

INTRODUCTION

Aurangabad Forest Division was constituted in the year 2003 comprising of the two civil districts of Magadh Circle- Aurangabad and Arwal. The total forest area of this Division is 187.60 sq. km. lying in Aurangabad District only, there being no forest in Arwal District. Earlier the entire area of the Division formed part of the Gaya Forest Division as one of its Ranges- Aurangabad Forest Range and was, thus, being managed by the Working Plan of Gaya Forest Division. The present Plan will be the first separate Working Plan for Aurangabad Forest Division.

The past approved Working Plans, Schemes & Revised Working Plans for the management of erstwhile Gaya Forest Division are-

Sl. No.	Name of Writers of previous Working Plan	Period of Working Plan
I	Sri B.N Prasad	1957-58 to 1966-67 extended up to 1974-75
II	Revised W.P. By Sri P. Mishra for Koderma & Rajauli Range	1959-60 to 1968-69 extended up to 1974-75
III	Sri Om Kumar (Khair Working Scheme) for Barachatty and Gurpa Range	In the year 1970-71
IV	Sri B.C Jha (Revised W.P)	1980-81 to 1999-2000

Since 2000 fresh Working Plan could not be prepared. The first P. W. P. R. for Aurangabad Forest Division was prepared by Sri R. B. Singh, I.F.S., the then Conservator of Forests, Gaya Circle in the year 2010 suggesting four Working Circles-as Protection-cum-Soil Conservation WC, Rehabilitation WC, Plantation WC and Extension WC. The P. W. P. R. was again revised by Sri A. K. Prasad, I.F.S., the present Conservator of Forests, Gaya Circle vide his office letter no. 74 dated 08.01.2011 who added two more working circles as Agro Forestry WC and Wildlife Overlapping WC.

The field work for the present Working Plan started in December, 2010 and completed in March 2011. The field works were executed by Sri Anand Sundar Sahay, Range Officer of Forests, Working Plan Range, Patna and three Foresters

namely Sri Gopal Kumar, Sri Uday Naryan Shukla, & Sri Vijay Kumar and their contribution is appreciated.

The stock mapping was done in entire forest area of Aurangabd Forest Division laying 258 enumeration plots of size 1 ha in different representative forest and plantation areas. Species-wise data in girth-class of 10 cms were recorded and number of stems/ha, volume/ha and other growth statistics were analyzed.

In the draft Working Plan six main working circles, namely Protection (Overlapping) Working Circle, Soil & Water Conservation (Overlapping) Working Circle, Rehabilitation Working Circle, Plantation Working Circle, Wildlife Management (Overlapping) Working Circle and Joint Forest Management (Overlapping) Working Circle have been proposed. Where the earlier Working Plans emphasized mainly on revenue collection and commercial felling of trees under different Working Circles, no felling series has been prescribed in this present Working Plan due to the depleted condition of forests.

To achieve 15% tree cover in the State by 2016-17 a separate chapter on the Management of Trees Outside Forests (TOF) has been prescribed. Khair, Bamboo and other NTFP Overlapping WC from the previous Working Plan was removed in the draft Plan as their existed no sizable number and quality of these species. However, enrichment plantation of these species was proposed in the Rehabilitation WC and Plantation WC which well help to rehabilitate the forests at the earliest and also provide some revenue to the VFMCs. A chapter on the Management of Bamboo & Other MFP has been described for early enrichment of these species. Miscellaneous Regulations have also been proposed.

On 06.06.2013 a meeting of the State Level Consultative Committee for Working Plan was held in Patna to discuss the draft Working Plan of Aurangabad Forest Division. The meeting was chaired by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bihar. The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Eastern Region, GoI, Bhubaneshwar was also kind enough to participate in this meeting. In the said meeting it was suggested that-

1. The Protection (O) WC and the Improvement WC should be merged together.
2. NTFP Management (O) WC should exist.
3. A Monitoring and Evaluation system should be proposed for mid term appraisal of the Plan prescriptions.
4. Socio-economic Survey in the vicinity of the forest villages should be done to access their dependency.
5. A study of medicinal plants available in these forests should be made.
6. The data to be updated.

The above suggestions were accordingly complied in the revised Working Plan. NTFP, Medicinal Plants and Fodder Management (Overlapping) WC was proposed. Socio-economic survey in the notified forest villages was done and the report formed part of the Plan. A Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism was also added in the Plan.

On 31.08.2014, second meeting of the State Level Consultative Committee for Working Plan was held in Patna in which it was again decided to have a separate Forest Protection Working Circle as well as Improvement Working Circle. Accordingly these suggestions have been incorporated in the final Working Plan. Naxal activities have cropped up in the forest areas of Bihar & Jharkhand. At present it has increased to the extent of alarming situation. In the past they have murdered some forest officers including an I.F.S officer and a Range Officer of Forests in the adjacent Rohtas Forest Division and one Assistant Conservator of Forests in Gaya Forest Division. Thus, the forests of Aurangabad Forest Division have become very sensitive and execution of any forestry activity has become a challenging task.

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WORKING PLAN OF AURANGABAD FOREST DIVISION

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**GLOSSARY OF VERNACULAR AND BOTANICAL NAMES OF COMMON
PLANTS OF NAWADA FOREST DIVISION.**

<u>Local Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Habit</u>
Arar	<i>Acacia pennata</i>	Climber
Akwan	<i>Calotropis gigantean</i>	Shrub
Amaltas	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Tree
Amarbel	<i>Cucurbita reflexa</i>	Tree
Amla	<i>Emblica officinalis</i>	Tree
Anjan	<i>Hardwickia binata</i>	Tree
Am	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Tree
Arjun	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	Tree
Asan	<i>Terminalia tomentosa</i>	Tree
Alkusi	<i>Mucuna pruriata</i>	Climber
Amra	<i>Spondias pinnata</i> <i>Syn. Spondias mangifera</i>	Tree
Babul	<i>Acacia Arabica</i>	Tree
Bel	<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	Tree
Beri	<i>Casuarina tomentosa</i>	Shrub
Bans	<i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i>	Bamboo
Bar	<i>Ficus bengalensis</i>	Shrub (parasite)
Banda	<i>Loranthus longifolius</i>	Shrub (parasite)
Bantulsi	<i>Perilla ocimoides</i>	Shrub
Bijasal	<i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i>	Tree
Bariar	<i>Sida cordifolia</i>	Shrub
Bahara	<i>Terminalia belerica</i>	Tree
Ber	<i>Zyzyphus jujube</i>	Shrub
Bharhul	<i>Chloroxylon swietenia</i>	Tree

Bhurkund	<i>Hymenodictyon excelsum</i>	Tree
Bhelwa	<i>Semecarpus anacardium</i>	Tree
Chamror	<i>Ehretia leavis</i>	Tree
Choranth	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i>	Tree
Dhela	<i>Alangium salvifoliam</i>	Large shrub
Dudhlar	<i>Cryptolepis buchanani</i>	Climber
Dhawai	<i>Woodfordia fruticosa</i>	Shrub
Dhautha	<i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>	Tree
Dumar	<i>Ficus qlomerata</i>	Tree
Dithor	<i>Zizyphus oenopila</i>	Climber
Gherrneem	<i>Ailanthus excels</i>	Tree
Gamhar	<i>Gmelina arborea</i>	Tree
Galgal	<i>Cochlospermus religiosum</i>	Tree
Galfuli	<i>Flemingia chappar</i>	Shrub
Gurika	<i>Mitragyna parvifolia</i>	Tree
Jhingam	<i>Lannea coromandelica</i>	Tree
Gaj	<i>Millettia auriculata</i>	Climber
Harre	<i>Terminalia chebula</i>	Tree
Harsingar	<i>Nyctanthes arbortristis</i>	Shrub
Imali	<i>Tamarindus indica</i>	Tree
Jirhul	<i>Indigofera pulchella</i>	Shrub
Jamun	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Tree
Khonta	<i>Ixera arborea</i>	Shrub
Khair	<i>Acacia catechu</i>	Tree
Konar	<i>Bauhinia purpura</i>	Tree
Kala siris	<i>Albizzia lebbek</i>	Tree
Kachnar	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	Tree

Kathmahuli	<i>Bauhinia retusa</i>	Tree
Kajh	<i>Bridelia retusa</i>	Tree
Kanod	<i>Carissa opaca</i>	Shrub
Kend	<i>Diospyros melanoxylon</i>	Tree
Katahi	<i>Flacourtia indica</i>	Large shrub
Karhar	<i>Gardenia turgid</i>	Large shrub
Koraiya	<i>Holorrhena antidysenterica</i>	Large shrub
Khajur	<i>Phoenix acaulis</i>	Shrub
Kusum	<i>Schleichera oleosa</i>	Tree
Kenjhi	<i>Sterculia urens</i>	Tree
Kokur-botur	<i>Vallarisso lanacaa</i>	Shrub
Khus-khus	<i>Vetiveria zizanioides</i>	Grass
Karam	<i>Adina cordifolia</i>	Tree
Kathar	<i>Zizyphus xylopurus</i>	Large shrub
Kumbhi	<i>Careya arborea</i>	Tree
Karla	<i>Cleistanthes collinus</i>	Tree
Kekar	<i>Garuga pinnata</i>	Tree
Larpalas	<i>Butea superb</i>	Climber
Murabba	<i>Agave Americana</i>	Shrub
Mahulan	<i>Bauhinia vahlii</i>	Shrub
Mansondha	<i>Croton oblongifolius</i>	Large shrub
Manfal	<i>Randia dumetorum</i>	Large shrub
Munj	<i>Erianthus munja</i>	Grass
Mahua	<i>Madhuca indica</i>	Tree
Neem	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Tree
Piar	<i>Buchanania lanzan</i>	Tree
Palas	<i>Butea monosperam</i>	Tree

Pipal	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	Tree
Putus	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Shrub
Pandan	<i>Ougenia oggentensis</i>	Tree
Patdhaman	<i>Grewia elastic</i>	Tree
Ratti	<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	Creeper
Ratangarur	<i>Elaeodendron glaucum</i>	Tree
Rori	<i>Mallotus philippinsis</i>	Tree
Ramdatwan	<i>Smilax zeylanica</i>	Climber
Rohan	<i>Soyamida fobrifunqa</i>	Tree
Ratend	<i>Combretum decandrum</i>	Climber
Safedsiris	<i>Albizia procera</i>	Tree
Satwar	<i>Asparagus recemosus</i>	Shrub
Semal	<i>Salmalia malbarica</i>	Tree
Salai	<i>Boswellia serrata</i>	Tree
Sidha	<i>Lagerstroemia parviflora</i>	Tree
Sisham	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Tree
Sonapatta	<i>Oroxylum indicum</i>	Tree
Sal	<i>Shorea robusta</i>	Tree
Sagwan	<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Tree
Sinduar	<i>Vitex nogundo</i>	Shrub
Sabai	<i>Euleliopsis binata</i>	Grass
Titbhant	<i>Clorodendrum viscosum</i>	Shrub
Tilai	<i>Wondlandia tinctoria</i>	Shrub
Tar	<i>Borassus flabellifer</i>	Tree
Udal	<i>Sterculia villosa</i>	Tree

STATE OF FORESTS IN BIHAR

- Figures at a Glance

Based on interpretation of satellite data (October 2008-March 2009) and Forest/ Trees outside Forest (TOF) Inventory carried out by Forest Survey of India and the key results published in India State of Forest Report 2011, the State of Forest in Bihar is as follows:

I. Geography of the State-

1	Situation	In the eastern part of India bordering Nepal, lying between 24° 14' N – 27° 45' N latitude and 83° 16' E – 88° 30' E longitude, part of Gangetic Plains.
2	Geographical area	94,163 sq. km. (2.86% of the Country)
3	Annual Rainfall	Varies between 1000 – 2000 mm.
4	Mean Annual Temperature	Ranges between 20° C to 28° C
5	Major Rivers	Ganga and Gundak.

II. Bihar in comparison to India and World

Sl. No.	Particulars	World	India	Bihar
1	Geographical Area	14,84,29,000 sq. km.	32,87,263 sq. km. (2.70% of World)	94,163 sq. km. (2.86% of India)
2	Forest & Tree Cover	4,03,30,000 sq. km.	78,287 sq. km.	9,214 sq. km.
3	Percentage	31	23.81	9.79
4	Population	7 Billion	1.21 Billion	103.80 Million
5	Average Forest Area per Person	0.60 Ha.	0.064 Ha.	0.0088 Ha.

III. State of Forests in Bihar in comparison to India

(as per ISFR 2011, area in sq. km.)

Sl. No.	Forest & Tree Cover	India		Bihar	
		Area	%	Area	%
1	Total Geographical Area	3287263	100	94163	100
2	Forest Cover				
2A	Very Dense Forest (VDF) (Density >70%)	83471	2.54	231	0.25
2B	Medium Dense Forest (MDF) (Density 40-70%)	320736	9.76	3280	3.48
2C	Open Forest (Density 10-40%)	287820	8.75	3334	3.54
	Total	90844	21.05	6845	7.27
3	Tree Cover (TOF)	90844	2.76	2369	2.52
4	Total of Forest & Tree Cover	782871	23.81	9214	9.79
5	Scrub Forest (Density <10%)	42177	1.28	134	0.14
6	Non Forest Area	2553059	77.67	84815	90.07

IV. Change in Forest Cover in 2011 Assessment in comparison to that made in 2009

Assessment year	VDF	MDF	OF	Scrub	Non-Forest	Total
2009	231	3248	3325	134	87225	94163
2011	231	3280	3334	134	87184	94163
Change	0	32	9	0	-41	-

V. Legal Status of Forests (Area in sq. km.)

Sl. No.	Reserved Forest	Protected Forest	Unclassified Forest	Total
Area	693	5779	1	6473
%	10.706	89.279	0.015	100

LIST OF COMMON ANIMALS AND BIRDS

The common wild animals found in Nawada Forests Division and adjacent forests are as follows:-

Hyena, Sloth bear, Wolf, Wild dog, Wild boar, Sambar, Spotted deer, Nilgai, Hare, etc. have been reported to be seen in the forests of the area. Once Tiger and Leopards were also present in old Gaya Forests Division, forming a good hunting resort. But the same have now become extinct from these forests.

The common birds found in this region are as follows:-

Pea fowl, Jungle fowl, Partridge, Black & Gray quail, Hornbill, Parrot, Dove, etc.

In addition to above, a lot of reptiles- snakes as python and small creatures are also found in the area.

The rivers flowing through this division are not perennial and hence availability of fishes is of not much significance.

SUMMARY OF PRESCRIPTIONS

1. THE TRACT:

The Aurangabad Forest Division came into existence in 2003 vide Environment and Forests department, Government of Bihar notification no. 3688 dated 22.10.2003 comprising the Aurangabad and Arwal Districts with the objective of protection of natural resources and increasing green cover through afforestation on government wastelands, road, river and canal sides and non-productive private lands. Agriculture is the main source of livelihood. The climate is more temperate, with average rainfall being 1176.70 mm.

2. THE AREA:

The total geographical area of the two districts is 3305 ha of Aurangabad District and 626 ha of Arwal District. The total forest area of the Aurangabad Forest Division is 187.60 ha limited to Aurangabad District only, there being no forests in Arwal district. The total forest area of the Division is protected forest, amounting to 5.60% of the total geographical area of the district.

3. STATE OF BOUNDARIES:

The status of boundaries is unsatisfactory in the Division. There are a few permanent boundary pillars constructed in past demarcating the forests from the adjacent private lands. At few places trench fencing has also been done. However, at some places the boundaries between the forest area and the private lands are not demarcated. The old boundary pillars need to be maintained regularly. At other places new pillars need to be constructed.

4. RIGHTS AND CONCESSIONS:

The forests of Aurangabad Forest Division are not burdened with any right except right of way and watercourse. The privileges granted include grazing of cattle and free grant of small timber and firewood.

5. THE FORESTS:

The forests in Aurangabad Forest Division correspond to the 'Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests' as per Champion and Seth's classification of forests. Within this type, local

variations are met with, due to variations in nature of soil and topography. Better stocked patches occur in cooler and protected areas on the south-west corner of the district adjoining the forests of Gaya Forest Division and Daltonganj Forest Division of Jharkhand State. But these patches are also under heavy biotic pressure.

6. PAST MANAGEMENT:

Aurangabad Forest Division was earlier part of Gaya Forest Division as one of its Ranges. This new Division was created in 2003. The forests of this Division were also managed by the same working plan as prescribed for the Gaya Forest Division. The last approved working plan was that of Sri B. C. Jha’s Plan effective from 1980-81 to 1999-2000 which has been described in Chapter-VII of Volume-I.

7. WILDLIFE:

In past the area was well known for its wildlife games. However, in present times wildlife is not prominent in the tract. Jackal, hare, rats, monkeys and few reptiles are seen in this tract.

8. AREA OF THE PLAN:

The forest area of this Division is 187.60 sq. km. limited to Aurangabad District only. However, the area of the Plan shall be the entire geographical area of the two districts, covering the forest area as well as the area outside the forests, which forms the bulk of the area and is most suited for increasing tree cover. The legal status is as below.

Legal Status of Forest Area in the Division			(Area in sq. km.)		
Name of District	Geographical Area	Total Forest Area	RF	PF	Total
Aurangabad	3305	187.60	0	187.60	187.60
Arwal	626	0	-	-	0
Total	3931	187.60	0	187.60	187.60

9. OBJECTIVES:

The following main objectives have been fixed for this Working Plan-

1. Long Term Objectives:

- (i) To maintain environmental stability through preservation of the remaining natural forests and restoration of ecological balance

- (ii) To improve the productivity of Forests to meet the essential local needs, especially fuel wood, fodder and small timber for the rural people.
- (iii) Increasing substantially the forest/tree cover through afforestation and social forestry programmes, especially on all degraded and unproductive lands, river and canal sides, and other fallow lands.
- (iv) To ensure scientific management of the Forests.
- (v) To protect the Forests through the co-operation of local communities on the principles of Joint Forest Management.

2. Short term Objectives:

- (i) Improvement of the existing growing stock and its density by reclamation of degraded forests through plantations aided by artificial regeneration.
- (ii) Improvement of soil quality through soil conservation measures.
- (iii) To give special attention to water conservation measures inside the forest area so as to improved moisture regime and water availability.
- (iv) Plantation of suitable species which can meet the local requirements. Bamboo will be given importance for sustainable yield.
- (v) To increase diffusion areas for wild life.
- (vi) Involvement of the local people in the management process through Joint Forest Management.
- (vii) Strengthening of infrastructure of the Division for protection and achieving the above goals.

10. PROPOSED WORKING CIRCLES:

The following Working Circles have been proposed in this Plan-

- i. Improvement Working Circle.
- ii. Soil & Water Conservation (Overlapping) Working Circle.
- iii. Rehabilitation Working Circle.
- iv. Plantation Working Circle.
- v. Wildlife Management (Overlapping) Working Circle.
- vi. Joint Forest Management (Overlapping) Working Circle.
- vii. NTFP, Medicinal Plants & Fodder Management (Overlapping) Working Circle.
- viii. Forest Protection (Overlapping) Working Circle

Management prescriptions for following operations have also been proposed.

- a. Management of Tree Cover Outside Forests (TOF).
- b. Miscellaneous Regulations.
- c. Monitoring & Evaluation

10.1. Improvement Working Circle

The Improvement Working Circle includes those forest areas which have some rooted stocks and can establish if protected and some silvicultural operations done. This is limited to the hill tops and nala banks in the remote areas. The total area allocated to this WC is 4713.12 ha (25% of the total forest area). The main objective of this circle is to protect the existing natural resources. The hills and hillocks which have suffered the most in loss of soil and vegetation are also included in this working circle.

This working circle also covers the areas under inferior miscellaneous growth of poor density. These areas do have potential to convert itself into good forest in comparatively lesser time and with lesser efforts.

10.2. Soil & Water Conservation (Overlapping) Working Circle

Aurangabad Division falls under the rain shadow zone, there being 1176.70 mm of normal rains only through out the year distributed in 50 average numbers of rainy days. Only 55% of the net area of the Aurangabad District is irrigated from all sources. Due to illicit felling and indiscriminate removal of vegetation, the hills and hillocks have suffered heavy erosion. Due to low rainfall and poor moisture retaintivity of the soil, most of the past plantations have failed or are having stunted growth. Thus, apart from silvicultural operations, it is necessary to make an appropriate plan of action for improvement of soil and water (moisture) content in the forest area. Hence the entire forest area of 187.60 sq. km. of the Aurangabad Forest Division has been kept under this working circle. However, an area of 90.00 sq. km. have been proposed to be undertaken for soil & water conservation measures in the first five years of the Plan period.

10.3. Rehabilitation Working Circle

An area of 9167.42 ha (49% of the total forest area) included under Rehabilitation Working Circle is under stocked forests having root stock. This working circle comprises of such forests which are either in bushy stage i.e. rooted wastes or in perpetual sapling stage since long and are not able to grow up and establish into pole crop by itself due to adverse biotic factors and

interferences like grazing, fire and unregulated felling. The hills and hillocks which have suffered the most in loss of soil and vegetation are also included in this working circle.

This working circle also covers the areas under inferior miscellaneous growth of poor density. These areas do have potential to convert itself into good forest in comparatively lesser time and with lesser efforts. An area of 6000 ha. have been proposed to be planted in the first five years of the Plan period. Depending on the success of the schemes and the mid term appraisal, provisions for the next five years will be made.

10.4. Plantation Working Circle

This working circle comprises of 4879.83 ha of barren and eroded plain areas near the foothills where there is no chance of natural regeneration in near future. Being adjacent to the villages, there is immense biotic pressure.

The area can be easily assessed, planted and in the following years sivicultural operations can be done. It also includes those areas where plantations have been done in the past. An area of 2500 ha. have been proposed to be planted in the first five years of the Plan period. Depending on the success of the schemes and the mid term appraisal, provisions for the next five years will be made.

10.5. Wildlife Overlapping Working Circle

This will be an overlapping working circle extending over the entire geographical area of the Aurangabad Forest Division. This working circle will deal with the conservation/ regulation of faunal wildlife in the forests as well as outside within the perspectives of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Amendment Act 2006). The Divisional Forest Officer, Aurangabad Forest Division is the ex-officio Wildlife Warden and he will be responsible for the protection, conservation and development of wildlife present in the area. The wildlife seen during enumeration work are neelgai, jackal, wolf, and hare, while others commonly seen are hyena, sloth bear, few bird species and reptiles.

10.6. Joint Forest Management (Overlapping) Working Circle

This Working Circle is constituted with a view to achieve the objectives of the sustainable management based on the principles of participatory approach. As all prescriptions of the earlier working circles are subject to the constitution of the Forest Protection Committees and preparation of Micro-plans, this working circle becomes important for the constitution of different committees, their regulations and functioning, and overall sharing of responsibilities as well as benefits.

Thus, the area allotted to this overlapping working circle is the entire forest area of the Aurangabad Forest Division and also the adjoining non-forest areas.

10.7. NTFP, Medicinal Plants & Fodder Management (O) W Circle

The forests of the Division were once rich in NTFP and medicinal plants, but now has depleted due to heavy biotic pressure. However, there still occurs khair (*Acacia catechu*), bamboo (*Dendrocalamus strictus*), kendu leaves and other NTFP very much scattered here and there in the entire forest area of the Division, but not in workable quantity and quality. The bamboo, to a large extent, occurs in dry mixed forest often associated with Salai on hill tops and occasionally with Sal. Thus, the entire forest area needs special treatment for these species, as protection and enrichment plantations, to establish again so as to meet the bonafide needs of the local people.

10.8 Forest Protection (Overlapping) Working Circle

The forests of the Division are divided into small areas of 1000 acre and less which are further surrounded by a number of villages. There is immense biotic pressure on these forests leading to their degradation and loss of tree cover. Thus, to achieve the objectives of management, the forests need to be protected against grazing, illicit felling, fire, encroachment and also the wildlife offences against the few surviving wild animals.

10.9. Management of Tree Cover Outside Forests (TOF)

In Aurangabad Forest Division, the forested area of 187.60 sq. km. is confined to Aurangabad District only, there being no forest area in the Arwal District of the Division. The geographical area of the two districts Aurangabad and Arwal is

3305 and 626 sq. km. respectively. Thus, out of the total area of 3931 sq. km. in the two districts, an area of 3746 sq. km. lies outside the forested area. This area has to be used for increasing the tree cover, which will not only be helpful to meet the daily requirements of the local people, but also release pressure from the forests and help to improve the environment of the area and conserve biodiversity.

Thus, Afforestation works will be done in the entire area of the two districts of the Division outside the forest area, extending plantation of trees on farm lands, road, canal, river and rail sides and on other fallow lands.

11. PLAN EXPENDITURE & REVENUE:

The present condition of the forests of the Division is highly depleted and not in position to give any revenue in true sense. However, some sale price may be collected from the illegally felled trees/poles, those along the roads and also as compensation receipts. The expenditure on plan activities including protection works and infrastructure development during the Plan period is Rs. 138.24 crores including the expenditure on establishment, which accounts for 28% of the total estimated expenditure.

12. SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The source of fund for the activities prescribed in the Plan will be from-

- i. Forest Development Agency Funds from GOI.
- ii. Plan Funds from GOI & GOB.
- iii. Non-Plan Funds from GOB.
- iv. CAMPA FUND
- v. Employment Guarantee Schemes, as MGNREGA.
- vi. Van Ewam Vanyaprani Sanrakshan Kosh.
- vii. Bamboo Mission
- ix. 13/14th Finance Commission, etc.