written permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned]

<sup>3</sup>[(3) Every licence other than the Permanent licence for pooja material and other materials of worship issued or renewed at any time during the financial year, shall be valid till the end of that financial year.]

(4) The fees chargeable for the renewal of a licence shall be <sup>4</sup>[Rs.50].

**4.** (1) A duplicate licence shall be granted only <sup>5</sup>[after due verification].

(2) the fees chargeable for grant of the duplicate licence shall be Rs. 50.

(3) The Divisional Forest Officer may, on application made by the licensee, renew his licence.

(4) <sup>6</sup>[ xx x]

**5.**<sup>7</sup>[(1)] If any time, it appears to the Divisional Forest Officer that the licensee has contravened or failed to comply with any the condition laid down in these rules, he may cancel or suspend the licence after giving the said licensee 15 days notice in writing for making his representation against such cancellation or suspension.

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1. Per annum' omitted by G.O. Ms. No. 854, F & RD (For. III), dt.13.12.1978.
  2. Added by G.O. Ms. No. 854, F & RD (For.III), dt. 13-12-1978.
  3. Subs for sub-rule (3) by Ibid.
  4. Subs for the word "Rs. 100" by Ibid.
  5. Subs for " after satisfying the conditions laid down in these rules" by G.O. Ms. No. 854 , F & RD (For.III), dt.13-12-1978, pub in A.P. Gaz. RS to Pt.II.dt. 19.4-1979 .
  6. Sub-rule(4) was omitted by Ibid.
  - 7.Rule 5 was renumbered as sub-rule(1) and sub-rule(2) & (3) were added by Ibid.

<sup>1</sup>[(2) Any person aggrieved by the orders of the Divisional Forest Officer passed under sub-rule(1) cancelling or suspending a licence may within 15 days from the date of receipt of such order prefer an appeal to the Conservator of Forests who may pass such orders as he deems fit after recording the reasons therefor.

(3) Any person aggrieved by an order of the conservator of Forests passed under sub-rule(2) may within 30 days from the date of receipt of the order, prefer a second appeal to the Chief Conservator of Forests, who may pass such orders as he deems fit, after recording the reasons therefor.]

**6.**(1) Whenever a dealer or stockiest intends to possess any consignment of sandalwood, he shall immediately inform the Divisional Forest Officer in writing of the actual source from which he intends obtaining such sandalwood and supply such information as the Divisional Forest Officer may require to satisfy himself about *bona fides* of such sandalwood.

(2) The dealer or stockiest who comes into possession of a consignment of sandalwood shall within 24 hours of such possession intimate the Divisional Forest Officer having jurisdiction over the area in which the sandalwood is stored about the fact of actual possession and the same shall be inspected by an officer not below the rank of a Forester without any delay ; and till such inspection is over, the dealer shall not tamper with the identification marks that may have been already placed on such sandalwood.

<sup>2</sup>[(3) A dealer or stockiest shall not convert such sandalwood as he may have come into possession in accordance with sub-rule(2), except and in accordance with the orders in writing of the Divisional Forest Officer:

Provided that where within a period of one month from the date of application to the Divisional Forest Officer, or the date of submission of such particulars as required by him, permission has not been granted, the applicant may, unless such permission has been refused, proceed with such conversion, but so as not to contravene any of the provisions of the Telangana Forest Act, 1967 or any rules made thereunder.]

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1. Rule 5 was renumbered as sub-rule 91) and sub-rule (2) & (3) were added by *ibid*.

2. Subs for sub-rule (3) by G.O.Ms.No.854 F&RD (For.III) dt.13.12.1978, pub. In A.P. Gaz. RS to Pt. II, dt. 19-4-1979.

**7.(1)** A stockiest storing the sandalwood and its by-products obtained by manufacture or conversion including sandalwood of smaller billets, sandalwood powder, toilet articles or scented stocks shall furnish to the Divisional Forest Officer full particulars of the place of storing together with a certified sketch of the premises. The premises should be distinguishable by a Notice Board conspicuously displayed. <sup>1</sup>[Any change in such place shall be made only after giving prior intimation to the Divisional Forest Officer.]

**(2)** The dealer or stockiest shall maintain at the premises a stock register showing receipt and issue of sandalwood and all its products including oil.

<sup>2</sup>[(3) A true extract in Form III from the stock register shall be submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer every year by the 15<sup>th</sup> April or before the renewal of licence.]

**8. (1)** The stock register and the stock of sandalwood shall be kept open for inspection at any time by any Forest Officer not below the rank of a Forester <sup>3</sup>[ having jurisdiction over the area concerned.]

<sup>4</sup>[(2) The inspecting Officer may, if he has reason to believe that the term of licence have been contravened, seize any or all records, stocks of Sandalwood and it products, vessels and conveyance used in such contravention. The seizures may be removed by the Inspecting Officer for safe custody and produced in the Court having jurisdiction over the area within a week.]

**(3)** In so inspecting the premises due regard shall be paid by the Inspecting Officer to the special and religious customs of the occupants of the premises.

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1. Subs. For "Any change in such place shall be immediately intimated to the Divisional Forest Officer" by G.O.ms.No.854 F&RD (For.III), dt. 13-12-1978.
  2. subs. For original sub-rule (3) by ibid.
  3. Added by ibid.
  4. Subs. for sub-rule (2) by ibid.

<sup>1</sup>[**9.**(1) Whenever the Inspecting Officer considers that the production of any document or other things is necessary for purposes of compliance with these rules, the Inspecting Officer may issue a written requisition or order to the dealer or stockiest in whose possession such document or thing is believed to be, requiring him to produce it at the time and place stated in the requisition or order.

(2) Where the Inspecting Officer has reason to believe that the dealer or stockiest to whom an order under sub-rule(1) has been or might be addressed, will not or would not produce, document or thing as required by such requisition or order, or where the Inspecting Officer considers that the purpose of these rules will be served by a general search or inspection, he may if he is competent to search by himself or obtain a search warrant under Section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Act and execute in the manner provided in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.]

**THE SCHEDULE**  
**<sup>2</sup>[FORM I]**

**Form for the application of Licence**  
[See Rule 3(1)]

1. Name of the applicant :
2. Father's/Husband's Name :
3. Full address of the applicant  
Village :  
Taluk :
4. Names and addresses of the persons  
from whom the applicant proposes to  
obtain the sandalwood :
5. Place where the applicant proposes  
to keep the sandalwood and transact  
the business

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1. Subs. for Rule 9 by G.O. Ms. No. 854, F & RD (For.III), dt. 13.12.1978.
  2. Subs .for original Form I by *Ibid.*

**FORM II**  
**Form of Licence**  
[See Rule 3(1)]  
Original/Duplicate

1. Licence Number :
2. Name of Licence :
3. Residence :  
Village :  
Taluk :
4. Place in which the sandalwood is to be stored :

Licence is hereby granted to the person mentioned above for the possession of sandalwood from the issue of licence to the 31st March..... subject to the provisions of the Telangana Forest Act, 1967 and the rules made thereunder

Station :

Date :

Signature of Issuing Officer

Designation

- Score out words not necessary

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**FORM-III****<sup>1</sup>Form of Stock Register**

[See Rule 7(3)]

Month .....

Name of dealer/Stockist ..... Name of Village/town..... Place of storage of Sandalwood

Date	Receipts						Issue						Balance Remarks	
	Opening Balance of Sandal wood	No. & date of permit and by whom issued	Description of Sandal wood	Quan tity Kgs.	Total	By Sale			By Conversion			Mode of con- version	Quantity consumed in Kgs	TOTAL
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	

1. Form-III was added by G.O Ms. No. 854, F & RD (For.III), dt. 13.12.1978.

**Comment : Classification of Finally Cleaned Sandalwood**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.	Vilayath Budh or first class billets	Billets free from effects and weighing not less than 20 lb.
2.	China Budh or second class billets	Billets free from defects and weighing from 10 to 20 lb.
3.	Panjam or third class billets	Billets free from defects and weighing from 5 to 10 lb.
4.	Chotla or short billets	Billets without defects but less than 3 feet in length, weight immaterial.
5.	Ghat Badla	Billets of 10 lb and over with minor defects, such as knots, small cracks and hollows.
6.	Bagardad	Billets with minor defects, such as knots, small cracks and hollows but weighing less than 10lb.
7.	Roots, first class	Weighing not less than 15 lb.
8.	Roots, second class	Weighing not less than 15 lb.
9.	Roots, third class	Less than 5 lb and all side roots.
10.	Jajpokal, first class	Hollow and ragged pieces weighing not less than 7 lb.
11.	Jajpokal, Second class	Hollow and ragged pieces weighing not less than 3 lb.
12.	Ain Bagar not less than 1 lb	Sound and unsound pieces weighing
13.	Cheria	Sound and unsound pieces weighing not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ lb
14.	Ain chilta	Chips and small pieces of pure heartwood.
15.	HotheriChilta	Very small chips and small pieces of heartwood (obtained in planting first four classes).
16.	MulvaChilta	Largest chips of mixed heartwood and sapwood.
17.	BasolaBakni	Small chips of mixed heartwood and sapwood.
18.	Saw Dust	

(From appendix-VII of working plan of Kollegal Forest Division,  
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