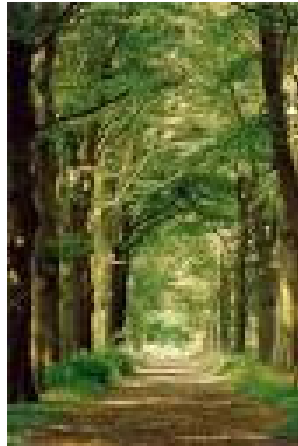




## Department of Forest & Environment

### Integrated Forest Protection Scheme

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The Forest and Environment Department of Orissa is working hard to conserve the rich forest resources of the state. Integrated Forest Protection Scheme has been formulated in the year 2008-09 with the help of Government of India.

#### **Main Components of the Scheme:-**

Followings are the main component of Integrated Forest Protection Scheme.

- Forest Fire control.
- Infrastructure Development
- Network & Arms and Ammunitions
- Anti Smuggling Squads



### **Funding Pattern:-**

Integrated Forest Protection Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The funding pattern is managed by both Central Government and State Government. Total investment for this scheme has been shared in 75:25 ratios. In the year 2008-09, the amount of Rs.225 lakhs has been released by Central Government and Rs.75.00 lakhs by State Government. From the released amount Rs. 221.59 lakhs by Central Government has been spent on this year.

### **Objective:-**

The following are the objective of Integrated Forest Protection Scheme;

#### **Long Term Objective:-**

- To maintain environmental stability through preservation and where necessary, restoration of ecological balance that has been adversely affected by depletion of the forest cover of the country.
- To preserve the natural, heritage of the country by protecting and conserving the remaining natural forests with the vast variety of flora and fauna which represent the remarkable biological diversity and genetic resources of the country through strengthening of the infrastructures of the Forest Department.
- To improve the productivity of forests to meet essential state needs.
- To ensure scientific management of the forests by preparing and implementing good quality working plans.
- To protect forest against forest fires by adopting improved and modern management practices and through the cooperation of the local communities on the principles of Joint Forest Management.



#### **Short Term Objective:-**

- To carry out detailed field survey, demarcate the forest boundaries and notify the forest areas.
- To carry out detailed field enumerations to assess the growing stock and bio diversity.
- To prepare Working Plans aiming' at sustainable management of the forests and plantations.
- To prepare fire danger rating system and devise forest fire forecasting system.
- To prevent and control forest fires with a view to protect and conserve the forests & wildlife and environment.



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- To monitor the impact of forest fire prevention and control activities and use latest technology including the establishment of a network.

**Implementing Agencies:-**



The Central Sector Component of the Scheme will be implemented by the Forest Protection Division of the Ministry of Forests and Environment.



The state Sector Component of the Scheme will be implemented by the Forest Departments of the concerned State Governments and UTs.

**Release of Funds:-**

Funds will be released in two installments in a financial year. . The second installment will be released only after receipt of.

- (a) Utilization certificate for the full amount released in previous year.
- (b) Utilization certificate for more than 50% of the 1st installment.
- (c) Certificate to the effect that atleast 70% of the 1<sup>st</sup> installment release has since been committed.

