

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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CHAPTER-II

The powers and duties of its officers and employees

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

He is the head of the department and also the ex-officio Principal Secretary (Environment & Forests and Science & Technology), to A&N Administration.

PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW

- All matters concerning Wildlife policies, Biodiversity, Eco- tourism, Yacht tourism, Management of Protected Areas and matters related to wildlife
- Enforcement of the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act. , 1972 and the Rules framed there under.
- Overall Administrative control of the Wildlife Divisions viz. Wildlife Division Port Blair, Wildlife Division Mayabunder, Nicobar Division, Havelock Division and Chidiyatapu Biological Park.
- Parliament questions on the subject of Wildlife Management &. Protection.
- All matters related to State Board for Wildlife.
- All matters related to National Board for Wildlife.
- Implementation of the National Wildlife Action Plan.
- State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.
- All matters related to the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- Preparation / upgradation of Management Plans of Protected Areas and Chidiyatapu Biological Park.
- All tourism projects funded by the Tourism Department / Central Government.
- Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat and Its components".
- Any specific projects / subjects under Wildlife / Biodiversity not covered above that may be entrusted by the PCCF, A&N Islands.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife, Biodiversity Conservation, Biosphere Reserve and Eco-Tourism)

- To aid and advise PCCF (Wildlife) / CWLW in technical matters.
- Preparation / upgradation of management plans of Protected Areas.
- Development of Biological Park, Chidiyatapu.
- .All tourism projects funded by the Tourism Department.
- Wildlife Research Projects / Studies funded by the Department / MoEF.
- All matters related to State Board for Wildlife/ National Board for Wildlife.
- All matters related to Bio-diversity Conservation, Biological Diversity Act and Biosphere Reserve.
- Any other duties that may be assigned to him by the PCCF (Wildlife) from time to time.

Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)

- Shall have supervisory / Administrative control of the Wildlife Divisions including Nicobar Division and Havelock Division and shall assist PCCF (Wildlife) in supervision of works of Wildlife Divisions.
- Function as Head of the Office for PCCF (WL)'s office.
- Any other duties that may be assigned to him by the PCCF (Wildlife) from time to time.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration & Vigilance)

- Service matters of Gazetted and Non-Gazette establishments (recruitments, transfer / posting, leave, Pension, GPF, Disciplinary /Court cases, property returns etc).
- Recruitment rules, Departmental promotion Committee, Seniority lists.
- Annual Confidential Reports, Training and Deputation of officers/officials.
- Parliament questions on the subjects handled by Additional PCCF (A& V).
- Audit Para and Public Accounts Committee.
- Island Development Authority.
- Maintenance / repairs of residential and non-residential buildings, condemnation of vehicles, machinery, equipment, boats, vessels etc.
- Disciplinary cases and Vigilance matters.

- All cases / matters related to Court cases in Industrial Tribunal, CAT, High Court, Supreme Court of India and Central Empowered committee.
- Scrutiny of diaries / tour notes of officers under his control.
- Non-plan budget estimates, distribution & sanction.
- Maintenance of record archive, weeding of old record.
- Matter related to A & N Islands Forest & Plantation Development Corporation Ltd.
- Notification in respect of all categories of forests.
- Forest settlement and consolidation.
- Forest Encroachment.
- Hindi Cell.
- NREGA and its implementation.
- Issues pertaining to Disaster Management, National Disaster management Plan and Emergency Support Function Plan, 2004.
- Tribal Welfare and Policy. The Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006.
- Joint Forest Management.

Southern Territorial Circle and Northern Territorial Circle shall remain under the administrative control of A.PCCF (Administration & Vigilance).

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Planning & Development)

- National Forestry Action Plan, State Forestry Action Plan, State Development Report, State of Environment Report, National Forestry Research Plan, State Forestry Research Plan - their formulation and implementation.
- National Forest Policy, National Environment Policy, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981.
- 5(five) year Plan Schemes & Annual Plan of Operation, Project formulation & Monitoring, progress and evaluation of various schemes implemented by the. Deptt.
- Procurement of vehicles, machinery, equipment, boats, vessels etc.
- Cost norms for regeneration of forests / plantations, Roads & Buildings and Timber harvesting etc. and their revision as and when required.
- Plan Budget estimates distribution and sanctions.
- Scrutiny of diaries / Tour notes of officers under his control.

- Compilation and Publication of Forest statistics, Annual Administration report.
- Parliament questions on the subjects handled by APCCF (P&D).
- Revision of royalty on forest produce, sale price of sawn timber. He will function as Member Secretary of the Timber Pricing Committee.
- Forestry Research, Chairman, Research Advisory Committee.
- Working Plans / Schemes, Resources Survey.
- Issues related with Panchayati Raj Institutions, Bamboo mission and rural development
- Integrated forest protection scheme (Centrally sponsored scheme).
- Centrally Sponsored Scheme other than those allotted to PCCF(Wildlife).
- Medicinal plant, correspondence on activity of Medicinal Plant Board at UT level and national level.
- Watershed development activity coordination with department of agriculture and rural development.
- Production of timber and other byproducts in Govt. Saw mills, development of Govt. Saw Mills.
- Matters related to harvesting and disposal of forest produce.
- Timber Accounts.
- Bharat Nirman Programme, Participation in Indian Trade Fair / Expo and Island Festival.
- Geographic information system (GIS) Cell and Remote Sensing, A&N Islands Space Application Centre, IT ENVIS Centre coordination, control and supervision.
- All matters related to State Level Environment Council / National Green Tribunal / National Environment Protection Authority.

CCF (Research & Working Plan), Mill Division and DCF(Planning & Monitoring) shall remain under the administrative control of A.PCCF(Planning & Development) for all matters.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Research & Working Plan)

- Working Plans/Schemes, Resources Survey.
- Forestry Research.
- Forest Settlement.
- Social Forestry & Forestry Extension.
- All matters related to Forest Training School.
- Issues of mangrove ecosystem including conservation and protection and Centrally Sponsored Scheme on mangrove.

- All matters related to State Level Environment Council/ National Green Tribunal! National Environment Protection Authority.

He will be the Nodal Officer for National Green Corps which organizes activities through Eco-Clubs established in various schools.

He will be the Member Secretary for Research Advisory Group. He is to scrutinize the project proposals and submit to the Committee.

Working Plan Division, Silviculture Division, Forest Extension & Publicity Division and Forest Training School will be under his administrative control.

Chief Conservator of Forests (CRZ & FC)

- Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Designated as Nodal Officer for the UT to co-ordinate and process all cases under the Act.
- CAMP A. He will be Member Secretary of the Executive Committee CAMPA.
- All matters related to Coastal Regulation Zone Regulations. He will function as Member Secretary of the Andaman & Nicobar islands Coastal Zone Management Authority (ANCZMA).
- Sand allotment.
- Parliament questions on subjects handled by him.

He will be the Chairman DPC & DSC for promotion and ACP for Group B (Non-gazette), C & D posts. '

He will be the Chairman of Compassionate Appointment Committee.

He shall, submit the, files related to Forest (Conservation) Act and Coastal Regulation Zone directly to the PCCF & Secretary (E&F), A&N Administration.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial Circle)

- Field level implementation of Working Plan prescriptions
- Maintenance of timber account.
- All matters related to settlement / eviction of Pre- 78 and Post-78 encroachments.
- All matters related to Audit Para.
- Matters related to the industrial establishment of territorial divisions.
- Formulation / implementation of APO.
- Control and monitoring of expenditure (Plan & Non-Plan) as per budgetary allocation.
- Monitoring of progress of compensatory afforestation in the Divisions.

- Coordination between territorial divisions and Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act for all matters related to the FCA.
- Ensuring smooth functioning of territorial divisions in terms of Forestry Management practices and people's expectations.
- Baratang, South Andaman, Little Andaman forest divisions, Middle Andaman, Mayabunder and Diglipur forest divisions will be under the complete administrative control of CCF (Territorial Circle), He will be responsible for the management of territorial divisions under his administrative jurisdiction.

Conservator of Forests (Headquarters)

- Function as Head of the Office and DDO for PCCF's office.
- Service matters of Gazette and Non-Gazette establishments (recruitments, transfer/posting, leave, Pension, GPF, Disciplinary / Court cases, property returns etc).
- Recruitment rules, Departmental Promotion Committee, Seniority lists.
- Annual Confidential Reports, Training and Deputation of officers/officials.
- Parliament questions on the subjects handled by Additional PCCF (A&V).
- Maintenance / repairs of residential and non-residential buildings, condemnation of vehicles, machinery, equipment, boats, vessels etc.
- Island Development Authority.
- Disciplinary cases and Vigilance matters.
- All matters related to Court cases in Industrial Tribunal, CAT, High Court and Supreme Court of India, Central Empowered Committee.
- Non- plan budget estimates, distribution & sanction.
- Hindi Cell.
- Maintenance of Van Sadan through Care Taker.
- Maintenance of record, archive, weeding of old records.
- Matters related to A & N Islands Forest & Plantation Development Corporation Ltd.
- Notification in respect of all categories of forests.
- Forest settlement and consolidation.
- Forest Encroachment.
- NREGA and its implementation.
- Issues pertaining to Disaster Management, National Disaster Management Plan and Emergency Support Function Plan, 2004.

- Tribal Welfare and Policy Tribal Welfare and Policy. The Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 xxi) R11 Act, 2005/IFA, 1927.

He will also discharge the duties of Dy. Secretary (E&F) as ordered vide-circular No.FSC/1/82-83 dated 8.4.1982 of A & N Administration.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Planning & Monitoring)

- National Forestry Action Plan, State Forestry Action Plan, 5(five) year Plan Schemes. Annual Operating Plans, Project formulation & Monitoring, progress and evaluation of various Schemes implemented by the Deptt.
- National Forest Policy, National Environment Policy, Environment (Protection) Act; 1986.
- Procurement of vehicles, machinery, equipment, boats, vessels etc.
- Cost norms for regeneration of forests/plantations, Roads & Buildings and Timber harvesting etc. and their revision as and when required.
- Budget estimates (Plan) re-appropriation of fund.
- Compilation & publication of Forest Statistics and Annual Administration report.
- Parliament questions on subjects handled by A.PCCF (P&D).
- Cases and reports / returns relating to illegal removal of forest produce.
- Revision of royalty on Forest Produce and sale price of sawn timber.
- Forestry Research.
- Working Plans / Schemes, Resources Survey.
- Issue related with Panchayati Raj Institutions, Bamboo mission and Rural Development.
- Integrated forest protection scheme and all other Centrally Sponsored Schemes other than Wildlife Schemes.
- Medicinal plant, correspondence on activity of Medicinal plant / Board at UT level and national level.
- Watershed development activity coordination with department of agriculture and rural development.
- Production of timber and other byproducts in Govt. Saw mills, development of Govt. Saw Mills.
- Matters related to harvesting and disposal of forest produce.
- Timber Accounts.
- Bharat Nirman Programme, Participation in Indian trade Fair / Expo and Island Tourism Festival.

- Geographic information system (GIS) Cell and Remote Sensing, A&N Islands Space Application Centre, IT ENVIS Centre - coordination, control and supervision.
- All matters related to State Level Environment Council / National Green Tribunal / National Environment Protection Authority.

He shall submit all the files related to the subjects mentioned above directly to APCCF (P&D).

Besides the above allocation of works, the officers shall perform any other works / duties as may be assigned to them by the PCCF, A&N Islands from time to time.

Assistant Conservator of Forests

The Assistant Conservator of Forests, are the Gazette Group 'B' Officers from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands State Forest Service. The Officers are holding the posts of individual Offices / Institute as Head of Office / DDO for the following offices such as Director Forest Training School, Deputy Director Chidiyatapu Biological Park and identified divisions like Havelock Wildlife Division, Mayabunder Wildlife Division, Forest Extension & Publicity Division, Little Andaman Forest Division and Depot Division (Kolkata).

The ACFs are to act as second in command when posted with the Divisional Forest Officers. Besides their posting in divisions, they are also attached with the Circle Offices & PCCF's Office for attending specific technical subjects. In addition to the divisions the ACFs are also posted as ACF Betapur Saw Mill, ACF(Legal), ACF(GIS Cell), ACF(Silviculture), ACF(Working Plan), ACF(CRZ / FCA & Environment), ACF(Wildlife), etc. The duties of the ACFs related to specific subject are as follows:

- 1. When posted as ACF (Betapur Saw Mill)** – The ACF shall be the overall in-charge of the Betapur Saw Mill and he shall be responsible for the overall management & working of the saw mill which shall include production, sales, labour management, safety and other matters related to the Mill. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him.
- 2. When posted as ACF (Depot Division)** – The ACF shall function as Head of Office as well as DDO in addition to the duties of Depot Division like receipt and disposal of timber, representing the department in the Court of Law, procurement of stores, medicines, etc. checking & monitoring of forest produce and wildlife animals & articles. He will also monitor / coordinate the movement of wild animals (zoo) from A & N Islands to mainland

and vice versa. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him.

- 3. When posted as ACF (Legal)** – The ACF shall be the overall in-charge of the Legal Cell. He shall be responsible for preparation of draft replies to every court case on receiving relevant record from Branch/Divisions concerned and getting it vetted/approved from the Prosecution Department, Law Department and Govt. Pleader. To pursue all court cases in the Supreme Court/High Court/CAT/CEC etc. To keep strict watch over speedy disposal of court cases and maintaining its upto-date record. Drafting amendments of Forest Legislations and rules concerned therewith. Any other duty assigned by the PCCF, ANI. He shall be responsible for dealing all the Legal matters relating to Department of Environment & Forests to safe guard the interest of the government and will also assist the PCCF, ANI in dealing the legal matters.
- 4. When posted as ACF (Planning & Statistics)** – The ACF shall be the overall in-charge of the Planning, Statistical and Timber Section of the PCCF's Office and he shall be responsible for the preparation of the Five Year Plans, Annual Plans, Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates, Eight Monthly, Ten Monthly, preparation of Plan progress report, Twenty point programme, etc. He shall be responsible for the Budget allotment, etc. He shall also look after the timber correspondences such as Timber extraction, plantation, progress reports and monthly returns from various divisions which are compiled and forwarded to the Administration. He shall also responsible for the preparation of the Basic Statistical reports that are to be furnished to the Ministry as well as Administration. He will also responsible for preparation of plans under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, allotment of fund under CSS & its monitoring. He will deal with the matters related to the A & N Administration and MoEF on the above matters. He will also deal with the matters related to NAP, National Forestry Action Plan, State Forestry Research Plan, National Forest Policy
- 5. When posted as ACF (GIS Cell)** – The ACF shall be the overall in-charge of the GIS Cell. He shall be responsible for proper and upto date maintenance of GIS Cell, NRIS Node, Space Application Cell and ENVIS Node and for creation and updating of Geo-Spatial Data on forestry, Wildlife, Environment and other subjects in respect of A & N Islands. He will also responsible for updating the GIS related software & its peripherals. He will also act as member secretary of the IT Cell and shall be responsible for the implementation of mandate of IT Act & IT Policies. He will assist the PCCF, ANI in GIS

and IT matters. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him.

- 6. When posted as ACF (Silviculture)** - The ACF shall be responsible for monitoring the research activities as per the Research Plan of the department including monitoring of all Silviculture plots, Research plots, Research Nurseries, etc. its enumeration and analysis and he will contribute towards the evolution of Plantation and regeneration techniques of various species. In addition to the above he shall be responsible for assisting the DCF (Silviculture) on technical & research issues as well as in implementation of various policies and schemes of the government. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under Silviculture Division.
- 7. When posted as ACF (Working Plan)** – The ACF shall be responsible for monitoring of field exercise in respect of preparation of Working Plan and analysis of the results. He shall provide inputs on technical issues as well as in implementation of various policies and schemes of the government and assisting the DCF (WP) in writing of Working Plans as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, CEC and National Working Plan Code. He will also monitor the compilation of control forms for preparation of Working Plans. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under Working Plan Division.
- 8. When posted as ACF (CRZ / FCA & Environment)** - The ACF shall be responsible for dealing with the subject of Coastal Zone Regulation, Forest Conservation Act and Environment Protection Act. He will assist the CCF (CRZ / FCA & Environment) on the subject.
- 9. When posted as ACF (Wildlife)** - The ACF shall be responsible for monitoring of various activities under Wildlife wing. In addition to the above he shall be responsible for assisting the PCCF (Wildlife) on technical issues as well as in implementation of various policies and schemes of the government. He will look after the monitoring of the tourism activities, scrutinizing of various research proposal, issue of protected area permits, monitoring of wildlife crimes.
- 10. When post to the Territorial Divisions** – The ACF is immediately subordinate to the Divisional Forest Officer in all matters, receives orders and instructions from him and assist him in supervision and inspection of works, including check measurement and in control of the establishment. He will inspect the Range Offices, depots etc., and see that

the accounts, register and books are maintained in order and posted upto date. ACFs shall perform functions and exercise the powers derived from various Acts and Regulations such as Indian Forest Act, 1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 etc., and administrative orders issued by the Government from time to time such as the duties of the Special Executive Magistrate for the eviction of encroachers, etc.; implementation of Joint Forest Management; inspection & monitoring of field activities like marking of trees, extraction activities, Afforestation activities, Building and Road constructions, watershed activities, matters related to Industrial workers and their promotion. In addition to the above he shall be responsible for assisting the respective Divisional Forest Officer on technical issues as well as in implementation of various policies and schemes of the government. He shall also monitor the tourism activities & implementation of Forest policy. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him.

11. When Posted to Circle Office – The ACF shall assist the Chief Conservator of Forests under whose jurisdiction they are working in efficient discharge of administration of the Circle through supervision of various activities both in the field and office.

12. When Posted to any section / unit – The ACF shall function as per the directions of the PCCF's Office. He shall be responsible for proper maintenance of that section / unit.

Besides the above allocation of works, the officers shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to them by the PCCF or by the Administration from time to time.

Forest Ranger

The post of Forest Ranger is one of the posts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest Non-Gazetted Service (Executive) which is classified as Group 'B'. In the Department of Environment and Forest, Forest Rangers are holding the highest hierarchy in the uniformed Executive staff. The Forest Rangers are mostly posted as Range Officers in the Territorial Divisions. Forest Rangers are also posted in the Forest Training School as Instructor, as Section In-charge in Mill Division, as Range Officers in other functional divisions like Silviculture, Working Plan, Wildlife, Forest Extension & Publicity Division, etc.

When posted as Range Officer:-

- Forest Range Officer is the officer in executive charge of the Range and he is responsible for the efficient management of the Range, for the custody and condition of all

Government Property in his charge and for the discipline, conduct and work of all his subordinate staff. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him.

- He is responsible for the execution of all works in the Range, with the help of executive staff and workers posted under him, according to the instructions and orders of Divisional Forest Officer. He will be responsible for effective supervision of all activities including protection of forest, wildlife and environment in this jurisdiction.
- He is responsible for the collection and credit of Forest Revenue and for prompt and correct payment of all sums due for the works executed.
- He must carry out his inspections in detail and see that all his subordinates do their work properly. In the event serious misconduct of any subordinate, the Range Officers should report the case to Divisional Forest Officer for disciplinary action.
- He should maintain all accounts, relating to revenue, expenditure, timber and other forest produce, and submit his accounts and reports punctually to the Divisional Office.
- He should take effective measures to protect the forest and wildlife Wealth in his custody. The Range Officer is responsible for the protection and he should inquire / investigate or arrange investigation in respect of forest / wildlife offences or any other offences. He will also be responsible for successful / effective prosecution of court cases booked under IFA, 1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, other Act, Regulation & Rules, maintaining of relevant court records, etc. He shall also ensure proper patrolling vigilance and surveillance in his jurisdiction. He will also exercise all the powers delegated to him through various notification of the A & N Administration under various Acts, Regulations & Rules.
- He shall be responsible for enforcement of various provisions of CRZ, Environment Protection Act, Forest Conservation Act, 1980, etc. He will also responsible for enforcement of eviction process for removal of encroachment on Forest area as per the orders passed by the Estate Officer of his jurisdiction.
- He will execute the sanctioned works at the rates not exceeding the sanctioned rates and record measurements and quantities of work done.
- He is responsible for the correct posting of works Registers, ledgers Journals, Plantation registers and other stationary registers, etc. maintained in the Range Offices.

- He should always wear the prescribed uniform whenever he is on duty, and he should see that all Section Officers, Deputy Ranger, Forester, Head Forest Guard & Forest guard and Industrial Workers wear the uniform when on duty.
- He should submit his weekly diaries with details of works, its progress during the week, status of protection of forests, etc., to give a comprehensive picture of the Range to the DFO. He will also forward the diaries of subordinate staff with his comments to the DFO.
- He should be responsible to prepare annual plan of operations for the Range based upon the sanctioned working plan, working Scheme or executive instructions and prepare necessary estimates and execute the works after obtaining sanctions and the budget.
- He shall be responsible for overall supervision of the works related to the timber extraction and its transportation and disposal, natural aided regeneration, raising of various plantations, nurseries, construction and maintenance of buildings, check dams, making of inspection paths, forests roads and bridges, other constructions in the National Parks and Sanctuaries, survey and demarcation, conversion of timber in the mill premises, depot maintenance, enumeration and marking of trees for exploitation, forest boundary maintenance and erection of boundary pillars, upkeep of livestock and its relevant records and returns, maintenance of vehicles, vessels, boats, dinghies and machineries. He will also ensure proper safety of arms and ammunitions its proper accounts and proper maintenance of VHF networking. He will also undertake wildlife management activities under his jurisdiction including conservation and protection of corals, Mangroves as well as protected areas, census of wildlife animals, management of eco-tourism sites, arrangements of nature's camps, etc. The Range Officer will be responsible for active participation for implementation of JFM in his jurisdiction. The Range Officer shall play an important role in the Coastal Security as well as in Disaster Management activities. He will act as per the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) on the above matters and pass on the important security / confidential information to the identified Officers.
- Range Officer shall be responsible for timely submission of accidental reports in respect of all the staff and workers working under him as well as other accidental reports caused by the nature and by means of animals and human beings in the relevant format. He shall be responsible for the safe custody and proper care of all govt. property under his jurisdiction.

- He shall inspect the camps, beats and other units under his control and shall submit reports to the Divisional Forest Officer which should also include the details of Biotic Pressure, Nature of Forest / Wildlife offences, etc.
- Range Officer shall be responsible for writing ACR for all the executive / Ministerial staff posted under him, furnishing their integrity certificate as well as performance certificate in respect of Industrial Workers as per the guidelines of the GoI.
- He shall be responsible for proper custody of important documents and tools like Toposheets (restricted maps), Transit Pass Books, cash books, permit books, TR-5 books, different types of hammers and other important documents.

When Posted in Wildlife Division / Silviculture Division / Working Plan / Forest Extension & Publicity / Chidiyatapu Biological Park / Wandoor National Park – A Forest Ranger as and when posted in the above divisions shall be responsible for effective execution of works related to that division as well as Range in addition to the general duties as mentioned above in the posting of Range Officer. . He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him.

When Posted in Forest Training School – A Forest Ranger as and when posted in the Forest Training School, Wimberlygunj, he will function as an Instructor (Teaching Staff) and shall be responsible for completion of course in various subjects during the training of the executive staff (Men & Women). He will be under the control of the Director, Forest Training School and shall attend all the duties as per the directions of the Director.

When Posted as Section In-charge or Section Officer – When a Forest Ranger is posted in a section like Mill Division or any other division as Section Officer, shall supervise all kinds of works pertaining to that section. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him. The Forest Ranger shall be responsible for attending all the general duties as mentioned in the posting of Range Officer.

When Posted as Range Officer Mobile Squad – The Range Officer shall be responsible for collection of vital information in respect of the forest & wildlife offences. He will also ensure proper patrolling vigilance and surveillance in his jurisdiction. The Range Officer shall be responsible for the protection and he should inquire / investigate or arrange investigation in respect of forest / wildlife offences or any other offences. He will also be responsible for successful / effective prosecution of court cases booked under various Act, Regulation, Rules, etc, maintaining of relevant court records, etc.

Besides the above allocation of works, the officers shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to them by the DFO or by the Officer In-charge to whom the Forest Ranger is attached or by the Administration from time to time.

Deputy Ranger

The post of Deputy Ranger is one of the posts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest Non-Gazette Service (Executive). The Deputy Rangers are generally posted to all important camps. In addition to the posting of camps, the Deputy Rangers are also posted at Range Office as attached Officer of Range Officer as well as In-charge of various sub-units. In the absence of the Range Officer he may look after the duties of the Forest Ranger on receipt of the orders received from the Divisional Forest Officer.

He will be responsible for the works related to the protection, conservation & management of forest and wildlife in the areas under his jurisdiction. Enforcement of the provisions of the Indian forest Act, 1927, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made there-under. Shall carry out all the duties and functions to be done by a "forest officer", when appointed so, under the provisions of the aforementioned Act and Rules. Shall function as an attached executive under a Forest Ranger or shall have to hold independent charge of a camp/beat/check post in the Department of Environment & Forest and shall maintain machinery, equipment, tools and plants placed under his charge. He shall judiciously deploy the work force under him and maintain all the accounts/records related to various works. He shall maintain the boundary of the forests under his jurisdiction. He is also required to do any other work as and when assigned to him by his superior officers.

He should submit his weekly diaries with details of works allotted, their progress during the week, status of protection of forests, etc., to give a comprehensive picture of the camp or unit of his posting.

When Posted as Camp Officer - The Deputy Rangers on posting as a camp officer shall be responsible for:

- i) Maintenance of attendance of labourers posted under them. Supervision of work of felling, logging and dragging.
- ii) Maintenance of connected records especially P.O.L account, Form No. 7 and 16.
- iii) Rafting and transportation of logs.
- iv) Maintenance of depot account.

- v) Execution of survey, regeneration, plantation and nursery work.
- vi) Timber conversion at Mill and supply of logs and issue of transit passes.
- vii) Enforcement of Indian Forest Act and Wildlife Protection Act and Rules made there under. To exercise the powers delegated to them under the said Acts, Rules.
- viii) Watch and ward over illicit felling, encroachment and booking of offence cases.
- ix) Building construction and Road & Bridge construction and its maintenance.
- x) They shall be responsible for the supervision and execution of work from the labourers under them.
- xi) Judicious deployment of extraction equipments attached to their camp.
- xii) Liaison with the officials of the other department of their equivalent rank.
- xiii) Submission of estimates etc., for various works including construction and other execution.
- xiv) Submission of prescribed returns to Range Officer.
- xv) When posted as in-charge of check post, checking of transit passes, movement of timber and maintenance of connected records as per prescribed norms.
- xvi) Any other work especially assigned to them by their superiors.

When Posted as Section In-charge or Section Officer – When a Deputy Ranger is posted in a section / unit of any Range / Division / Office as Section Officer, shall supervise all kinds of works pertaining to that section. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him.

Forester

- Responsible for the works related to the protection, conservation & management of forest and wildlife in the areas under his jurisdiction. Enforcement of the provisions of the Indian forest Act, 1927, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made there-under. Shall carry out all the duties and functions to be done by a “forest officer”, when appointed so, under the provisions of the aforementioned Act and Rules. Shall function as an attached executive under a Deputy Ranger/Forest Ranger or shall have to hold independent charge of a camp/beat/check post in the Department of Environment & Forest and shall maintain machinery, equipment, tools and plants placed under his charge. He shall judiciously deploy the work force under him and maintain all the accounts/records related to various works. He shall maintain the boundary of the forests under his jurisdiction. He is also required to do any other works as and when assigned to him by his superior officers.

- He should submit his weekly diaries with details of works allotted, their progress during the week, status of protection of forests, etc., to give a comprehensive picture of the camp or unit of his posting.

When Posted as Section In-charge or Section Officer – When a Forester is posted in a section / unit of any Range / Division / Office as Section Officer, shall supervise all kinds of works pertaining to that section. He shall also be responsible for the proper performance of the subordinate staff posted under him.

Head Forest Guard

- Shall function as an attached executive under a Deputy Ranger/ a Forester or exclusively as the in-charge of a forest Check post/Beat. Responsible for the works related to the protection, conservation and management of forests and wildlife in the areas under his jurisdiction. Enforcement of the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made there-under. Shall carry out all the duties and functions to be done by a “forest officer”, when appointed so, under the provisions of the aforementioned Act and rules. He is also requested to do any other works as and when assigned to him by his superior officers.
- He should submit his weekly diaries with details of works allotted, their progress during the week, status of protection of forests, etc., to give a comprehensive picture of the camp / unit or his place of posting.

Forest Guard

- Shall function as an attached executive under a Deputy Ranger/ Forester/ Head Forest Guard. Responsible for the works related to the protection, conservation and management of forest and wildlife in the areas under his jurisdiction. Enforcement of the provisions of the Indian forest Act, 1927, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made there-under. He shall carry out all the duties and functions to be done by a “forest officer”. When appointed so, under the provisions of the aforementioned Act and Rules. He is also requested to do any other works as and when assigned to him by his superior officers.
- He should submit his weekly diaries with details of works allotted, their progress during the week, status of protection of forests, etc., to give a comprehensive picture of the camp / unit or his place of posting.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927

	[1]	[2]
1	The Chief Conservator of Forests	Sections 21, 25, 26[1][c], 26[2][a], 34, 45[2], 46, 47[1] and [2], 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 64[1], 65, 66, 70 and 83.
2	All the Conservator of Forests	Sections 21, 26[2], 34, 45[2], 46, 47[1] & [2], 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 64[1], 65, 66, 70 and 83.
3	All the Deputy Conservator of Forests	Sections 21, 26[2], 34, 45[2], 46, 47[1] & [2], 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 64[1], 65, 66, 70 and 83.
4	All the Assistant Conservator of Forests	Sections 21, 26[2], 34, 45[2], 46, 47[1] & [2], 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 64[1], 65, 66, 70 and 83.
5	All the Rangers	Sections 45[2] (only to collect drift and other timber), 52, 56, 57, 64[1], 65, 66, 70 and 83[1].
6	All the Deputy Rangers	Sections 45(2) (only to collect drift and other timber), 52, 56, 57, 64(I), 66, 70 and 83(I).
7	All the Foresters	Sections 45(2) (only to collect drift and other timber), 52, 64(I), 66, 70 and 83(I).
8	All the Forest Guards	Sections 45(2) only to collect drift and other timber), 52, 64(I), 66 and 70.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1927

	[1]	[2]
1	The Chief Wildlife Warden (Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests)	Sections: (2), 11(1), 12, 17B, 28, 33, 33A(1), 34, 41(1), 42, 44, 45, 49C(3), 50(1), 50(3), 50(3A), 50(6), 50(8), 54, 55(b)
2	The Chief Conservator of Forests	Sections: 34A(1), 50(1), 50(3), 50(3A), 50(8), 58(d)
3	All the Conservator of Forests	Sections 34A(1), 50(1), 50(3), 50(3A), 50(8)
4	All the Deputy Conservator of Forests & DFO's (Wildlife Warden)	Sections 34A(1), 50(1), 50(3), 50(3A), 50(8), 54, 55
5	All the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Asst. Wildlife warden)	Sections 34A(1)(a), 39(2), 41(1), 47(b), 50(1) 50(3), 50(3A), 50 (6), 50(8), 55
6	All the Rangers (Asst. Wildlife warden)	Sections 39(2), 41(1), 47(b), 50(1), 50(3), 50(6), and 55
7	All the Deputy Rangers	Sections 50(1), 50(3)
8	All the Foresters	Sections 50(1), 50(3)
9	All the Forest Guards	Sections 50(1), 50(3)

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938

For the proper implementation and enforcement of this Regulation, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and all officers of the Forest Department of and above the rank of Forest Guards have been appointed as Fisheries Officer under this Regulation vide Chief Commissioner's Secretariat Notification No.11/77/F.No.5-1(118)72-Dev.11 dated 22nd January, 1977.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956

All Officers of this department not below the rank of a Ranger, is authorized to arrest without a warrant any person who has committed or is suspected of having committed, any offence

punishable under the said Regulation vide Chief Commissioner, A&N Island's Notification No. AN/PATR 19(1)/1 dated 6th May, 1957.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the provisions of A&N Islands Opium smoking (Prohibition) Regulation, 1955

All the Rangers and Deputy Rangers are authorized to discharge all the functions and to exercise all the powers of the Excise Officer under the above Regulation within their respective jurisdiction vide Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 112/55 dated 2.11.1955.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.P.C.)

One Assistant Conservator of Forests in each division is nominated as Special Executive Magistrate for the forest area of the division, under Section 21, Cr.P.C. They shall exercise the powers under the following sections of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 : Sections 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123,124, 129,130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147 and 148.

Powers of the Forest Officers under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971

The Divisional Forest Officers are notified as Estate officers under the Act. They conduct trials of the cases of encroachment as a Civil Court. Their orders are appealable before the District and Sessions Court.