

Duties and Responsibilities of the Officers/Staff of the BBMP

Forest Wing

Deputy Conservator of Forests

(Overall supervision of the 8 Zones)

The Range Forest Officers, The Assistant Conservator of Forest the Deputy Range Forest Officer and the Forest Guards are coming under the administrative control of Deputy Conservator Forests. The Deputy Conservator of Forests has the power of Raising the Nursery, Raising of Plantations (including medicinal plants, decorative and other aesthetic species), avenue plantation in the vacant lands, Government and other public places, lake bunds, in the Parks. Supervision of all this works and check measurement of the works carried out. He has the responsibilities of preserving the trees and their development.

He has the power to invite tender for the different Forestry works, Deputy Conservator of Forest has got powers to approve the Estimates and administrative sanction up to 20.00 lakhs. He is responsible to attend the Legislative Assembly and to give information in this regard.

Assistant Conservator of Forests

North Sub Division-1 (East, Dasarahalli, Yalahanka and Mahadevapura zones)

South Sub Division-2 (West, South, Bommanahalli and R.R.Nagara Zone)

The Range Forest Officers, the Deputy Range Forest Officer and the Forest Guards are coming under the administrative control of the Assistant Conservator of Forests and he is having responsibility of raising the nursery, raising plantations (including medicinal plants, decorative and other species), avenue plantations, planting in the vacant lands. Government and public places, lake bunds in the parks, supervision of all the works and check measurement of the works carried out. He has the responsibilities of preserving the trees and their development.

He is responsible for the supervision of the work for removal of trees/branches of trees, thus overall supervision of the work of Tree Management. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest has appointed the Assistant Conservator of Forest as "Tree Officer" under the Karnataka Tree Preservation Act 1976, sec 8(3). He has to function under the powers vested in the Karnataka Tree Preservation Act 1976 in respect of removal of trees/branches. He also has responsibility of conversing and protecting trees within BBMP jurisdiction.

The Assistant Conservator of Forests shall give permission for the trees which obstruct widening of roads, which causes hinderence and inconvenience to the public in pursuance of the Karnataka Trees Preservation Act 1976. He is also responsible for identification of such of the trees which can be transplanted and transplanting the same, rising of avenue plantations.

The Assistant Conservator of Forests are responsible for 100% check measurement for the works carried out in his jurisdiction. He should function in such a way that for the success of all the plantations raised and other activities he should follow the instructions and guidance given by the higher authorities from time to time.

Deputy Range Forest Offices:-

East, Dasarahalli, Yelahanka, Mahadevapura, West, South, Bommanahalli and R.R.Nagara Zones

Based on the applications received from the public for the inconvenience and hinderence caused from the trees, and also the trees which have dried up, and which are in dangerous within the jurisdiction of his zone, the Deputy Range Forests Officers shall inspect the spot and submit his report as to whether the trees or the branches of the trees have to be removed, he shall take action accordingly with the permission of the Tree Officer, he shall also supervise the work of tree management, planting of saplings, maintenance of older Plantations, raising and maintenance of nurseries.

Different Activities of BBMP Forest Wing

1. Plantation Program and City beautification :

Planting of Sapling with tree guard within BBMP limits, various roads, open spaces at Schools and Colleges etc., to maintain ecological balance.

2. Tree Canopy Management :

Based on public demand/requests trees which are dangerous, old, dried, obstructing traffic and menace to public, old trees and branches to be inspected as per the Karnataka Tree Preservation Act, 1976 section 8(3) removal of tree/branches will be executed with the help of 13 tree Canopy management teams.

Sl. No.	Zone	No of Teams
1	EAST	03 DAY TEAMS 01 NIGHT TEAM
2	YELAHANKA	01 DAY TEAM
3	DASARAHALLI	01 DAY TEAM
4	MAHADEVAPURA	-
5	WEST	02 DAY TEAMS 01 NIGHT TEAM
6	SOUTH	02 DAY TEAMS 01 NIGHT TEAM
7	BOMMANAHALLI	-
8	R.R.NGARA	01 NIGHT TEAM
	TOTAL	13 TEAMS

3. **Procedure to submit the application for the removal of trees/branches:**

The below mentioned Assistant Conservator of Forests and Tree Officer can be approached with the following documents to fell or remove trees/branches.

Sl. No.	Officer/ Office Address	Zone
1	Assistant Conservator of Forests, Sub Division-1 17 th Floor, P.U. Building, M.G.Road, Bangalore-560 001. Ph.No. 9480683146	East Dasarahalli Yelahanka Mahadevapura
2	Assistant Conservator of Forests, Sub Division-2 O/o Joint Commissioner of South Zone Building, Jayanagara 2 nd Block, 9 th Main, 9 th Cross Officer Bangalore-560 011. Ph.No. 9480683842	West South Bommanahalli R.R. Nagara

a) Road side/Pavement spaces :-

In case of inconvenience to Public from trees in Pavement and Publics places, applicant can give reasons with the application along with photographs to be submitted.

b) Private Spaces :-

In case of inconvenience to Public from trees in Private places, applicant can give reasons with the application along with photographs and supporting documents of ownership with attested copies to be submitted along with Form-I.

FORM NO.1
See Rule 4(1)

Form of Application

From,

Date:

Ph No.

To,

The Tree Officer
Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike,
Bangalore

Sir,

I/We the owner/s occupant/s of the Sy. Nos. _____ of _____ Village _____ Taluk District residing in _____ intend to fell and remove _____ Tree as detailed below. I/We am/are furnishing herewith the following particulars along with the certified copies of the extracts of revenue records and certificates prescribed in Government Circular No. RD.10.LGN.73, dated 4th June 1973 from the Revenue Officers and the Survey Sketch Certified by the Assistant Superintendent of Land Records in support of the proof that I/We have the right of the land and the tree growth in question for your reference and further action.

1.	Sy. No. and extent of the land from which the trees are to be felled.	
2.	Location of the Sy. No. with Sy. Sketch.	
3.	Whether the boundary of Sy. No. is clear and demarcated property on the ground	
4.	The number and kind of trees in tended to be felled with girth of each tree (detailed list to be attached)	
5.	The purpose for which the trees are to be felled (specific mention to be made about the purpose)	
6.	Khata extract and Certificate from the Tahasildar regarding the tenure of the Land (Hiduvai, Darkhast, Inam, Lease, Coffee/ Cardamum, Malki, Bane and so on and whether the tree growth is redeemed or unredeemed) and the right over the Land and Tree growth.	
7.	Whether any tree proposed to be felled is reserved to Government, if so, details may be given.	
8.	Whether unconditional consent of the other owners having share in the right to land and the trees if any is obtained (proof thereof to be enclosed).	
9.	Whether the licensee or certificate in respect of the following is enclosed in case the purpose of felling is for;	

	(i) Coffee cultivation – Certificate from Coffee Board. (ii) Rubber Cultivation – Certificate from Rubber Board. (iii) Cardamum Cultivation Certificate from Cardamum Board. (iv) For construction of building Certificate from Village Panchayaut or Executive Officers of the Municipality as the case may be.	
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I/We therefore, request you to accord permission to fell the trees from Sy. No. mentioned above.

I/We am/are prepared of furnish other particulars if any require and demanded by the tree officer in this regard during the course of enquiry.

I/We agree to abide by the provision of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976 and the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and the rules made there under and such other conditions that may be imposed by the Tree officer.

I/We do hereby agree to indemnify Government of Karnataka against any loss or damage caused on account of permission accorded to me by the Tree Officer based on erroneous or wrong information furnished by me.

Yours faithfully,

c) **Other Government Agencies:**

In case Road widening development activities by the Government Agencies like BBMP, PWD, KPTCL, BWSSB, Defense, HAL, BMRCL, etc., where in trees/branches sought to be removed should have supporting reasons, work approval certificate, approved work plan indicating the location of trees with details of trees along with tree census to be submitted through the concerned officer.

4. **Raising of Seedlings in Nurseries :**

As a part of routine program for beautifying areas likes, road side, government land, institutions and other available BBMP areas by producing tall and quality saplings by raising in different nursery.

Sl. No.	Zone	Location of the Nursery
1	EAST	Kempapura Nursery
2	YELAHANKA	Atturu and Dairy Circle Nursery
3	DASARAHALLI	-
4	MAHADEVAPURA	Kempapura
5	WEST	-
6	SOUTH	-
7	BOMMANAHALLI	Koodlu Nursery
8	R.R.NGARA	-

5. **Service to the Public :**

- a) Applications for tree felling or trimming/pruning of branches will be considered, followed by spot inspection after which appropriate necessary action will be taken by the BBMP Forest cell teams to help the general public.
- b) Saplings from the BBMP nursery will be distributed free of cost to various NGOs, Associations, other departments based on requests along with complete co-operation from the department.
- c) Within BBMP limits to maintain the eco-system, avenue plantation, open spaces, schools and colleges, military area etc., tree plantation drives are conducted.

6. **Activities of Wild Life Team :**

There is a 28 member wild life rescue team headed by one Environment Adviser to man a 24 hour help line for emergencies like snakes, monkeys, owl and other man animal conflict issues for the benefit of general public. ERADICATION OF Eye stoppers (SNAKE CHARMERS, BEAR MADARI'S, CAMEL RIDES ETC) in and around BBMP limits in volition of Wild life Protection Act 1972. SNAKE BITE FIRST AID AND RESCUE and PUBLIC AWARENESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

BIRDS CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES through a popular programme “Birds back to Bangalore”. All the above activities are done free of cost

Sl. No.	Name	Zone	Phone No
1	Sri. Sharath Babu R	West	9880108801
2	Sri. Druvakumar R	South	9886286461
3	Sri. Surya Kumar M	South	9845125231
4	Sri. Mahesh Kumar	Bommanahalli	9916968959
5	Sri. Shashikumar M	South	9845020498
6	Sri. Arjun M	South	9902600442
7	Sri. Yatish U	South	9916676420
8	Sri. Akshay Kumar M	South	9845735519
9	Sri. Adil Arif	Dasarahalli	9880510824
10	Sri. Sreeram V	South	9663015000
11	Sri. Romith Shilpa E	Mahadevapura	9986043545
12	Sri. Sanjeev P	South	9742084335
13	Sri. Vijayababu S	South	9972487991
14	Sri. Guru	South	9945159829
15	Sri. Deepak S	West	9886179396
16	Sri. Nagabhushan	Mahadevapura	9341240482
17	Sri. Shivaraj S	R.R. Nagara	9844123788
18	Sri. Spoorthy P	East	9844530033
19	Sri. Kumar	R.R. Nagara	9902794711
20	Sri. Saleem Hameed	East	9986210015
21	Sri. Abhishek S	Byatarayanapura	9632050503
22	Sri. Arun Kumar	Byatarayanapura	9008719568
23	Sri. Mohan K	Dasarahalli	9845080903
24	Sri. Manjunath P	Bommanahalli	9945239337
25	Sri. Rajesh Kumar M	West	9036111007
26	Sri. Jayaraj S	Bommanahalli	9342596704

**Deputy Conservator of Forests
Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike**