

WORKING PLAN

For the

Dudhi Government Estate Forest Division

For

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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	31,101
C	25,062

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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 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

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C, taken together comprised 181 blocks, which were distributed in two ranges as under :—

Range	Area in acres			
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Total
Dudhi	76,660	16,346	16,535	1,09,541
Muirpur	24,272	14,755	8,527	47,554
Total	1,00,932	31,101	25,062	1,57,095
Total in Sq. miles.	157.71	48.59	39.16	245.46

There was little difference between class A and B forests except that they were declared reserved at different times, though the forest growth in class B was comparatively young and open. Both were managed for commercial exploitation. Class C forests were generally situated close to villages and were managed to supply the demands of the tenants for timber required for house building and agricultural implements. Some of the class C forests, however, were latterly managed for commercial exploitation.

18. Apart from these old and new *rakbats* (protected forests) there was a large area of unclassed village forests, locally called *katat*, scattered throughout the Estate, sometimes adjoining blocks of protected forests and sometimes quite isolated. They were often much cut up by cultivation, particularly by intermittent and shifting cultivation. Some *katat* forests were still quite well stocked however and in fairly good condition, the probable reasons for this being that a larger area of forest was left as *katat* in some places while parts of *katat* farther away from the villages had escaped serious damage.

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APPENDIX 'A'

(Of Joint Settlement Enquiry Report)

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).
Lengadih	310	Hathinala (Commercial)
Saundih (No. 1)	8	"
Saundih (No. 2)	65	"
Baurihwa	32	Baheradole (Commercial) and Baurihwa (Village)
Baheradole (No. 1)	62	Baheradole (Commercial)
Baheradole (No. 2)	19	"
Baheradole (No. 3)	84	"
Baheradole (No. 4)	98	"
Karkori	57	Garia (Commercial)
Harhori	318	"
Sorho	124	"

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1	2	3
Dadhera	380	Caria (Commercial).
Pipri	124	Murdhowa (Commercial) and Badura (Village).
Kirwani	120	Garia (Commercial) and Kirwani (Village).
Jokahi	58	Murdhowa (Commercial) and Jokahl (Village).
Murdhowa (No. 1)	232	"
Murdhowa (No. 2)	6	Murdhowa (Commercial).
Murdhowa (No. 3)	482	"
Butwn	84	Murdhowa (Commercial).
Cheri	455	Cheri (Commercial).
Sahgora	16	Duba (Commercial).
Kirwil	32	"
Nadhira	22	"
Siswa	4	Siswa (Village).
Kachan	115	Khatabaran (Commercial).
Banmahri	511	"
Magarmar	11	Sistola (Commercial).
Nawatola	22	"
Swanganj	8	Khushalnagar (Village).

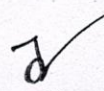
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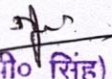
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Garderwa	380	Baheradole (Commercial), Majhauri and Garderwa (Village).
Basin	230	Harnakachar (Commercial).
Baldewa	12	Bairkhar (Village).
Girdhari	6	"
Jionath	25	Kathaundhi (Commercial) and Kirwani (Village).
Karamdand	20	Jharo (Village).


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