

# **KERALA FOREST DEPARTMENT**

## **Model Estimate for Forestry Works**

Revised wages for the laboures engaged in forestry operations were decided as per GO (MS) No.7/07/F&WLD, Thiruvananthapuram dated 24/02/2007. The wage rate is applicable as under: -

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Classification of area</b>	<b>Unskilled mazdoor</b>	<b>Semiskilled mazdoor</b>	<b>Skilled mazdoor</b>	<b>Highly skilled mazdoor</b>
1	Ordinary	146.00	151.00	167.00	181.00
2	Difficult	154.00	162.00	181.00	197.00
3	Very Difficult	162.00	174.00	193.00	214.00

### **Classification of various workers**

Unskilled	Forest nursery & plantation workers including mazdoor watchers, workers engaged in carrying head loads of fire wood, workers engaged in earth work (pit making etc) workers engaged in road making (except rock breaking), workers engaged in marking of trees, workers engaged in collection of non - wood products except honey, workers engaged in taungya cultivation.
Semi skilled	Workers engaged in collection of bamboos, reeds & rattan, workers engaged in charcoal burning, tieing of drag rope, loading & unloading fire wood, chisel numbering, raft making.
Skilled	Sawyers, carpenters, masons, workers engaged in river transport of timber, workers engaged in rock breaking, agents/supervisors/maistries/assistance to mahouts, timber stacking, honey collection, workers engaged in vacca making, wood cutter.
Highly skilled	Mahouts, workers engaged in timber loading & unloading, axe man.

As per Forest Schedule of Rates in force, number of man mazdoor for each item of work is specified. Depending upon the necessity of work, estimates are passed quoting FSR and applying wage rates.

Since the areas in which operations are done have different physical parameters, it is not possible to have uniform estimates passed for all the places. At the same time, it is observed that in preparing estimates for near similar type of areas, widely varying FSR provisions are used at least in some cases.

Therefore, it was felt that it would be worthwhile to attempt a model estimate for each type of forestry work for discussion and adoption in field to the extent possible. Accordingly the draft is prepared.