

WILDLIFE (PROTECTION) (MAHARASHTRA) RULES 1975

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PART IX (B) (I)
WILDLIFE (PROTECTION) (MAHARASHTRA) RULES, 1975

No. WLP. 1073/759 -x - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (g), and (h) of sub-section (2) of Section 64 of the Wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Government of Maharashtra hereby makes the following Rules, namely:

CHAPTER - I

PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title, extent and Commencement** - (1) These rules may be called the Wildlife (protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975.

- (2) They extend to the whole of the State of Maharashtra.
- (3) They shall come into force on the 6th day of March 1975.

2. **Definitions** -

(1) In this Rules, unless the context other-wise requires -

- (a) Act means the wildlife (protection) Act, 1972;
- (b) Chairman means the chairman of the Board constituted under sub-section (1) of section 6;
- (c) 'Form' means a form appended to these Rules;
- (d) 'Games Block' means a forest area closed for hunting except under a Game Block permit;
- (e) 'Licence' means a licence granted under the Act;
- (f) 'Licensee' means a holder of a licence;
- (g) 'Licensing Authority' means the chief wildlife warden or any other officer authorised by State Government, under sub-section (2) of Section 9 of the act to grant a licence under these Rules;
- (h) 'Section' means a section of the Act;
- (i) 'Schedule' means a schedule to the Act;

(2) Words and expressions used in these rules but not defined therein, shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them under the Act.

CHAPTER - II

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

3. **Term of office** -- subject to the provisions of rule 5, a member of Board referred to in clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 6 shall hold office for a term of three years (or such shorter or longer period as the state Government may direct) commencing on the date on which he enters upon his office.

4. **Resignation by members** - (1) A member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to he Chairmen.

(2) The office of a member of the Board shall fall vacant from the date on which his resignation is accepted or on the expiry of thirty days from the date of receipt of intimation of resignation whichever is earlier.

(3) The power to accept the resignation of a member of the Board shall vest in the chairman who on acceptance of resignation, shall report to the Board at its next meeting.

5. **Removal of member -**

(1) A member of the Board referred to in clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 6, may be removed from office by an order of the State Government, for misconduct or negligence in the discharge of his duties or for being guilty of any misbehavior:

Provided that no such members shall be removed from office, unless, he has been given a reasonable opportunity to furnish his explanation.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the State Government may by order, remove from office, any member of the Board if such member.

(a) is, in the opinion of the State Government, unfit to continue in office by reason of infirmity of mind or body; or

(b) is adjudged insolvent; or

(c) is convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude or

(d) take without leave of chairman, to attend more than three successive meeting of the board.

6. Filling in of casual vacancy -

(1) When a member of the Board referred to in clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 6, resigns or dies or is removed from office or becomes incapable of acting, the state Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint a person to fill in the vacancy.

(2) A person appointed to fill in the casual vacancy under sub-rule (1) shall hold office, so long as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held it, if the vacancy had not occurred.

7. Travelling Allowance -

(1) Non-official members of the Board who are members of the State Legislature or of the parliament, shall be entitled to draw travelling and daily allowances, in accordance with the law relating to allowances of members of the State Legislature, or as the case may be, of the parliament under instruction under section I-General, Appendix XLII -A of the Bombay Civil Services Rules, 1959, Volume II. All other non-official members of the Board, shall be entitled to travelling and daily allowances, in accordance with scale I, in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 1, under section I of Appendix XLII-A of the Bombay civil Services Rules, 1959, volume II.

(2) The travelling allowance bills shall be presented to the secretary of the Board who shall after scrutiny thereof, countersign the bills and disburse the allowances.

CHAPTER - III

HUNTING OF WILD ANIMALS

8. Application for licence - (1) An application for a special Game Hunting Licence, Big Game Hunting Licence or a Small Game Hunting Licence shall be made to the Licensing Authority in Form I:

Provided that no such application shall be considered, except from a person who is in possession of valid licence for sport in Form III, as set out in schedule III to the Arms Rules, 1962:

Provided further that no application for a licence shall be entertained from any person referred to in section 34, unless the name of such applicant has been registered by the chief wildlife warden or the authorised officer under that section.

(2) An application for a wild animal trapping licence shall be made to the chief wildlife warden, in form II.

(3) Every application referred to sub-rule (1) and (2), shall be accompanied by the full amount of the appropriate fees, specified in rule 9, either in cash or by a bank draft or by a receipt for payment of such amount on Government account, into a Government treasury.

9. Fees for Licences - The fees for Licences referred to in rule 8, shall be as follows:

(a) in the case of a special game hunting licence, Rs. 300/- per year.

(b) In the case of a big game hunting licence -

(i) where the licence is for a period of one month, Rs. 30 and

(ii) where the licence is for a period of one year, Rs. 200

(c) in the case of a small Game hunting licence -

(i) where the licence is for a period of one month, Rs. 15 and

(ii) where the licence is for a period of one year, Rs. 50 and

(d) in the case of wild animal trapping licence, Rs. 50 per month.

10. Grant of licence – (1) On receipt of an application for a licence under this Chapter, the Licensing Authority, after holding an inquiry in the manner provided in sub-section (5) of section 9, grant or reject the application.

(2) Where an application is rejected under sub-rule (1) the licence fee shall be refunded expeditiously to the applicant.

(3) Where the Licensing Authority decides to grant the licence applied for, it shall require the applicant to pay in cash or to produce a treasury receipt or a bank draft, showing the payment of deposit as specified in rule 11 and royalty as specified in rule 12.

(4) On receipt of the payment referred to in sub-rule (3), the Licensing Authority shall grant the licence applied for, in the appropriate form specified in sub-rule (5).

- (5)
- (a) A special Game Hunting Licence shall be granted in Form III.
 - (b) A Big Game Hunting Licence shall be granted in Form IV.
 - (c) A Small Game Hunting licence shall be granted in form V.
 - (d) A Wild Animal Trapping Licence shall be granted in Form VI.

11. Deposit - A person to whom a licence may be granted under rule 10, shall when so required by the Licensing Authority under that rule, pay the deposit as specified below, namely:

- (a) in the case of a Special Game Hunting Licence, Rs.300;
- (b) in the case of a Big Game Hunting Licence, Rs. 200;
- (c) in the case of a Small Game Hunting Licence, Rs.100; and
- (d) in the case of Wild Animal Trapping Licence, Rs. 500;

12. Royalty – In addition to the licence fee referred to in rule 9, a person to whom a licence may be granted under rule 10, shall, when required by the licensing authority under that rule, pay royalty in respect of every animal to be hunted, trapped or captured as specified in the table below;

Provided that no royalty shall be recovered in respect of small game except where such animal is trapped under a Wild Animal Trapping Licence.

13. **Validity of licence -** (a) A Special Game Hunting Licence shall be granted for a period of one year, from the date of the grant thereof..

(b) A Big Game Hunting Licence and a Small Game Hunting Licence shall be granted either for a period of one month or one year, for the date of the grant thereof.

(c) The Wild Animal Trapping Licence shall be granted for a period not exceeding one month from the date of the grant thereof.

(d) A licence granted under rule 10 shall be valid only for the area specified therein.

14. **General provision regarding Licences under this chapter -**(1) The licensee may hunt both the sexes of each species unless he is prohibited by any condition to the contrary, specified in the licence.

(2) (a) The Licensee shall intimate in advance to the Range Forest Officer having jurisdiction, his desire to organize drives and give details of the date and place, where he intends to have such drives.

(b) If the Range Forest Officer is of the opinion, that such drive of wild animal should not be held, he may, for reason to be recorded in writing, prohibit such drive and communicate the same to the licensee.

(c) Only spears and axes may be carried if necessary, by the beaters, for the purpose of drive.

(3) Any machan or pit constructed by the Licensee for the purpose of hunting shall immediately be dismantled or filled in, as the case may be, on the completion of hunting.

(4) All trophies or uncured trophies or meat or any wild animal, which has been killed or captured in contravention of the terms and conditions of the licence shall be deemed to be Government property under section 39.

(5) The Licensee shall, while hunting or trapping any wild animal, carry with him his Licence, and on demand by any forest officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer or an same for inspections.

(6) A licence shall not be transferable.

(7) The Licensee shall maintain a record in form in form VII of the animals killed, captured or wounded by him such record shall together with the licence, within fifteen days of the expiry or suspension of the licence, be surrendered to the Licensing Authority as required by section 10.

(8) A licence shall be valid during the period of 'closed time' declared in respect or any wild animal, specified in the notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 16.

(9) The Licensee shall not hunt in areas notified as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, game reserves, game blocks and other areas declared as closed for hunting.

(10) No Licensee shall use L.G. or any other shot of a gun against any deer or antelope.

(11) The Licensee shall not use any rifle of a bore smaller than. 400 H. V. or 500 H. V. black powder except a magnum 375 H. V. rifle, for hunting of a bison.

(12) The Licensee shall not possess any live animal which is maimed or injured.

(13) No. Licensee shall not engage more than two non-Licensees to assist him in his hunting.

(14) The Licensee or any of his retainers or followers, shall be responsible for liability, if any, in respect of any wrongful act done under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or other law for the time being in force.

Explanation- For purpose of this sub-rule-

- (a) 'retainer' means a person holding an arms licence and accompanying the Licensee for assisting him during hunting, capturing or trapping of any wild animal; and
- (b) 'follower' means a person employed by the Licensee for rendering field assistance to him in connection with hunting, capturing or trapping of any wild animal.

15. No Licensee shall during hunting, have in his possession a loaded fire-arm while travelling in any vehicle or boat, nor shall be discharge any fire-arms from any vehicle or boat, whether stationary or in motion.

Explanation – For the purpose of this sub-rule –

- (a) 'boat' means a boat other than a boat which is propelled by human powers;
- (b) any fire-arm having alive shell or cartridge in its chamber shall be deemed to be loaded.

(16) The Licensee shall abide by the provisions of section 17 of the Act, these rules and the conditions specified in the licence.

16. Forfeiture of deposit – (1) If any Licensee contravenes the provisions of the rule 14 or 15, the deposit made by him shall be liable to be forfeited in whole or in part, as the licensing Authority may direct.

(2) Where the Licensing Authority cancels or suspends under section 13, a licence granted under rule 10, it may for reasons to be recorded in writing, order the forfeiture of the whole or part of the deposit made by the Licensee.

17. Refund of deposit and royalty – (1) On the expiry of the period specified in the Licence and on receipt of the return in Form VII from the Licensee, the Licensing Authority shall, after satisfying itself that the Licensee has not committed any breach of the conditions of the licence, refund expeditiously the amount paid as deposit by the Licensee.

(2) Where a Licensing Authority is satisfied that an animal in respect of which royalty has been paid has not been killed, captured or wounded and that the Licensee has not committed any breach of the conditions of the licence, it shall refund expeditiously the amount paid as royalty by the Licensee.

18. Refund of licence fee – (1) Any person who has been refused a licence, may apply to the Licensing Authority in Form VIII for refund of the licence fee paid by him.

(2) on receipt of the application under sub-rule (1), the Licensing Authority shall, after such inquiry as it may deem fit, refund the licence fee paid by the applicant.

19. Duplicate copies of licence – A duplicate copy of the licence shall be issued by the Licensing Authority, on payment of half the fee prescribed for the original licence, clearly stamped 'duplicate', in red ink therein.

20. Determination of game blocks – (1) Every year in the month of July the conservator of Forests concerned, shall send proposals to the chief wildlife warden for notifying in the official Gazette, the game blocks consisting of forest areas under his jurisdiction specifying therein the areas –

- (a) Which are absolutely closed for hunting;
- (b) Which are provisionally closed for hunting; and
- (c) In which hunting is permitted under a Game Block Permit.

(2) On receipt of the proposals under sub-rule (1), the Chief Wildlife Warden shall, subject to any directions issued by the State Government in that behalf, determine the game blocks and notify them in the official Gazette:

Provided that, the Chief Wildlife Warden may if he considers it necessary so to do, with effect from such date as he may direct, permit hunting in a game block which is provisionally, closed for hunting or declare any area in which is hunting is permitted as provisionally closed for hunting.

(3) No person shall hunt any wild animal in any game block without a Game Block Permit.

21. Application for reservation of game blocks – (1) Any person holding a special Game Hunting Licence or a Big Game Hunting Licence, may apply in Form IX to the conservator of Forests or the Divisional Forest Officer for a permit (hereinafter referred to as a **Game Block Permit**) for allotment of a game block.

- (a) in the case of an Indian citizen, not later than thirty days before the date on which he desires to hunt:
- (b) in the case of a person other than Indian citizen at least, six months from which the reservation of the block is desired by him.

(2) Every such application shall be accompanied by the particulars of the licence possessed by the applicant.

22. Grant of permit – (1) on receipt of the application under rule 21, the conservator of Forests or as the case may be, the Divisional Forests Officer shall, after making such inquiry as he may deem fit, either allot a game block or reject the application.

(2) Where there are more applications than one, for reservation of a game block for the same period the game block shall be allotted to that applicant whose application has been received earlier. Provided that, on applicant shall be allotted more than one game block at any one time.

(3) The Game Block permit shall be in form x, and shall be valid for a period of not exceeding thirty days as may be specified therein,. It shall specify the number of each animal species permitted to be hunted in the block, together with theirage and sex.

(4) No holder of a Game Block permit shall hunt in the block to which the permit relates, any species of animal mentioned in the licence granted under rule 10, but not included in the game block permit.

23. Fees – (1) A person to whom a game block has been allotted, shall within fifteen days of the receipt of the order of allotment, deposit such fee as may be required by the rules made under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, and produce the receipt before the Conservator of Forests or the Divisional Forests Officer, as proof of having deposited the fee.

(2) Where a person fails to deposit the fee as required under sub-rule (1), the reservation of game block in his favour shall be cancelled and the game block may be allotted to the person next in the order of priority.

C. SPECIAL PURPOSE PERMIT

24. Application – (1) Every person desiring to hunt any wild animal, for any of the purpose referred to in section 12, shall obtain a permit form the Chief Wildlife Warden (hereinafter called a 'Special purpose permit')

(2) An application for a special Purpose Permit shall be made to the Chief Wildlife Warden, in Form XI

(3) Every application referred to in sub-rule (2), shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 5/- in cash, if the licence required, is for a period of one month or Rs. 50/-, when it is required for one year.

25. Grant of a permit – (1) On receipt of an application for a Special Purpose Permit, the Chief Wildlife Warden may, after such inquiry as he deems fit and subject to the provisions of section 12, grant or reject the application.

(2) Where an application is rejected, the fee paid by the applicant shall, on an application made by him in Form VIII, be refunded to him.

(3) Where the chief wildlife warden decides to grant a special purpose permit, it shall be granted in Form XII.

26. General Provision – (1) Every person holding a Special Purpose Permit, shall submit a fortnightly or weekly report of his collection, as may be required by the Chief Wildlife Warden, and send a copy of such report each to the Conservator of Forests the Divisional Forest Officer of the area in which hunting or trapping is done.

(2) The permit-holder shall not collect any animal specified in Schedule I and Part II of schedule II, unless he is specifically permitted to do so.

(3) The permit-holder shall, whenever required by the chief wildlife warden or any other officer authorised by him in that behalf, produce for inspection, the entire collection made by him.

(4) The permit-holder shall not export his collection outside the State of Maharashtra without the written permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden or any other Officer authorised by him in this behalf.

CHAPTER - IV

SANCTUARIES, NATIONAL PARKS, GAME RESERVES AND CLOSED AREAS

27. **Claim to be made upon proclamation by collector-** where the collector publishes a proclamation under section 21, any person claiming any right mentioned in section 19, may prefer before such Collector, within two months from date of such proclamation a written claim in form XIII.

28. **Notice to claimant-** on receipt of the claim made under rule 27 the Collector shall serve a notice upon the claimant, requiring him to appear at such place and on such date, as may be specified in such notice, either in person or through an agent authorised by him in this behalf and to produce evidence, oral or documentary, in support of the claim.

29. **Entry in a sanctuary or national park for purposes of section 28(1) - (d) and (e)**
(1) Every person desiring to enter any sanctuary or national park as may be determined by the state Government in this behalf, for the purpose of tourism or transaction of any lawful business with any person residing therein, shall obtain a permit which shall be issued at the gate of the sanctuary or national park.

(2) A permit referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be in Form XIV and be issued by an officer authorised by the Chief Wildlife Warden in this behalf, on payment of a fee specified in sub-rule (3).

(3) The fee in respect of the permit shall be as follows, namely

(A) (a) In the case of visitors (not being students) who are

- (i) Indian citizens, fifty paise per head, per day;
- (ii) Other than Indian citizens, Rs. one per head, per day;

(b) In the case of students who are-

- (i) Indian citizens, twenty-five paise per head, per day;
- (ii) Other than Indian citizens fifty paise per head, per day;

(c) A child below five years shall be exempt from payment of the fee.

- (B) In respect of a vehicle which is –
- (a) a light motor vehicle, such as a car or jeep, Rs. 5/- per vehicle, per day;
 - (b) a heavy motor vehicle, such as a lorry or truck, Rs. 10/- per vehicle, per day;
 - (c) a motor cycle or tricycle, including motor scooters and cycle with attachment, for propelling the same by mechanical power, Rs. 2/- per vehicle, per day;
 - (d) an animal-driven vehicle, Rs. One per vehicle, per day.
- (4). The fee for operating a camera shall be as follows, namely:
- (a) in case of still camera to be operated by an Indian citizen, Rs. 2/- per camera, per day; and in the case of other persons, Rs. 8/- per camera, per day;
 - (b) in the case of a Cine-camera where it is to be operated by an Indian citizen, Rs. 5/- per day, and in the case of other persons, Rs. 20 per camera per day;
- (5) A permit referred to in sub-rule (1), shall be valid for the period specified therein.
- 30. Entry in a sanctuary or a national park for the purposes of section 28 (1), (a), (b) and (c)**
- (1) Every person desiring to enter a sanctuary or a national park for the purposes of investigation or study of wildlife and purposes ancillary or incidental thereto or for professional photography or scientific research, shall obtain a permit from Chief Wildlife Warden or the officer in-charge of the sanctuary or national park.
 - (2) The fee for operating a camera shall be as follows namely:

(a) Where photography is for scientific research, investigation and study of wildlife and purposes ancillary or incidental thereto --

(i) in the case of a still camera to be operated by Indian citizens not exceeding five in number, Rs. 2 per camera, per day, and in the case of other persons not exceeding five in number Rs. 10/- per camera, per day;

(ii) in the case of a cine-camera, where it is to be operated by Indian citizens not exceeding five in number, Rs. 25/- per camera, per day and in the case of other persons not exceeding five in number, Rs. 50/- per camera, per day;

(b) where photography is for professional purpose -

(i) in the case of a still-camera to be operated by an Indian citizen, Rs. 100 per camera, per day, and in the case of other persons, Rs. 500 per camera, per day;

(ii) in the case of a cine-camera to be operated by an Indian citizen, Rs. 500 per camera, per day, and in the case of other persons, Rs. 1000 per camera, per day;

(c) where photography is for or in connection with commercial movies -

(i) in the Borivli National Park, Rs. 1,000 per day, per party, and an additional fee Rs. 1,000 per day, where scenes of running of mini-train are to be photographed and Rs. 500 per day, where film shooting is to be done in the vicinity of the Log-Hut, Deer Park or such other prominent places, as may be determined by the Chief Wildlife Warden;

(ii) in other sanctuaries or National parks in the state, Rs. 500 per day, per party;

(iii) in other places, Rs. 250 per day, per party.

(3) The fee specified in sub-rule (2) shall be payable in advance.

(4) For professional photography and commercial movies in addition to the above fee, a deposit of Rs.500 shall be recovered in advance, The same shall be refunded with due regard to the fulfilment of the terms and conditions laid down in this behalf.

31. General conditions governing the issue of permits - (1) The permit referred to in rule 30 shall be in Form XV.

(2) The permit shall not entitle any person to free accommodation in any Government building, situated within the limits of the sanctuary or national park.

(3) Any officer or servant of the Forest Department on duty or an officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 4, may require any person to stop within the limits of the sanctuary or national park, as the case may be, or at the entrance gate, for the purpose of checking and may demand for inspection, the permit granted under this chapter. Every person so required to stop, shall stop when called upon to do so and shall produce the permit for inspection.

(4) No person shall be allowed to enter a sanctuary or a national park with any weapon of ammunition, except with the previous permission in writing, of the Chief Wildlife Warden or any other officer authorised in this behalf.

(5) No dogs and any other pet animal shall be permitted to enter a sanctuary or a national park.

32. Cancellation of permit - Where a holder of permit referred to in rule 30 commits a breach of any of the provisions of the Act or the rules thereunder or of any of the conditions specified in a permit, the Chief Wildlife Warden or the officer in-charge of a sanctuary or national park may, after recording his reason in writing, cancel the permit.

33. Power to exempt -- Where a holder of a permit referred considers it necessary or expedient so to do in the public interest, it may, by order, exempt any person or class of persons from payment of the fee payable under rule 29 or rule 30.

34. Registration of persons holding fire-arms - (1) Within three months from the declaration of an area as a sanctuary or National Park, or in the case of a sanctuary or National Park existing at the commencement of these rules, within three months of such commencement, every person residing in or within ten kilometres of such sanctuary or national park and holding a licence granted under the Arms Act, 1959, or exempted from the provisions of that Act and possessing arms, shall apply in Form XVI to the officer-in-charge of the sanctuary or National park for the registration of his name in the register maintained under this rule.

(2) The application under sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 5 in cash for such registration.

(3) (a) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (1), the officer-in-charge of the sanctuary or national park shall after making such inquiry as he may deem fit, register the same and other particulars of the applicant in Form XVII.

(b) A separate page in the register shall be allotted to every person whose name is so registered (hereinafter referred to as the 'Licensee')

(4) Where a Licensee commits any offence under the Act or the rules made thereunder, the officer-in-charge of the sanctuary or National park shall make an entry to that effect in Register and where such officer is satisfied that the Licensee has committed the said offence, on occasions more than one, he may take such steps as he considers necessary, to move the authority concerned, for cancelling the licence, held by the Licensee under the Arms Act, 1959.

(5) Where the Licensee transfers his arms to another person by way of sale, gift or otherwise, he shall intimate the office-in-charge of the sanctuary or National park, of the same, within a period of fifteen days of such transfer.

(6) Where the Licensee changes his residence to another place within ten kilometres of such sanctuary or National park, or changes his residence to a place beyond such distance, he shall intimate his new address to the officer-in-charge of the sanctuary or National park, within fifteen days from the date of shifting to the new residence.

(7) Where the Licensee dies, his successor or legal representative shall, as soon as possible, after such death, intimate the fact to the officer-in-charge of the sanctuary or National park.

CHAPTER - V

TRADE OF COMMERCE IN WILD ANIMALS, ANIMAL ARTICLES AND TROPHIES

- 35. Declaration of animal article trophy, etc** – Notwithstanding any declaration that a person may have made under sub-section (1) of section 40, any person who has in his control, custody or possession, any captive animal, animal article or trophy (other than the musk of a musk deer or the horn of a rhinoceros) or salted or dried skins, derived from an animal specified in Schedule I or part II of Schedule II, shall within thirty days from the commencement of these rules, declare in Form XVIII to the Chief Wildlife Warden or any officer authorised by him on this behalf (hereafter referred to as the Authorised Officer)
- 36. Inquiry and preparation of inventories** – (1) On receipt of a declaration under rule 35 or under sub-section (1) of section 40, the Chief Wildlife Warden or the Authorised Officer, shall give a notice to the person making the declaration, as to the date and time on which he shall enter upon his premises and such notice shall be served on the person making the declaration or sent to him by registered post.
- (2) The Chief Wildlife Warden or the Authorised Officer, may after making such inquiry as he may deem fit, inspect the premises and animal articles, trophies, uncured trophies and captive animals, specified in Schedule I or part II of Schedule II.
- (3) The Chief Wildlife Warden or the Authorised Officer, shall make an inventory of such animals or objects found by him upon the premises, in Form XIX.
- (4) The Chief Wildlife Warden or the Authorised Officer, shall affix upon each object referred to in sub-rule (3) an appropriate identification mark as far as possible, in indelible ink.
- 37. Certificate of ownership** – The Chief Wildlife Warden, may, for the purpose of section 40, issue a Certificate of Ownership on Form XX, to a person who in his opinion, is in lawful possession of any wild animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy.

38. Application for a licence to commence or carry on business as a manufacturer or dealer in any animal article etc. – (1) Every person desiring –

(a) to commence or carry on business as –

- (i) a manufacturer of or dealer in any animal article; or
- (ii) a taxidermist; or
- (iii) a dealer in trophy or uncured trophy; or
- (iv) a dealer in captive animals; or
- (v) a dealer in meat; or

(b) to cook or serve meat in any eating-house, shall make an application in Form XXI, to the Chief Wildlife Warden for the grant of a licence. Every such application shall be accompanied by the fee specified in rule 39.

(2) An application for obtaining a licence to cook or serve meat in any eating-house, shall specify the species of animal, the meat of which he desire to cook or serve.

39. Fee. – Every application for the grant of a licence referred to in rule 38 or for its renewal shall accompanied by a fee, as specified below, namely:

(1) An application for a licence to carry on business as –

- (a) a manufacturer of, or dealer in, any animal article, shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 100/-;
- (b) a taxidermist, shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 100/-;
- (c) a dealer in trophy or uncured trophy, shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 50/-;
- (d) a dealer in captive animal, shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 50/-;
- (e) a dealer in meat, shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 25/-.

(2) An application for obtaining a licence to cook or serve meat in any eating-house, shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 25/-.

40. Grant of licence - (1) On receipt of an application under rule 38, the Chief Wildlife Warden, shall, after making such inquiry as he may deem fit either grant the licence in the appropriate forms mentioned in sub-rule (4) or reject the application. Such licence shall be granted for a period of one year from the date of the grant thereof.

(2) Where an application is rejected, the fee paid shall be expeditiously refunded to the applicant.

(3) In granting a licence under sub-rule (1), the Chief Wildlife Warden shall have due regard to –

- (a) the past record of the applicant as a dealer in the business which he desires to carry on ;
- (b) the fact as to whether the person has been convicted of any offence under the provisions of an Act or there rules or under any of the provisions of an Act repealed by section 66; and
- (c) the need for granting a licence, keeping in view the abundance or otherwise, of the wildlife existing in the State.

(4) A licence –

(a) to commence or carry on the business as –

- (i) a manufacturer or dealer in an animal article shall be in Form XXII;
- (ii) a taxidermist shall be in Form XXIII;
- (iii) a dealer in trophy or uncured trophy shall be in Form XXIV;
- (iv) a dealer in captive animals shall be in Form XXV;
- (v) a dealer in meat, shall be in Form XXVI;

(b) to cook or serve meat in any eating-house shall be in Form XXVII.

41. Renewal of licence - (1) A Licensee desiring to renew his licence granted under this chapter, may apply in Form XVIII, at least thirty days before the date of its expiry.

(2) The Chief Wildlife Warden, may, subject to the provisions of sub-section (7) of section 44, renew the licence in the forms specified in sub-rule (4) of rule 40 as may be appropriate, and state therein the period up to which the licence is renewed.

42. Conditions governing the grant of licence - Every licence granted under rule 40, shall specify the terms subject to which a business or profession shall be carried on and shall also be subject to the provisions of the Act and these rules.

43. Issue of a bill or cash memo - (1) Every Licensee, not being a taxidermist, shall, at the time of sale, issue a bill or cash memo to the purchaser and such bill or cash memo shall contain the following particulars, namely:

- (a) Name of the Licensee;
- (b) Name, address and place of business of the Licensee;
- (c) Number of the licence;
- (d) Description of the article sold;
- (e) Sale price therefor;
- (f) Date of sale;
- (g) Signature of the Licensee.

(2) Every taxidermist, shall, at time of returning the trophy or uncured trophy, issue a voucher to the owner thereof and such voucher shall contain the following particulars, namely:

- (a) Date of issue of voucher;
- (b) Name, address and place of business of the Licensee;
- (c) Number of the licence;
- (d) Description including name of species;
- (e) Price realised;
- (f) Name and address of the person to whom the voucher is issued;
- (g) Signature of the Licensee.

44. Bill, cash memo or voucher, how to be maintained - (1) Every bill, cash memo or voucher, as the case may be, referred to in rule 43, shall be in triplicate and serially numbered.

(2) The duplicate and triplicate copy of every bill, cash memo any voucher shall be retained by the Licensee and the original copy –

(i) in the case of bill or cash memo, shall be given to the purchaser; and

(ii) in the case of a voucher, shall be given to the owner of the trophy,

(3) Every book containing blank vouchers, shall be presented to the Chief Wildlife Warden for affixing his initials or stamp on such book before it is brought into use.

(4) The duplicate copy of every bill, cash memo, or voucher; shall be sent along with the monthly return referred to in rule 46.

45. Maintenance of registers – (1) A licence dealer in captive animals, animals articles, Trophies or uncured trophies or meat derived therefrom shall maintain a register in Form XXIX.

(2) A Licensee who is a taxidermist or a manufacturer of animal articles shall maintain a register in Form XXX.

(3) A Licensee authorised to cook or serve meat in any eating house, shall maintain a register in Form XXXI.

(4) A Licensee shall ensure, that the register required to be maintained by him under this rule has been brought up-to-date, before closing the business for the day.

46. Submission of returns – (1) Every Licensee shall submit a monthly return to the Chief Wildlife Warden and a true copy of the entries made by him in the relevant register referred to in rule 45, during the course of a month, duly certified and signed by the Licensee as true copy of such entries. (2) The return under sub-rule (1) shall be submitted before the tenth day of the month following the month to which the return relates.

CHAPTER VI

MISCELLANEOUS

47. **Disposal of meat or uncured trophy** seized under section 50 The Chief Wildlife Warden or the officer authorised by him may arrange for the sale in public action, of any meat or uncured trophy, seized under the provisions of section 50 and the proceeds thereof shall be paid into a Government treasury.

48. **Crediting of fee, forfeited deposit and royalty** - The fees (except those under rule 23), the royalty and the amount of deposit forfeited under any provisions of these rules shall be paid in to a Government treasury.

49. **Cognizance of offences** - The following officers shall be authorised to make complaints under section 55, namely:

- (a) The Chief Wildlife Warden;
- (b) Any Forest Officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer : or
- (c) Any Police Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector of Police.

50. **Repeal and saving** - As from the commencement of these rules, the Bombay Wild Animals and Wild Birds Protection Rules, 1951, shall stand repealed:

Provided that, such repeal shall not

- (i) affect the previous operation of the rule so repealed or anything duly done or suffered thereunder;
- (ii) affect any right, privilege, obligation or any liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the rule so repealed ; and
- (iii) affect any investigation, legal proceedings, or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation or liability:

Provided further that, subject to the preceding provision anything done or any action taken under the rules so repeals, shall in so far as it is not inconsistent with the provision of these rules, be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules and shall continue in force accordingly, until it is superseded by any thing done or any action taken under these rules.

FORM - I

(RULE 8(1))

WILDLIFE (PROTECTION) (MAHARASHTRA) RULES, 1975

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A HUNTING LICENCE

To

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Pin. 411 001.

The Conservator of Forests Circle, At.....

The Divisional/Sub-Divisional Forest Officer

Division/Sub-Division, At

Sir,

I,

(Full Name in Block Letters)

resident of village Taluka District. Apply for a special/Big/Small Game Hunting Licence, to hunt under the provision of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Rules thereunder.

2. I have read the Act and the Rules thereunder and I undertake to abide by the same.
3. *I am/not required/to get my registered under section 34 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and the registration has been done by the authorised officer namely..... under Registration no.....
4. I possess an arms licence for sport in Form III, as set out in Schedule III to the Arms Rules, 1962. The Arms Licence is enclosed for verification and return.
5. I enclosed the Licence Fee of Rs. (in words).....
6. I desire to use the following weapons for hunting Special/Big/Small Game:

Serial No.	Make of the Weapon	Bore
1	2	3

Encl : As above

Full Address:

Date:

Yours Faithfully,
(Signature of the applicant)

- Strike out whichever is not applicable.

FORM - II

[Rule 8 (2)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rule, 1975

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A WILD ANIMAL TRAPPING LICENCE

To

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

The Conservator of Forests.....Circle, At

The Divisional / Sub-Divisional Forest Officer,.....

Division / Sub-Division, At

Sir,

I,

(Full name in block letters)

resident of village, Taluka, District

apply for a Wild Animal Trapping Licence, to trap the following animals in the District of

For the period from to

Animal / Bird	Method of Trapping	Number of each species		Purpose of Trapping	Area for which the Licence is required
		Male	Female		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

2. I enclosed the licence Fee of Rs..... (in words)..... for* days; and Rs..... (in words)..... towards royalty.

3. I have read the wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 and the Rules thereunder and undertake to abide by the same.

Encl. : As above.

Full Address :

Date:

Yours Faithfully,
(Signature of the applicant)

Indicate the number of days.

FORM - III

[Rule 10 (5) (a)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

SPECIAL GAME HUNTING LICENCE

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No.

Date:

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Rules made thereunder, this Licence is hereby granted to --

Name

Address

for the period from to

to hunt special Game as shown below:

Species	No. (max.)	sex	Minimum size of horn antler or body
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

2. Details of weapons permitted to be used for hunting:

Serial No.	Make	Bore
(1)	(2)	(3)

3. Fee paid Rs (In words)

Place.

Date:

Seal

(Signature and designation of
the Licensing Authority)

N. B - (1) This licence does not entitle the Licensee to hunt in areas notified as Game Reserves under section 36 of the Act, except when permitted to do so by the Chief Wildlife Warden or the Authorised Officer and where permission has been so granted, an entry shall be made to that effect in this licence, whereupon, this Licence shall be deemed to have been issued under section 36 of this Act.

(2) The Licensee shall not be entitled to hunt during the 'closed time' and within the 'closed area' declared under sections 16 and 37 of the Act respectively.

(3) While hunting, the Licensee shall strictly adhere to the provision of section 17 of the Act and the Rules thereunder.

(4) This licence shall be surrendered to the Licensing Authority, within fifteen days of its expiry, together with a Statement in Form VII of the animals hunted by him.

(5) This licence is not transferable.

FORM - IV

[Rule 10 (5) (b)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

BIG GAME HUNTING LICENCE
(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No. _____

Date: _____

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 and the, Rules made thereunder, this Licence is hereby granted to –

Name

Address

For the period from To

To hunt Big Game as shown below:

Species	No.	Sex	Minimum sizes of horn of body
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

FORM - V
[Rule 10 (5) (c)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

SMALL GAME HUNTING LICENCE
(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No. _____

Date: _____

Subject to the provision of the wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 and the Rules made thereunder, this Licence is hereby granted to -

Name

Address

for the period from to

to hunt small game as shown below:

Serial No.	Species	per day	Maximum No. to be hunted		minimum size (adult or otherwise)
			(4)	(5)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

2. The details of weapons permitted to be used for hunting:

Serial No.	Make	Bore
(1)	(2)	(3)

3. Fee paid Rs (in words)

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation
of the Licensing Authority)

N.B - (1) This licence does not entitle the Licensee to hunt in areas notified as Game Reserves under section 36 of the Act, except when permitted to do so by the Chief Wildlife Warden or the Authorised Officer and where permission has been so granted, an entry shall be made to that effect in this licence, whereupon, this Licence shall be deemed to have been issued under section 36 of this Act.

- (2) The Licensee shall not be entitled to hunt during the 'closed time' and within the 'closed area' declared under section 16 and 37 of the Act respectively.
- (3) While hunting, the Licensee shall strictly adhere to the provisions of section 17 of the Act and the Rules thereunder.
- (4) This licence shall be surrendered to the Licensing Authority, within fifteen days of its animals hunted by him.
- (5) This licence is not transferable.

FORM - VI

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

[Rule 10(5) (d)]

WILD ANIMAL TRAPPING LICENCE (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No.

Date:

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made thereunder, this Licence hereby granted to -

Name

Address

For the period from to

To trap the species of animals as shown below:

Serial No.	Species	Nos.	Area within which trapping is permitted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

2. Mode of and conditions under which trapping is permitted.

3. Amount paid -

(i) Fee Rs.
(in words)

(ii) Royalty Rs.
(in words)

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation of
the Licensing Authority)

- N.B - (1) This licence does not entitle the Licensee to trap on an area notified as Game Reserves under section 36 of the Act, except when permitted to do by the Chief Wildlife Warden, and where permission has been so granted, an entry shall be made to that effect in this licence, whereupon this licence shall be deemed to have been issued under section 36 of this Act.
- (2) The Licensee shall while trapping, strictly comply with the provision of section 17 of the Act and the Rules made thereunder.
- (3) The licence shall be surrendered to the Licensing Authority within fifteen days of its expiry or before leaving the area specified in the licence, whichever is earlier, together with complete details filled in Form VII of the animals trapped by him.
- (4) This Licence is not transferable.

FORM - VII

[Rule 14 (7) AND 17]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

RECORD OF ANIMALS KILLED, TRAPPED AND/OR WOUNDED

- (1) Category of Licence
- (2) Licence No.
- (3) Name and Address of the Licensee
- (4) Details of animals killed, trapped and wounded -

Serial No.	Species	Number			Place and date of killing, trapping or wounding
		Killed male/ female	Trapped male/ female	Wounded male/ female	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

(5) I hereby declare that the information given above, is correct and that no other animal listed in Schedule II/Schedule III/Schedule IV to the wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, was killed, trapped or wounded by me in the state of Maharashtra, during the period specified in the licence.

Place:

Signature of the Licensee

Date:

N. B - In the case of killing, trapping or wounding of any animal specified in schedule III to the Act, the above particulars will have to be furnished to the Licensing Authority within fifteen days from the date of such killing, trapping or wounding or before leaving the area specified in the Hunting or Trapping Licence, whichever is earlier (section 10 (2) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972).

FORM - VIII

[Rule 18 (1) and 25 (2)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF LICENCE FEE

To * _____

Sir,

I _____ Inhabitant of _____
(Full name in block letters)

Taluka _____ District _____
has applied for on Special Purpose Permit / Game Block Permit

.....
and the same has been refused to me. I, therefore, hereby apply for the refund of the
Licence / Permit Fee of Rs paid by me into the Treasury /
Sub-Treasury at On the day of
19..... under Challan No. of Receipt No.....
dated issued by the *

In accordance with the provision of the Wildlife (Protection) Maharashtra Rules, 1975.

2. The receipted challan No..... of.....
Receipt No..... dated is enclosed.

3. I wish to receive payment through the State Bank of India / Treasury / Sub-Treasury at
..... or in cash by Money Order at my cost.

4. I hereby declare that I have neither asked for, nor received the amount of refund of the
above remittance on any previous occasion.

Encl.: As above.

Full Address:

Place:

Yours faithfully

Date:

(Signature of the applicant.)

* Here mention the designation of the Licensing Authority concerned.

FORM IX
[RULE 21 (I)]

Wildlife (protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975.

**FORM OF APPLICATION FOR RESERVATION
OF A GAME BLOCK**

To,
The Conservator of Forests, Circle, At
.....

The Divisional Forest Officer, Division,
At

Sir,
I,, request you to reserve
for me Game Block in Division for hunting under
a Game Block Permit.

The required information is given below hereunder:

1. Address and nationality of the applicant
2. Full name in block letters, address and (1)
nationality of companions who will
Constitute the hunting party. (2)
(N. B. – Not more than 3 persons can hunt
on one Game Block Permit,
including the applicant.) (3)
3. Name of Game Block for which a Game Block Permit is desired.
(N. B. – A person cannot take more than one Game Block at a time but to sportsmen
hunting together may take two Game Blocks for the same period.)
4. The period (with dates) for which the Game Block Permit is required. Licences are
issued for the period of ten days or one month.

5. Serial No. and date of expiry of the following Licences:

6. (I) (a) Arms Licence No. issued under the Arms
Act, 1959 (Central Act 54 of 1959).

- (b) Particulars of weapons with their make
and bore.

- (ii) Game Hunting Licence issued under the
Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to the applicant.

- (iii) Game and Hunting Licence issues under the
Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to the companions.

7. The fees of Rs..... (in words) for
reservation of the Game Block is enclosed.

8. I declare that I have read the provisions of the wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the
Rules made thereunder and that I shall comply with the same. I further declare, that I
shall not transfer my Game Block Permit to any other person and that I shall return it
at earliest possible moment, should I find that I am unable to use it.

9. I understand that it is my duty to report to the Range Forest Officer, if any dangerous
animal is left wounded in the Game Block, reserve by me and to take precaution to
prevent such dangerous animals causing hurt to any of the public. I understand that
failure to comply with this, may lead to the cancellation of the permit and to such
action as deemed for by the Licensing Authority.

10. I give hereunder, the particulars of the game hunted by me and my companion under
the Game Hunting Licence issued. If the above information is found to be incorrect, I
or my companions shall be liable for penal action or blacklisting or such other action
as deemed fit by the Forest Department.

Species and Number of animal Shot	Species and number of animals hunted by the applicant	Species and number of animals shot by companions (name / wise)	Name of game block or the area in which the animals were shot
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Encl.: As above

Full address :

Yours faithfully,

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the applicant.)

N. B. – Reservation fee by bank draft is accepted.

FORM X

[RULE 22 (3)]

Wildlife (Protection)
(Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

GAME BLOCK PERMIT

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

FORM X

[RULE 22 (3)]

Wildlife (Protection)
(Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

GAME BLOCK PERMIT

(Permit-holder's report)
(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

(Original)

(N. B. – To be returned to the D.F.O. duly filled in before leaving the Game Block.)

No. Date:

- 1. Name of the permit-holder
- 2. Special / Big Game Hunting
- 3. Arms Licence No.
- 4. Address
- 5. Names and addresses of sportsmen (companions) if any, allowed to hunt (limited to two) along with their Game Hunting Licence Nos. -

I hereby certify that I availed
of the Game Block from
..... , to
..... and
hunted the following animals and
birds:

- 1.
- 2.

Sr.	Species	No.	Sex	Dimensions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

6. Names and address of the retainers permitted.

7. Validity

(1) Period –

From To

(2) Game Block

(Name)

N.B - As for birds show only the spaces and the total number hunted.

8. The numbers of animals and / or birds allowed to be hunted under this Permit:

Species	No.	Sex	Dimensions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

N.B> - As for birds indicate only the species and the total number.

9. Game Block Permit Fee Rs..... paid by
Challan/Bank Draft No.....
Date.....

Divisional Forests Officer,
_____ Forest Division

2. No animal or bird hunted in contravention of the terms and conditions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder except in exceptional circumstances narrated below:

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the)
permit-holder

3. The permit-holder is requested to comment on the following:

(i) No. of tigers/panthers seen and their sex.

(ii) No. of bison, sambar, slothbear, chital, nilgai and other deer or antelope seen (indicate sex if possible).

(iii) Was evidence of illicit hunting such as pit near Water, machans or hides Seen or gunshots heard?

(iv) Any other noteworthy observation. If so please furnish details.

(Signature of the permit-holder).

FORM - XI

[RULE 24 (2)]

Wildlife (protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE PERMIT

To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Maharashtra State,
Nagpur - 411 001

The Conservator of Forests Circle,

At

The Divisional/Sub-divisional Forest Officer

Divisional/Sub-Division, At

Sir,

I

(Full name in block letters)

resident of village Taluka

District apply for licence for hunting of the animals and/or birds mentioned below, for the purpose of *education/scientific research/collection of specimens for mentioned Zoological Garden/mesuem/Institution.

Serial No.	Animal Species	Nos.	S. No.	Bird Species	Nos.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

2. The special purpose is detailed as follows:

3. For this purpose is detailed to hunt in the following areas:

S. No.	Village	Forest Range	Forest Division
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

4. I enclose a fee of Rs..... (in words).....
towards the permit fee.

5. I promise to return the permit applied for, along with full particulars as specified therein, within fifteen days from its expiry and to abide by all the terms and conditions laid in this regard.

Encl: As above

Full address:

Yours Faithfully,

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the applicant.)

* Strike out whichever is not applicable.
Indicate the name.

FORM - XII

[RULE 25(3)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

SPECIAL PURPOSE PERMIT

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Permit No.

Date:

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made thereunder, this permit is hereby granted to —

Name

Address

for the period from to

to hunt the species as shown below:

No.	Species	Nos.		Area within which hunting is permitted
		Male	Female	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

For *education/scientific research/collection of specimens for Zoological Garden/Museum/Institution.

2. The permit-holder shall furnish a report of his collection every fortnight/month to the Chief Wildlife Warden, in accordance with Rule 26 (1).

3. Fee paid Rs..... (in words).....

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation of the licence authority)

N.B. - This permit shall be surrendered to the Licensing Authority within fifteen days of its expiry or before leaving the area specified in the permit whichever is earlier, together with an inventory as below, of the animals hunted during the period of this permit:

Nos.

S.No.	Species	Male	Female	Area from which hunted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

*Strike out whichever is not applicable.
Indicate the name.

FORM - XIII

[RULE 27]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

CLAIM FORM

To,

The Collector of District.

Sir,

I..... son of.....

(Full name in block letters)

resident of....., village.....

Taluka..... District.....

hereby declare that I have the right specified in the table below in or over the land comprised within the limits of the *sanctuary/national park..... referred to in Proclamation No..... dated the.....

Nature of right claimed in the Sanctuary or National Park	Extent of such right in the Sanctuary or National Park	If the rights are shared as a co-proprietor etc. details thereof	Period from which such rights are enjoyed	Amount and particulars of compensation claimed
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				Rs.

2. I hereby declare that the property is *free form all encumbrances / or that the property is under encumbrances (specify the details.)

3. I enclosed documents providing the nature and extent of my right and the date form which such right is being enjoyed.

4. The rents or profits received on account of such rights for the three years immediately preceding the date of application are set forth below:

Year	Amount
(1)	(2)
	Rs.
19	....
19	....
19	...

5. In the case of easement right, the annual value is rupees.

Full address:

Yours Faithfully,

Date:

Place:

(Signature of the applicant.)

*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

FORM - XIV

[RULE 29 (2)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

SANCTUARY/NATIONAL PARK ENTRANCE PERMIT

[NOT TRANSFERABLE]

(To be returned to the Issuing Authority within 15 days of the expiry of the permit together with an inventory of the business transacted or research under taken etc.)

Permit No.

Date:

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made thereunder, and subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, permission is hereby granted to

Shri

(Full name and address)

and party consisting of—

Serial No.	Name	Age
(1)	(2)	(3)

etc. for the period of from the day of 19 to the* day of 19 (both days inclusive) to enter and reside in the Sanctuary / National Park in Forest Division, for the purpose of—

(i)* Transaction of lawful business with any bonafide person residing in the Sanctuary / National Park.

(ii)* Tourism.

2. Fee paid;				Amount Rs.
(1) For individuals	..	..	..
(2) For vehicles	..	..	..
(3) For camera	..	..	..
			Total	..

CONDITIONS

- (1) This permit shall not entitle the holder, to hunt and trap any animals/birds without a valid Special Purpose Permit.
- (2) The Permit-holder shall abide by the relevant provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act and the Rules made thereunder.

Place:

Date:

seal

(Signature and designation of the
issuing Authority)

*Strike whichever is inapplicable.

FORM - XV

[RULE 31 (1)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

SANCTUARY / NATIONAL PARK ENTRANCE PERMIT

[NOT TRANSFERABLE]

(To be returned to the Issuing Authority within fifteen days of the expiry of the permit together with an inventory of the business transacted or research undertaken etc.)

Permit No.

Date:

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Rules made thereunder, and subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, permission is hereby granted to Shri

.....

(Full name and address)

and party consisting of:

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)
- (v)

etc. for the period of from the day
of 20 to the* Day
of 20 (both days inclusive) to enter reside in the
..... Sanctuary / National Park in forest Division, for the purpose of.

Particulars (1)	Payment Made	
	Fee (2)	Deposit (3)
	Rs.	Rs.
(i) Photography for scientific research investigation for study of Wildlife and purpose ancillary or incidental thereto.		
(ii) Professional photography	..	
(iii) Commercial photography	..	

CONDITIONS

- (1) This permit shall not entitle the holder, to hunt and trap any animals / birds without a valid special purpose permit.
- (2) The permit-holder shall abide by the relevant provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made thereunder.

Place:

Date:

(Signature and designation
of the Issuing Authority)

*Strike whichever is inapplicable.

FORM XVI

[RULE 34 (1)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

**FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER
SECTION 34 OF THE WILDLIFE (PROTECTION)
ACT, 1972**

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer / Sub-Divisional Forest Officer

at

Sir,

I

(Full name in block letters)

resident of village, Taluka.....

District....., live within ten kilometres of

..... Sanctuary / National Park and apply

for the registration of my name and address in accordance with the provisions of section 34 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. *The particulars of the arms possessed by me are as Under:

I am exempted from the provision of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959.)

(1) S. No. of the Licence and date of issue

(2) Whether the licence is valid for the district or the state.

(3) Brief description of each with details e. g.
distinguishing marks, register number, bore, etc.

(4) Quantity and description of each kind of each ammunition entitled to possess.

(5) Whether licence is for sport/self-protection or display.

(6) Date on which the licence expires.

(7) Remarks (name and address of retainers, if any, specified in the licence).

3. I enclose Registration Fee of Rs. (in words).....

4. The Arms Licence is enclosed for verification, endorsement and return.

Encl. : As above

Full address:

Place:

Yours Faithfully,
(Signature of the applicant.)

Date:

***Strike out whichever is not applicable.**

FORM - XVII

[RULE 34 (3)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS POSSESSING ARMS

Name and address of registration person
(Full name in block letters)

Profession village Taluka
(Sanctuary / National Park).

Serial No.	No. of licence and date of issue. Whether licence is for sport, self-protection, or display	Arms and ammunition the licence is entitled to possess	
		Particulars of arms such as make, bore	Quantity of ammunition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

The area for which the Licence is valid	Name and address of retainers, if any,	Date on which the licence expires	Particular of any offence committed under the Wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 or the Rules made thereunder, date, place Punishment, if any, etc.
(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

Particulars of any second or sub-sequent offence committed	Particulars of any transfers of arms by the Licensee	Particulars of change of residence	Remarks	Signature and designation of the Registering Authority
(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)

FORM - XVIII

[RULE 35]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

**FORM OF DECLARATION OF CAPTIVE ANIMAL
ANIMAL ARTICLE/TROPHY/UNCURED TROPHY**

To, _____

Sir, _____

I resident of Village.....

Taluka..... District ,declare that

I have in my control, custody or possession the following:

Captive animal /animal article /trophy/uncured trophy derived from animals specified in Schedule I and Part II of Schedule II to the Wildlife (Protection) Act,1972	Number	Description including name of animal from which derived	Dimensions	How obtai- ned	Premises where kept
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Place: _____

Date: _____

Yours faithfully,

(Signature of the applicant)

FORM - XIX

[RULE 36(3)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

INVENTORY OF STOCKS

I, son of

(Full name in block letters)

resident of village, Taluka, District

has declared in Form No. XVIII on being in control, custody or possession of the animals specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and/or of animal articles */trophies/uncured trophies derived therefrom as listed below.

2. On visiting the premises on and making personal enquiries, the stocks specified below are found to be in the control, custody or possession of the said.....

Description	Stock Declared	Stock found in control, custody or Possession after Verification	Particulars of identification marks	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

(1) Animal articles:

(i) Description including name of animal from which derived.

(ii) Number ..

(iii) Dimension or weight ..

(iv) Premises where kept ..

(2) Captive animals:

- (i) Species and sex ..
 - (ii) Number ..
 - (iii) Adult or juvenile ..
 - (iv) Premises where kept ..
-

(3) Trophies:

- (i) Description including species of animal
 - (ii) Number ..
 - (iii) Dimension or weight ..
 - (iv) Premises where kept ..
-

3. The above verification was done in the presence of the following members of the household whose names and signatures are below:

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Chief Wildlife
Warden/ Authorised officer)

Serial No.	Name of the member of the household	Signature	Date
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

1
2
3
4

*Strike out whatever is not applicable.

FORM - XX

[RULE 37]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Certificate No. _____

Date: _____

Issued to: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

It is hereby certified that Shri _____
_____ has under his control, custody or possession the following animals,
animal article, trophies, uncured trophies, specified in Schedule I and/or Part II of Schedule
II to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:

Item including Species from which Derived (1)	Dimension and description, and sex if possible (2)	Number (3)	Place where kept (4)	Identification marks affixed (5)
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- (i) Animals ..
- (ii) Animals articles ..
- (iii) Trophies ..
- (iv) Uncured Trophies ..

Place: _____

Date: _____

Seal _____

(Signature and designation of
the Issuing Authority)

FORM - XXI

[RULE 38 (1) (b)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

**FORM OF APPLICATION FOR OBTAINING A LICENCE FOR
MANUFACTURING ANY ANIMAL ARTICLE/DEALING IN ANY
ANIMAL ARTICLE/TAXIDERMISTRY/TROPHY/UNCURED TROPHY/
CAPTIVE ANIMALS/MEAT OR FOR COOKING OR SERVING
MEAT IN ANY EATING-HOUSE**

To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State, NAGPUR.

Sir,

1. Name of the applicant
(Full name in block letters)
2. Profession
3. Address
4. If the licence is to be issued in the name of a company, applicant's relationship with that Company.
5. Name of *business/shop and address
6. Name and address of shareholders/partners
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (v)
 - (vi)

7. Location

8. The licence is required to –

(a) commence or carry on the business as

(i) a manufacturer or dealer in any animal article.

(ii) a taxidermist

(iii) a dealer in trophy or uncured trophy

(iv) a dealer in captive animals

(v) a dealer in meat

9. Number and date of previous licence, if any (to be surrendered with the application)

10. If stock had been duly declared under section 44(2) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the date of declaration.

11. Species of animals in which *trade/taxidermy is proposed to be carried on, including approximate number of each species, number of animals articles to be manufactured and number of trophies and description of uncured trophies in which trade will be carried on.

12. The names of Licensees (with particulars of licence number) from whom the applicant will acquire stocks for his *trade/taxidermy. (Section 49 of the Act)

13. Enclosed is the Licence Fee of Rs.
(in words)..... for one year to commence or carry on the
business as

14. I have read the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Rules made thereunder and undertake to abide by the same.

Encl. : As above

Yours faithfully,

Place :

Date :

(Signature of applicant.)

*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

FORM - XXII

[RULE 40 (4) (a) (i)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

**LICENCE TO MANUFACTURE ANIMAL ARTICLE AND/OR
DEAL IN ANIMAL ARTICLES**

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No. _____

Date: _____

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and Rules made thereunder, Shri of the village Taluka, District..... is hereby authorised to manufacture and/or deal in animal articles for a period of one year commencing on theday of 2001.....

2. The Licensee shall also abide by the conditions laid down below:

(a) The Licensee shall only manufacture and deal in animal articles from the following species of animals:

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)
- (v)
- (vi)
- (vii)
- (viii)
- (xi)

(b) The Licensee shall purchase, receive, or acquire an animal article only, from a dealer or from a person Licenced or, as the case may be authorised to sell or otherwise, the same, under the Act or the Rules made thereunder.

(c) The Licensee shall not purchase, receive, or acquire or transport any animal article in violation of the provisions of the section 43 or section 48 of the Act.

(d) The Licensee shall carry on his business only during business hours and atpremises. The place of the Licensing Authority and where the place of business has been changed, the particulars of the new premises shall be entered in this licence. All animal articles, trophies shall be stored only at the above premises.

(e) This Licensee shall be displayed at a conspicuous place of the premises in which the business of the Licensee is carried on and shall be produced for inspection on demand being made by an officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 4, or specified in sub-section (1) of section 50, of the Act.

3. The Licensee has paid annual fee of Rs. 100/- (rupees one hundred only)

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation of the
Licensing Authority)

FORM - XXIII

[RULE 40 (4) (a) (ii)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

LICENCE FOR TAXIDERMY

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No.

Date:

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made thereunder Shri Of village Taluka..... District..... *Proprietor / Manager of Business / Shop by name situated..... is hereby authorised to do taxidermy for a period of one year commencing on the day of 19 and ending with day of 19

2. The Licensee shall also abide by the condition laid down below:

- (a) He shall do taxidermy only of *trophies / uncured trophies of the following species of animals:
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (v)
- (b) The Licensee shall purchase, receive or acquire *trophy / uncured trophy, only from a dealer or from a person Licenced or as the case may be, authorised to sell or otherwise transfer or hunt the same, under the Act or the Rules made thereunder.
- (c) The Licensee shall not purchase receive or acquire or transport a *trophy/uncured trophy, in violation of the provisions of section 43 or section 48 of the Act.

- (d) The Licensee shall do taxidermy, only during business hours and at Premises. If the place of business has been changed, the particulars of the new premises shall be entered in this licence. All *trophies / uncured trophies shall be stored only at these premises.
- (e) This licence shall be displayed at a conspicuous place of the premises, in which the business of the Licensee is carried, out, and shall be produced for inspection on demand being made by an officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 4 and specified in sub-section (1) of section 50 of the Act.
3. The Licensee has paid annual fee of Rs. 100/- (Rupees one hundred only.)

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation of
the Licensing Authority).

***Strike out whatever is not applicable**

FORM - XXIV

[RULE 40 (4) (a) (iii)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

LICENCE FOR DEALING IN TROPHIES OR UNCURED TROPHIES

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No. _____

Date: _____

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and the Rules made thereunder, Shri _____ of village _____ Taluka _____ District _____ *situated at street _____ in the town _____ in district _____ is hereby authorised to deal in trophies or uncured trophies for a period of one year commencing on the _____ Day of _____ 2000-2001 and ending with the _____

2. The Licensee shall also abide by the conditions laid down below:

(1) The Licensee shall only deal in trophies/uncured trophies derived from the following species of animals:

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)
- (v)
- (vi)
- (vii)
- (viii)

(2) The Licensee shall purchase, receive, or acquire *trophy/uncured trophy, only from a dealer or from a person Licenced or as the case may be, authorised to sell or otherwise transfer the same under the Act or the Rules made thereunder.

- (3) The Licensee shall not purchase, receive or acquire or transport *trophy/uncured trophy in violation of the provisions of section 43 or section 48 of the Act.
- (4) The Licensee shall carry on his business only during business hours and at premises. The place of business may be changed, only with the prior permission of the authority that has issued this Licence and where the place of business has been changed, the particulars of the new premises, shall be entered in this licence All trophies and uncured trophies shall be shorted only at Premises.
- (5) This licence shall be displayed at a conspicuous place of the premises, in which the business of the Licensee is carried on and shall be produced for inspection on demand being made by an officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 4, or specified in sub-section (1) of sub-section 50 of the Act.
3. The Licensee has paid the annual fee of RS. 50/- (Rupees fifty only).

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation of
the Licensing Authority)

*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

FORM - XXV

[RULE 40 (4) (a) (iv)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

LICENCE FOR DEALING IN CAPTIVE ANIMALS

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No.

Date:

Subject to the provision of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and the Rules made thereunder, Shri..... of village Taluka....., District..... *proprietor / Manager of Business / Shop by the name situated at street..... in the town In District is hereby authorised to deal in captive animals for a period of one year, commencing on the..... day of 20.... and ending with day of 20

[2]. The Licensee shall also abide by the conditions laid down below:

(1) The Licensee shall deal only in captive animals specified below:

Species	Minimum size	Sex
(1)	(2)	(3)
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(2) The Licensee shall purchase, receive or acquire any of the captive animals aforesaid, only from a dealer or from a person Licenced, or a the case may be, authorised to capture and sell that animal under the Act or the Rules made thereunder.

(3) The Licensee shall not purchase, receive or acquire or transport any of the captive animals aforesaid, in violation of the provisions of section 43 or section 48 of the Act.

- (4) The Licensee shall carry on his business only during business hours and at Premises. The place of the authority that has issued this licence and where the place of business has been changed, the particulars of the changed premises shall be entered in this licence. All the captive animals shall be kept only at premises.
- (5) The licensee shall be displayed at conspicuous place of the premises, in which the business of the Licensee is carried on and shall be produced for inspection on demand being made by an officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 4 and specified in sub-section (1) of section 50 of the Act.
- [3] The Licensee has paid the annual fee of Rs. 50/- (Rupees fifty only).

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation of
the Licensing Authority)

*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

FORM - XXVI

[RULE 40 (4) (a) (v)]
Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

LICENCE FOR DEALING IN MEAT

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No.

Date:

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Rules made thereunder, Shri of village Taluka District.....
*Proprietor / Manager of business / Shop by the name
Situatid in Street in the Town In District..... is hereby authorised to deal in meat for a period of one year commencing on the Day of 20.....and the ending with the day of20.....

2. The Licensee shall also abide by the condition laid down below:

(a) The Licensee is authorised to deal in meat derived only from the following animals.

Serial (1)	Species (2)	Minimum size (3)
(i)		
(ii)		
(iii)		
(iv)		
(v)		

- (b) The Licensee shall purchase, receive or acquire, meat derive from any of the animals aforesaid, only form a dealer or form a person Licenced, or as the case may be, authorised to capture and sell or otherwise transfer such wild animals under the Act or Rules made thereunder.
 - (c) The Licensee shall not purchase, receive, acquire or transport meat in violation of the provisions of section 43 or section 48 of the Act.
 - (d) The Licensee shall carry on his business only during business hours and at Premises. The place of the business may be changed, only with the prior permission of the Licensing Authority and where the place of business has been changed, the particulars of the new premises shall be entered in this licence. All meat shall be stored only at premises.
 - (e) This Licensee shall be displayed at a conspicuous place of the premises, in which the business of the Licensee is carried on and shall be produced for inspection, on demand being made by an officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section4, or as specified in sub-section (1) of section 50, of the Act.
3. The Licensee has paid the annual fee of Rs. 25/- (Rupees twenty five only)

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation of
theLicensing Authority)

FORM - XXVII

[RULE 40 (4) (b)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

**LICENCE TO COOK OR SERVE MEAT IN
EATING-HOUSE**

(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

Licence No.

Date:

Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife (protection) act. 1972 and the Rules made there under Shri..... of village, Taluka..... District..... *Proprietor / Manager of Business / Shop by the name situated at street In the Town in District is hereby authorised to cook / or serve meat for a period of one year commencing on the day of 20..... and ending with the day of 20.....

2. The Licensee shall also abide by the conditions laid down below:
 - (a) The Licensee shall cook and/or serve meat only of the following species of animals:
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (b) The Licensee shall purchase, receive or acquire meat only from a dealer authorised to sell such meat under a licence granted to him in Form XXVI.
 - (c) The Licensee shall not purchase, receive, acquire or transport meat in violation of the provisions of section 43 or section 48 of the Act.

(d) The Licensee shall cook and / or serve meat only at premises. The place of business may be changed, only with the prior permission of the Licensing Authority, and where the place of business has been changed, the particulars of the new premises shall be entered in this Licence. All meat shall be stored only at Premises.

(e) This licence shall be displayed at a conspicuous place of the premises, in which the business of the Licensee carried on and shall be produced for inspection on demand being made by an officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 4, or as specified in sub-section (1) of section 50, of the Act.

3. The Licensee has paid the annual fee of Rs.....(in words).....

Place:

Date:



(Signature and designation of the Licensing Authority)

*Strike out whatever not applicable

FORM - XXVIII

[RULE 41 (1)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE

To

The.....
.....
.....

Sir,

I.....

(Full name in block letters)

hereby apply for renewal of licence No..... dated the
expiring on granted for the
purpose*.....

2. The annual fee Rs..... (in words).....
is enclosed.

Encl: As above

Full address:

Yours faithfully,

Date:

(Signature of the applicant)

*Mention the purpose.

FORM - XXIX

[RULE 45 (1)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

FORM OF REGISTER TO BE MAINTAINED BY DEALERS IN CAPTIVE ANIMALS / ANIMALS ARTICLES / TROPHIES / UNCURED TROPHIES / MEAT

			Stock		
Date	Description of captive animal, animal article trophy or meat together with name of species dimensions and sex . Wherever possible	Opening balance	Date of acquisition	From where obtained (Name and address of supplier)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
<hr/>					
Acquired					
<hr/>					
Nature and Kind of Licence held by supplier	No. and date of certificates of ownership, if any	Quantity acquired	Total stock at thinned of day	Date of disposal	Manner of disposal
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)

Disposed of

Name and Address of Purchaser	Details of bill or each memo No. And date	Quantity disposed of	Details of permission for inter-state movement, if required	Closing balance of stock at the end of the day	Remarks
(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)

N.B. - The monthly return prescribed under Rule 46 will be an extract of this Register for the pertinent period. At the end of the month, the total stock acquired, disposed of, during the month and the balance on the month, should be indicated.

FORM - XXX

[RULE 45 (2)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

FORM OF REGISTER TO BE MAINTAINED BY TAXIDERMIST MANUFACTURER OF ANIMAL ARTICLES

Date	Description of trophy/ Uncured trophy received together with name of species dimensions and sex where possible	Date of receipt	From whom obtained (Name and address of sender or supplier)	Nature and kind of licence held by sender or supplier
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

No. and date Certificate of ownership, if any.	Description of trophy/ animal article that is to be prepared or manufactured.	Number to be made or prepared	Date on which the trophies manufact- ured articles are to be ready.
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

Date of dispatch or delivery	Name and address of receiver	Details of bill/ cash memo voucher	Details of permission for inter-state movement, if required
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)

N. B. - The monthly return prescribed in Rule 46 will be a true extract of this Register for the pertinent period.

FORM - XXXI

[RULE 45 (3)]

Wildlife (Protection) (Maharashtra) Rules, 1975

FORM OF REGISTER TO BE MAINTAINED BY LICENCE COOKING AND / OR SERVING MEAT IN AN EATING - HOUSE

Date	Name of animal the meat of which has been purchased or received	No. and species of animals purchased or received in whole or in part.	Date of purchase or receipt	Name and address of supplier	Particulars of Licence of supplier
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Particulars of daily sale

Date	Name of species or animal the meat of Which is sold	Total number sold	Particulars of cash memo or bill
(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)

N. B. - The monthly return prescribed under rule 46 (1) will be a true extract of the Register for the pertinent period.