

Forest Act, 1963

Section 17 - Notification Declaring Forest a Reserved Forest

(1) When the following events have occurred, namely:

(a) the period fixed under section 5 for preferring claims has elapsed, and all claims, if any, made under that section or section 9 have been disposed of by the Forest Settlement Officer;

(b) if any such claims have been made, the period limited by section 16 for appealing from the orders passed on such claims has elapsed and all appeals (if any) presented within such period have been disposed of; and

(c) all proceedings prescribed by sections 11 and 14 have been taken and all lands and buildings (if any) to be included in the proposed reserved forest, which the Forest Settlement Officer has under section 11 elected to acquire under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, have become vested in the Government under section 16 of that Act,

the State Government shall publish a notification specifying clearly according to the boundary marks erected or otherwise, the limits of the forest which is intended to constitute a reserved forest and declaring the same to be a reserved forest from the date fixed by such notification, subject to the exercise of rights (if any) specified in such notification.

(2) From the date so fixed, such forest shall be deemed to be a reserved forest.
