



**Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests and Director, BRT Tiger Reserve,
Chamarajanagar.**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTIFICATION

A project for uprooting of Lantana over 20,000 hectares in various ranges of BRT Tiger Reserve and developing those places as grasslands has been conceived. Expression of interest by organisations interested in uprooting of lantana and bringing it under productive usage after transporting outside the forest limits are hereby invited to quote their interest on or before **15th December 2021**, separately for medium and dense lantana areas.

DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR UPROOTING OF LANTANA

Specific Conditions:

1. The project period is for 5 (five) years. Each year 4,000 hectare of area shall be identified by the Director, BRT Tiger Reserve and the same shall be earmarked for uprooting of lantana by the approved agency.
2. Selection of the agency will be based on the assessment of technology and number equipments used by the agency. Preference will be given for the agency which uses lesser equipments inside the forest area.
3. A detailed MoU shall be signed between the approved agency and Director, BRT Tiger Reserve for executing the project.
4. The density classification of the lantana has been mapped; that will be shared with the approved agency at the time of MoU and the forest department cannot be held responsible for any deviations/ reductions in the yield of uprooted lantana.
5. All the expenses for uprooting, transporting and converting it into the useful products to be borne by the approved agency at their own cost. No financial support will be given from the Forest Department.
6. The approved agency is required to submit an undertaking to follow any terms and conditions imposed by the forest department. The approved agency should share the details of extraction on daily basis with the forest department.

7. Only uprooting work to be carried out inside the forest area; rest all the works of converting into useful products need to be carried out outside the forest area after transporting the uprooted lantana.
8. The approved agency may visit the lantana areas before executing the MoU.

General Conditions

1. All the uprooting works of lantana and transportation need be carried out from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM on any day. Immediately on completion of day's work the workforce, supervisors along with machines and tools should move out of the work location.
2. The work to be carried out only during the specific seasons/ month mentioned in the MoU.
3. The involvement of people residing in podu, forest settlements and fringe village shall be done on priority basis for all unskilled and semi-skilled activities. However, this clause shall be relaxed for skilled labour like machine operators, engineers, mechanics etc.,
4. No permission will be given to setup the labour camps inside the forest area.
5. All the personnel working under this project shall be insured by the approved agency for their life at the agency cost. The Karnataka Forest Department shall not be responsible for any accidents, disability or death.
6. Separate permission need to be taken for the entry of vehicles along with their registration number and the details of people who will be working in this project needs to be shared with the forest department in advance.
7. The entire uprooting of lantana works needs to be carried out with minimum disturbance to the wildlife.
8. No damage to the forest, wildlife and soil to be done by the approved agency; forest department has all powers to book cases under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 in case of any of the violations.
9. In case the selected agency not turning up or fails to undertake the uprooting work, the forest department / First Party reserves the right for disqualifying the successful agency and entrusting the work to the second agency willing to take up the work.
10. The forest department reserves the right to suspend the activities temporarily based on any interventions by any government agency including forest department or any other department, flagging this activity as inappropriate or if there is any prohibitory order issued by any courts/tribunals.
11. The forest department i.e., **First Party** reserves the right to terminate the activities permanently if the forest department opines that the manner in which the activities are conducted by the company are not appropriate in any way or the forest department is of the

opinion that the results are not encouraging or there is damage to habitat in any way which defeats the larger wildlife conservation objectives.

Dispute resolution:

- a. Any disputes or difference of understanding on the interpretation or application of the terms shall first be amicably resolved through mediation by parties in the presence of the DCF and Director of BRT Tiger Reserve.
- b. In case, such disputes or differences are not capable of being resolved by mediation process, these shall be referred to the Karnataka Forest Department wherein an officer of the rank of APCCF and above shall be appointed as a Arbitrator and any award passed by such arbitrator shall be binding on both parties.
- c. The appointment of Arbitrator shall be done by PCCF (Wildlife) on request of any or both the parties. The place, venue and modalities of conducting the arbitration shall be decided by the Arbitrator. The arbitration shall be conducted in language mutually agreed by both the parties

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