

THE  
**BENGAL PRESIDENCY FOREST MANUAL.**

**PART I.**

**NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE INDIAN FOREST ACT AND OTHER  
ORDERS AFFECTING THE PUBLIC.**

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**20.—Notifications under the Wild Birds and Animals Protection Act (VIII of 1912) and Memorandum on their effect.**

*No. 8337 For.—The 25th August 1914.*—In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (2) of section 2 of the Wild Birds and Animals Protection Act, 1912 (VIII of 1912), the Governor in Council is pleased to apply the provisions of the said Act to the following kinds of wild birds and animals, which are not specified in the Schedule to the Act, namely :—

<i>Birds</i>	<i>Animals.</i>
Laughing thrushes ...	Sow and gooral.
Babblers ...	
Whistling thrush ...	
Nuthatches ...	
Drongos ...	
Creepers ...	
Wrens ...	
Wablers ...	
Shrikes ...	
Mniivets ...	
Orioles ...	
Grackles ...	
Starlings ...	
Mynas ...	
Fly-catchers ...	
Chats ...	
Robins and red starts, thrushes. ...	
Blackbirds and ouzels ...	
Martins and Swallows ...	
Wagtails ...	
Pipits ...	
Larks (including ortolans). ...	
Sun-birds ...	
Pittas ...	
Woodpeckers ...	
Bee eaters ...	
Hoopoes ...	
Swifts ...	
Cuckoos ...	
Owls ...	

*No. 10479 For.—The 10th November 1914.*—In exercise of the power conferred by section 3 of the Wild Birds and Animals Protection Act, 1912 (VIII of 1912), and in supersession of the late Eastern Bengal and Assam Government's Notification No. 1361 P.L. dated the 28th April 1911, issued under the provisions of the Indian Arms Rules 1909, the Governor in Council is pleased to declare the periods indicated in lists A and B annexed hereto to be close seasons for the birds and animals respectively mentioned in those lists throughout the whole of the Presidency of Bengal.

Notification No. 8338 For., dated the 25th August 1914, published at page 1659, Part I of the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 2nd September 1914, is hereby cancelled.

## LIST A.

## THE WHOLE YEAR.

<i>Birds.</i>	<i>Animals.</i>
Laughing thrushes ...	Female buffaloes. Rhinoceroses. Female bison, and in Jalpaiguri district, male bison. Female deer of all kinds. Female antelopes. Male deer when hornless or in velvet. Female serow and goral. Gazelles.
Babblers ...	
Whistling thrush ...	
Nuthatches ...	
Drongos ...	
Creepers ...	
Wrens ...	
Warblers ...	
Shrikes ...	
Minivets ...	
Orioles ...	
Grackles ...	
Starlings ...	
Mynas ...	
Fly-catchers ...	
Chats ...	
Robins and red start, thrushes. ...	
Blackbirds and ouzels ...	
Martins and Swallows ...	
Wagtails ...	
Pipits ...	
Larks (except Ortolans) ...	
Sunbirds ...	
Pittas ...	
Woodpeckers ...	
Bee-eaters ...	
Hoopoes ...	
Swifts ...	
Cuckoos ...	
Owls ...	
Hen florican.	

## LIST B.

## PART OF THE YEAR.

<i>Birds.</i>	<i>Animals.</i>
Ducks { Whistling Teal } 1st May to 31st	Male bison ... 1st May to 31st
{ Cotton Teal } August	August.
Male florican ... 15th March to 30th	Male deer ... 1st May to 31st
September.	October.
Jungle-fowl ... Ditto	Male antelopes ... Ditto.
Partridges ... Ditto	Hares ... 1st May to 30th
Pheasants ... Ditto.	September.
Pea-fowl ... 1st March to 30th	Male serow and
November.	goral ... 1st April to 30th
Pigeons ... 1st February to 31st	September.
July.	
Ortolans ... 1st April to 31st	
August.	

**Memorandum on the effect of Notifications under the Wild Birds and Animals Protection Act (1912) and the agency by which offences under that Act will be brought to notice of Magistrates.**

Notification No. 8337 For., dated the 25th August 1914, was published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of 2nd September 1914, and takes effect from that date; and Notification No. 10179 For., dated the 10th November 1914, was published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of 11th November 1914, and takes effect from that date.

2. The effect of these Notifications is to extend the protection of the Wild Birds and Animals Protection Act 1912 to the birds and animals noted in Notification No. 8337 For., dated 25th August 1914, and to make it unlawful and punishable during the close seasons prescribed by Notification No. 10179 For., dated the 10th November 1914, for birds and animals specified :—

- (a) to capture any such bird or animal, or to kill any such bird or animal which has not been captured before the commencement of such close time;
- (b) to sell or buy, or offer to sell or buy, or to possess, any such bird or animal which has not been captured or killed before the commencement of such close time, or the flesh thereof;
- (c) if any plumage has been taken from any such bird captured or killed during such close time, to sell or buy, or to offer to sell or buy, or to possess, such plumage.

3. It is open to *anyone* to bring these offences to the notice of Magistrates competent to try them (Magistrates of the second class and upwards are competent).

In the reserved and protected forests it will be more specially the duty of the Forest Department staff to bring to notice offences under the Act.

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DATED CAMP,

*The 5th December 1914.*

**21.—Agreements made with the Forest Department in Bengal which are exempted from duty payable under the Indian Stamp Act (II of 1899).**

Extract from Government of India Notification No. 3616-Exc., dated Simla the 16th July 1909 (republished in *Calcutta Gazette* of July 28th, 1909. Part IA, page 123).

“ In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9, clause (a) of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 (II of 1899), and in supersession of all previous Notifications issued from time to time under the said clause of the said section, the Governor-General in Council is pleased \* \* \* and to remit the duties so chargeable in respect of instruments of the other classes hereinafter described :—

**C. Forest Department.**

36. Agreement and security bond required to be executed under the rules to regulate the training and appointments in the Subordinate Forest Service by a student and his surety previous to his entry into the Imperial Forest School, Dehra Dun.

37. Instrument in the nature of a conveyance by the Government of standing trees in a Government forest.”

**22.—Rules for the execution of contracts by officers of the Forest Department in Bengal.**

*No. 2443M.R.—The 29th July 1913.*—With reference to the the part of the Resolution of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 713-31, dated the 2nd June 1913, which declares that contracts and other instruments in matters connected with the administration and working of forests, and with the business of the Forest Department generally, may be executed by Conservators, Collectors of districts, Deputy, Assistant, Extra Deputy and Extra Assistant Conservators of Forests to such extent and within such limits as the Local Government may prescribe by notification in the official Gazette, the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe the following rules:—

(1) No officer other than those of the classes mentioned in the following rules shall be empowered to enter into a contract on behalf of Government in matters connected with the administration and working of forests and with the business of the Forest Department generally.

(2) Any Forest officer appointed by an order in the *Calcutta Gazette* to hold charge of a Forest Division shall be empowered to enter into and execute contracts and other instruments in matters connected with the administration and working of forests, and with the business of the Forest Department generally within his jurisdiction, including leases of land, but not including contracts relating to the purchase or sale or permanent acquisition of land, provided that the value of the property to which the contract or instrument relates, or the amount of the expenditure involved, does not exceed Rs. 2,000.

(3) Similar powers shall be exercised by the Conservator where the value of the property, or the amount of expenditure involved, exceeds Rs. 2,000, but does not exceed Rs. 10,000.