

**Punjab Government, Revenue Department Notification Dated 3rd May, 1958
declaring Roads, Canals and Railways lines as Protected Forests.**

No. 1122—Ft.58/1195. In suppression of Punjab Government Notification:

1. No. 260 – Ft dated the 8th February, 1945
2. No. 5002 – D – 51/6264 dated the 15th November, 1951
3. No. 563 – Ft – 54/458 dated the 3rd March, 1955 and
4. No. 3384 – Ft – 55/2134 dated the 19th August, 1955

And in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of India Forest Act, 1927 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to declare the strips of Govt. forest or waste lands whether under tree growth or not on either side of all roads, canals and railways in the State of Punjab except those in the Patiala Division described in the following schedule to be protected forests and the provision in Chapter IV and section 68 of the said Act to be applicable to them:

Schedule

Name of Strips	Descriptions and Situation
Roads	All P.W.D. (Building and Roads) roadside strips and also other P.W.D. lands in Punjab State transferred to the Forest Department for management.
Canal	All land on either side of P.W.D. (Irrigation Branch) Canals, Canal road including main canals, branches, distributaries, minor, escapes and bandhs and other land of that department transferred to the forest department for management.
Railways	The land along the railway tracks and station yard on the Northern Railway transferred to the Forest Department for management.

No. 122 – Ft – 58/1196. Whereas by Punjab Government Notification No. 1122 – Ft – 58/1195, dated the 3rd May, 1958, all strip of Government waste lands, demarcated by boundary pillar whether under tree growth or not on either side of all roads, canals and railways in the State of Punjab except Patiala Division as mentioned in the Schedule 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927

Now therefore, the Governor of Punjab in exercise of Powers conferred by Section 30 of the said Act is please:-

- (a) To declare all trees standing in or upon these lands to be reserved with effect from the date of publication of this notification.
- (b) To prohibit from the same date the quarrying of stones, burning of lime charcoal, or the collection of subjection to any manufacturing process removal or any forest produce in any such forest and the breaking up clearing of land for building or for herding cattle or for any other purposes any land in such forest.

NAKUL SEN
Secretary to Government Punjab
Revenue Department.

Dated the 3rd May, 1958

No. 1122 – Ft – 58/1197, whereas by Punjab Government Notification No. 1122-Ft-58/1195, dated the 3rd May, 1958 all strip whether under tree growth or not on either side of all roads, canals and railways in the State of Punjab except Patiala Division as mentioned in the Schedule annexed to the said notification have been declared to be protected forest under section of the India Forest Act of 1927.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 32 of the said Act the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules applicable to all the lands specified in the aforesaid notification.

Rules

1. No person shall cut, fell, girdle or lop/ any purpose what so ever or remove any forest produce without the previous permission of the Divisional Forest Officer fore the time being Incharge of the Forest Division in which such lands are situated Provided that in time of emergency the executive engineers Incharge may cut, fell or lop any tree use on the
 - (a) Canals
 - (b) Public Works Department Roads and
 - (c) Railway respectively
2. No person shall herd, pasture graze or retain sheep or camels or other kinds or cattle on the lands specified in the schedule annexed to Punjab Government Notification No. 1122- Ft – 58/11958 dated the 3rd May, 1958. However Division Forest Officer of the Forest Division concerned may permit grazing by a limited number of cattle.
3. No person shall clear or break up land without previous permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned, executive Engineers incharge of the Railway or road or canals may however, permit the breaking up of land to remove earth for use of railway lines roads and canals as the case may be, in times of emergency.
4. No person shall cut or remove grass without the approval of the Divisional Forest Officer of the Forest Division concerned.
5. No person shall set fire to grass, trees or timber or kindle a fire on the land without taking reasonable precautions to prevent its spreading to any tree.
6. Income from compounding of offences against these rules under section 68 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 shall be credited to the Government.

Endst. NO. 1122 – Ft – 58 – 1198 of even date by the Under Secretary of Government Punjab Forest and Game Preservation Dept.

Copy is forwarded for information to the Chief Conservator of Forest, Punjab Shimla – 2 with reference to this memorandum No. C – 280 Roads/ 4130 dated the 3rd March, 1958. 11 copies of the notification will be supplied to him in due course by the Press.

No. C – 280(a) Roads/ 2257 dated Shimla-2 the 26th May, 1958

A copy is forward to :-

1. All Conservator of Forests.
2. All Divisional Forest Officers, for information and guidance.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab