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Forest Act, 1963

Section 45 - Period of Management

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(1) The period of management of any forest shall be for ten years from the date of publication of the notification under sub-section (1) of section 43, but such period may thereafter be extended by notification for successive periods of not more than ten years each:

Provided that the period of such management shall not in the aggregate exceed thirty years from the date of publication of the notification under sub-section (1) of section 43 assuming management of the forest.

(2) The Forest Officer under whose management the forest is placed shall, not later than six months before the expiry of any period referred to in sub-section (1), make a report to the State Government regarding such control and shall state therein whether in his opinion, any period of management should be extended.

(3) After considering any such report and subject to sub-section (1), the State Government shall decide whether to extend any period of management or whether to terminate it in the manner provided in section 46.

(4) No period of management shall be extended unless the owner has been given reasonable opportunity of showing cause against such extension and the State Government is satisfied that such extension is necessary for the preservation and protection of the forest.

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