GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT



NOTIFICATION

No. IF(A)-42/2008 17803/F&E. Date: 27/10/09.

Whereas the creation of a new Forest Division at Sonepur coterminus with Subarnapur Revenue District is felt necessary to address the administrative exigencies and to have exclusive focus on endemic issues of

Whereas there has been a persistent demand from the people of Subarnapur to have a forest division at Sonepur where their grievances can be properly addressed as the present divisional headquarters is at a distance of 50 kms from Sonepur and is located in the neighbouring district;

Whereas the "House Committee on Submissions" in their 2nd report presented in the House of the Orissa Legislative Assembly on 31.3.2007 have recommended for creation of a Forest Division for Subamapur district;

Whereas physical infrastructure is already in place to accommodate the new administrative set up;

Now, therefore, the State Government after careful consideration notifies the creation of a new forest division called Subarnapur Forest Division with headquarters at Sonepur co-terminus with Subarnapur Revenue District and another re-organised Bolangir Forest Division with headquarters at Bolangir, co-terminus with Bolangir Revenue District, both under the administrative control of Bhawanipatna Circle with the following administrative set up.

Subarnapur Forest Division will comprise of the following ranges;

- Sonepur Range with headquarters at Sonepur
- Binika Range with headquarters at Binka
- Ulunda Range with headquarters at Ulunda
- Birmaharajpur Range with headquaters at Subalaya

In consequence of the creation of Subarnapur Forest Division, erstwhile Bolangir (West) Division will be re-designated as Bolangir Forest Division. Bolangir Forest Division with headquarters at Bolangir will comprise of the following Ranges:-

- Bolangir Range with headquarters at Bolangir
- Saintala Range with headquarters at Saintala
- Degaon Range with headquarters at Degaon
- Patnagarh Range with headquarters at Patnagarh
- Loisinga Range with headquarters at Loisinga
- Titilagarh Range with headquarters at Titilagarh
- Muribahal Range with headquarters at Muribahal
- Harishankar Range with headquarters at Harishankar

- Lathore Range with headquarters at Lathore
- · Bangamunda Range with headquarters at Bongamunda
- Kantabanji Range with headquarters at Kantabanji

The complete Ulunda Range of Sambalpur South Division (which is a part of Subarnapur district) will detach itself from the administrative jurisdiction of Sambapur South Forest division and will come under the administrative control of newly created Subarnapur Forest Division with headquarters at Ulunda.

The Subalava and Dur Dura Sections (in full) under Rairakhol Range and Hatilimunda section (in full) of Mochibahal Range of Rairakhol Forest Division (which are part of Subarnapur district) will be detached from the administrative jurisdiction of Rairakhol Forest Division and will come under the jurisdiction of newly created Subarnapur Forest Division, it will be designated as Birmaharajpur Range with headquarters at Subalava.

The Bolangir Range, Degaon Range, Patnagarh Range and Loisinga Range of erstwhile Bolangir East Forest Division will come under the administrative jurisdiction of re-organised Bolangir Forest Division.

All the ministerial staff now working in Bolangir East Forest Division will work under the astablishment of Subarnapur Forest Division.

The field stuff of Ulunda Range of Sambalpur South Forest Division and the staff of Subalaya and Dur Dura Sections (in full) under Rairakhol Range and Hatilimunda Section (in full) of Mochibahal Range of Rairakhol Forest Division will stand transferred to the newly created Subarnapur Forest Division.

Further re-organisation or amalgamation of Ranges/ Sections/ Beats may be taken up, if so required, by the concerned Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatha Circle and the respective Divisional Forest Officer as per rule 9 and 10 of O.F.D.Code.

All the immovable assets of the Bolangir East Division office will stand transferred to the control of the Bolangir Forest Division whereas the movable assets will stand transferred to Subarnapur Forest Division.

The budgerary control of PCCF, Orissa and PCCF (WL) over both the new Forest Divisions will continue as usual.

The new administrative set up will function from the date of notification in the official gazette.

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