

**THE FOREST ACT (SINDH AMENDMENT) ACT, 1994.**

[16<sup>th</sup> January, 1994]

**AN ACT** to amend the Forest Act, 1927, in its application to the Province of Sindh.

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to amend the Forest Act, 1927, in its application to the Province of Sindh, in the manner hereinafter appearing; **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Forest Act (Sindh Amendment) Act, 1994. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Forest Act, 1927, in its application to the Province of Sindh, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 26— **Amendment of section 26 of Act XVI of 1927**

(i) In sub-section (1), the full stop at the end shall be replaced by colon and thereafter the following shall be added :—

“Provided that any person who commits any offence in respect of reserved forest, timber, tree or forest produce the value of which exceeds ten thousand rupees shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to four years and with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees or with both;

Provided further that where the damage of property in respect of which offence is committed—

(a) Does not exceed ten thousand rupees, the term of imprisonment shall not be less than six months and fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees;

(b) Exceeds ten thousand rupees but does not exceed twenty five thousand rupees, the term of imprisonment shall not be less than six months and the fine shall not be less than ten thousand rupees;

(c) Exceeds twenty five thousand rupees, the term of imprisonment shall not be less than one year and the fine shall not be less than fifteen thousand rupees;

Provided also that the penalties which are

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double of the above penalties may be inflicted where the offence is committed after sun-set and before sun-rise or where the offender has been previously convicted of a like offence.”.

(ii) After sub-section (3), the following shall be added :—

“(4) All timber, tree or forest produce in respect of which an offence is committed together with any tool, carriage, wagon cart or other vehicle or thing used in committing any such offence, shall be liable to confiscation;

(5) The Court shall have powers to sanction reward out of the fine realized, to any person providing information in respect of an offence or help in apprehending the offender;

(6) The expenditure incurred by Government on removal or demolishing of encroachment or structure, if any, involved in the offence shall be recovered from the convicted person as arrears of land revenue.”

3. In the said Act, in section 33—

**Amendment of  
section 33 of Act  
XVI of 1927**

(i) In sub-section (1), the full stop at the end shall be replaced by colon and thereafter the following shall be added :—

“Provided that any person who commits any offence in respect of protected forest, timber, tree or forest produce the value of which exceeds ten thousand rupees shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to four years and with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees or with both;

Provided further that where the damage of property in respect of which offence is committed—

(a) does not exceeds ten thousand rupees, the term of imprisonment shall not be less than six months and the fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees;

(b) exceeds ten thousand rupees but does not exceed twenty five thousand rupees, the term

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of imprisonment shall not be less than six month and the fine shall not be less than ten thousand rupees;

(c) exceeds twenty five thousand rupees, the term of imprisonment shall not less than one year and the fine shall not be less than fifteen thousand rupees;

Provided also that the penalties which are double of the above penalties may be inflicted where the offence is committed after sun-set and before sun-rise or where the offender has been previously convicted of a like offence."

(ii) After sub-section (2), the following shall be added :—

"(3) All timber, tree or forest produce, in respect of which an offence is committed together with any tool, carriage, wagon cart or other vehicle or thing used in committing any such offence shall be liable to confiscation.

(4) The Court shall have powers to sanction reward out of the fine realized, to any person providing information in respect of an offence or help in apprehending the offender.

(5) The expenditure incurred by Government on removal or demolishing of encroachment or structure, if any, involved in the offence shall be recovered from the convicted person, as arrears of Land revenue."

4. In the said Act in section 42—

**Amendment of section 42 of Act XVI of 1927.**

(a) In sub-section (1) the full-stop at the end shall be replaced by a semi colon and thereafter the following shall be added :—

"Provided that contravention of rules relating to timber or forest produce the value of which exceeds ten thousand rupees shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to four years and fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees but the term of imprisonment shall not be less than six months and fine shall not be less than ten thousand rupees."

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(b) After sub-section (1), the following shall be added:—

“(1-A) All timber, tree or forest produce, in respect of which an offence is committed together with any tool carriage, wagon, cart or other vehicle or thing used in committing such offence shall be liable to confiscation.”.

5. In the said Act, in section 63, for the para below clause (c), the following shall be substituted :—

**Amendment of  
section 63 of Act  
XV of 1927**

“shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to four years or with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees but the term of imprisonment shall not be less than six months and the fine shall not be less than five thousand rupees, in addition to such compensation for damage done to the forest, forest produce or timber as the court may direct to be paid :

Provided that the penalties which are double of the above penalties may be inflicted where the offence is committed after sun-set and before sun-rise or where the offender has been previously convicted of a like offence.