

Forest Act, 1963

Section 31A - Constitution of Village Forest Committee for Joint Forest Planning and Management of Forest

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(1) For the purpose of Joint Forest Planning and Management of forest, the State Government may by notification constitute a Village Forest Committees in respect of a village or group of villages.

(2) The Government may by rules provide for,-

- (i) the powers, duties and responsibilities of Village Forest Planning Committee;
- (ii) the conduct of elections to the Committee;
- (iii) qualification and disqualifications of Members of Village Forest Committee;
- (iv) the powers and duties of Forest Officer;
- (v) preparation and execution of management plans;
- (vi) protection, development and management of forest by the Committee;
- (vii) sharing mechanism, audit and accounts;
- (viii) appointment of administrators or administrative Committees;
- (ix) settlement of disputes;
- (x) monitoring and evaluation; and
- (xi) any other matter incidental thereto.

1. Inserted by Act 12 of 1998 w.e.f. 11.5.1998.