

**WORKING PLAN
FOR THE
DUDHI GOVERNMENT ESTATE
FOREST DIVISION**

FOR

1943-50 to 1962-63

COMPILED IN THE WORKING PLANS BRANCH

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Mr. W. Roberts was appointed. In December 1849 he submitted his first report on the Dudhi *tappa*. His enquiries led to the reopening of the whole question of the Singrauli Raja's title to Dudhi. Mr. Roberts report showed conclusively that Singrauli Rajas had no proprietary right to the domain usurped by them some 40 years before. As a result of the inquiry Dudhi was declared liable to assessment and was left finally at the disposal of Government. The Raja of Singrauli was allowed, as a matter of grace, a *Malikana* of 10 percent on the collections of revenue. *Tappa* Gonda-Bajia and the village of Hirachak in Pulwa *tappa* were settled by Mr. Roberts with holders who, like the proprietors in permanently settled portions of the district, were termed *gaminsdars*. The remaining portion of the domain was to remain under *Kham* or direct management, and the villages were summarily settled with resident cultivators of standing who were called *sapurdars*. All *sapurdars* received a commission in the form of a percentage on the rent due from their villages and collected by them on behalf of Government.

27. The forests of Dudhi were examined by an Assistant Conservator of Forests in 1869, with a view to reservation. He reported that there were no forests of present or prospective value in the north of the *pargana* but to the south owing to the prevalence of *sal* and bamboos, conditions were more hopeful. Steps to preserve these forests were first taken in 1870-71 after the visit of Sir William Muir, the Lieutenant Governor, to Dudhi and at the time of 1871-1876 settlement 98,961 acres of forests which were unfit for cultivation were made *rakbats* (reserved). At the time of the 1909 and 1919 settlements some more areas were declared reserved and protected forests. In 1921 at the suggestion of Mr. Ewan, the then Collector of Mirzapur, Mr. Benskin, Deputy Conservator of Forests, inspected the forests and as a result of his report it was decided to bring them under proper forest management. The previously declared reserved and protected forests were reconstituted as "protected forests" under Section 28, Chapter IV of the Indian Forests Act 1878 and were re-notified as such under G. O. No. 675/XIV-314, dated June 30, 1927.

28. In 1924 the services of a Forest Officer (designated Special Forest Officer) were lent to the Revenue Department, and this officer organised the management on proper lines and worked under the Collector, while the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Circle, acted as technical adviser and inspected the forests and the

Average monthly rainfall is as under :—

From 1916 to 1928	Rainfall in inches	From 1930 to 1946	Rainfall in inches
January	1.08	January	1.17
February	0.75	February	1.48
March	0.59	March	1.21
April	0.12	April	0.29
May	0.51	May	0.50
June	5.19	June	5.21
July	13.51	July	13.28
August	13.57	August	12.40
September	6.82	September	7.65
October	1.90	October	2.34
November	0.51	November	0.90
December	0.23	December	0.26

16. **Water supply**—Although the water supply was precarious in the past and water for irrigation purposes still remains scarce, a number of wells have been made in recent years in addition to those that existed before. Consequently there is now no special difficulty regarding water supply in the hot weather, though wells occasionally do go dry at that time. The permanent water level is not very deep except on the higher ground. There is a fairly large number of *bundhs* constructed by the Estate to store water both for domestic use and for irrigation, but owing to the porosity

of soil they cannot retain water for long. Consequently during summer, in some places the inhabitants have to depend for their supplies on pools dug in the dry sandy beds of the streams that otherwise go dry. Due to shortage of water many cattle belonging to the Estate tenants are taken out into the neighbouring Sarguja State and brought back to Dudhi Estate sometime after the break of rains.

17. **Distribution of area**—The protected forests or *rakbats* as they are called locally, were heretofore divided into A, B and C classes, covering the following areas :—

Class	Acres
A	1,00,932
B	21,101
C	25,062

Class A forests were those declared as fully reserved during the settlement operations of 1871-1876 and generally consisted of all the larger blocks of forests. Class B forests were declared as reserved in 1907, while class C protected forests were declared as such in 1919. These class B and C forests were generally in comparatively small blocks, sometimes contiguous with the larger class A blocks, and sometimes isolated therefrom. In 1927, class A and B forests ceased to be fully reserved and along with the more recently protected class C forests were re-notified as protected forests. In 1932, 3 new blocks were further notified as protected forests and included in class B. All forests of classes A, B and

APPENDIX 'A'

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List of Chaks

Name of chak	Approximate area in acres	Block and class of forests in which situated
1	2	3
Hathwani	461	Hathinala (Commercial) and Saundih (Village).
Lengadh	310	Hathinala (Commercial)
Saundih (No. 1)	8	"
Saundih (No. 2)	65	"
Bauriwa	32	Bahradole (Commercial) and Bauriwa (Village)
Bahradole (No. 1)	62	Bahradole (Commercial)
Bahradole (No. 2)	19	"
Bahradole (No. 3)	84	"
Bahradole (No. 4)	98	"
Karkori	57	Garia (Commercial)
Hathori	818	"
Sorho	124	"

Name of chak	Approximate area in acres	Block and class of forests in which situated
1	2	3
Dadhara	380	Garia (Commercial).
Pipri	124	Murdhawa (Commercial) and Badara (Village).
Kirwani	120	Garia (Commercial) and Kirwani (Village).
Jokahi	58	Murdhawa (Commercial) and Jokahi (Village).
Murdhawa (No. 1)	282	"
Murdhawa (No. 2)	6	Murdhawa (Commercial).
Murdhawa (No. 3)	432	"
Burwa	84	Murdhawa (Commercial).
Chen	455	Chen (Commercial).
Sagora	16	Duba (Commercial).
Kurwi	32	"
Nadhura	22	"
Siswa	4	Siswa (Village).
Kachan	115	Khatbarin (Commercial).
Banmahin	511	"
Magamar	11	Sistola (Commercial).
Nawatola	22	"
Swanganj	8	Khushalnagar (Village).

Name of chak	Approximate area in acres	Block and class of forests in which situated
1	2	3
Garderwa	380	Baheradole (Commercial), Majhauri and Garderwa (Village).
Basin	230	Harnakachar (Commercial).
Baldeva	12	Bairkhar (Village).
Girdhari	6	"
Jionath	25	Kathaundhi (Commercial) and Kirwani (Village).
Karamdand	20	Jharo (Village).

APPENDIX 'B'
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List of Blocks

Name of forest	Tehsil	Tappa	Approximate area in acres	Commercial or Village	Brief description of the block boundaries
1	2	3	4	5	6
Ghagra	Dudhi	Barha	482	Commercial	North- Cut and cleared boundary line.
					West- "
					South- Marghatia nala.
					East- Cut and cleared boundary line and a nala.
Burwen	"	"	396	"	North- Cut and cleared boundary line.
					West- "
					South- "
					East- "
Babhani	"	"	3,462	"	North- Cut and cleared boundary line of this block and boundary lines of Duba and Cheri Commercial blocks.

Name of forest	Tehsil	Tappa	Approximate area in acres	Commercial or Village	Brief description of the block boundaries.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Kunda-dih	"	"	278	"	South- A tributary of Garia nala.
					East- Cut and cleared boundary line.
					North- Cut and cleared boundary line.
					West- Boundary line between this block and Garia.
Rasphari	"	"	180	"	South- Cut and cleared boundary line.
					East- "
					North- Cut and cleared boundary line.
					West- Boundary line between this Block and Garia Commercial forest.
Badura	"	"	487	"	South- A nala.
					East- A nala.
					North- Cut and cleared boundary line and Dongja nar.
					West- Cut and cleared boundary line and Kandopani nar.
					South-East-Boundary line between this block and Garia Commercial forest.

Name of forest	Tehsil	Tappa	Approximate area in acres	Commercial or Village	Brief description of the block boundaries
1	2	3	4	5	6
Baleri	Dudhi	Bacha	80	Village	North-East- A nala.
Ajangira	"	"	698	"	West- Muirpur-Rantola road.
					South- Cut and cleared Boundary line.
					East- Boundary line between this block and Bagalnar Commercial forest.
					North- Cut and cleared boundary line.
					West- "
Murdhawa	"	Dudhi	12,282	Commercial	South- "
					East- "
					North- Boundary line of Singrauli Estate.
West-	"	"	"	"	West- Riband river, cut and cleared boundary line between this block and Nihaipathar Village forest.
					South- Dongia nar and cut and cleared boundary line.
East-	"	"	"	"	East- Cut and cleared boundary line between this block and Hathinala Commercial forest.