

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

Abstract  
Bamboo – Sustainable Development of the Sector - Easing Restrictions on Bamboo  
– other supportive measures – Orders issued.

Forest Department

G.O.No. 11.

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Order

A State Level Bamboo Workshop was held in Agartala on 20-21 February, 2001 and based on the recommendations of the workshop, an expert committee was constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Conservator of Forests vide Forest Department Notification dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 to study different aspects of the problems relating to restrictions on bamboo movement and their impact on growth of bamboo sector in the State, and also to suggest easing out of existing restrictions on movement of bamboo, if considered appropriate.

2. After detailed study of sectoral issues and after wide ranging consultation with different stakeholders, the expert committee suggested measures to ensure sustainable development of bamboo sector in the State. The suggested measures were: removal of transit restrictions on home grown species of bamboo, prevention of smuggling of bamboo, allowing limited export of bamboo to ensure adequate returns to private growers to promote its cultivation in private holdings, promotion of value addition by ensuring supply of raw material to existing clusters of artisans at affordable prices and by enforcing scientific principles in management and harvesting bamboo resources in the State.

3. The recommendations of the committee have been examined and accepted by the Government. Accordingly it has been decided that:

(i) Species of Bari (*Bambusa Polymorpha*), Barak (*Bambusa Balcooa*), and Kanak-Kaich (*Bambusa Affinis*) shall be exempted from transit pass and payment of royalty.

(ii) To check smuggling of bamboo, measures shall be taken including erection of river check gates (boom) and provision to obtain utilization certificate from Range Officers for transit passes of bamboo issued previously for areas near the border, etc.

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- (iii) Export of bamboo shall be allowed, both in raw form and semi-finished/finished form at the same rate of royalty as applicable in the State to encourage cultivation and value addition of bamboo in the State.
- (iv) Waiver of royalty on bamboo used in existing clusters of handicrafts shall be allowed to ensure supply of raw material at affordable prices to cluster of artisans and to promote value addition of bamboo in the state.
- (v) Steps shall be taken to enforce end use based scientific principles for harvesting of bamboo and to promote awareness and training for proper harvesting and utilization in the State.
- (vi) Periodical assessment of bamboo resources shall be made to ensure harvesting from different areas based on growth and sustainable yield of the resource.

By order and in the name of the Governor

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2/7/22

Joint Secretary  
Government of Tripura

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5. The Director, Industries
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