

2016-17

**ACHIEVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST &
CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT, MIZORAM**

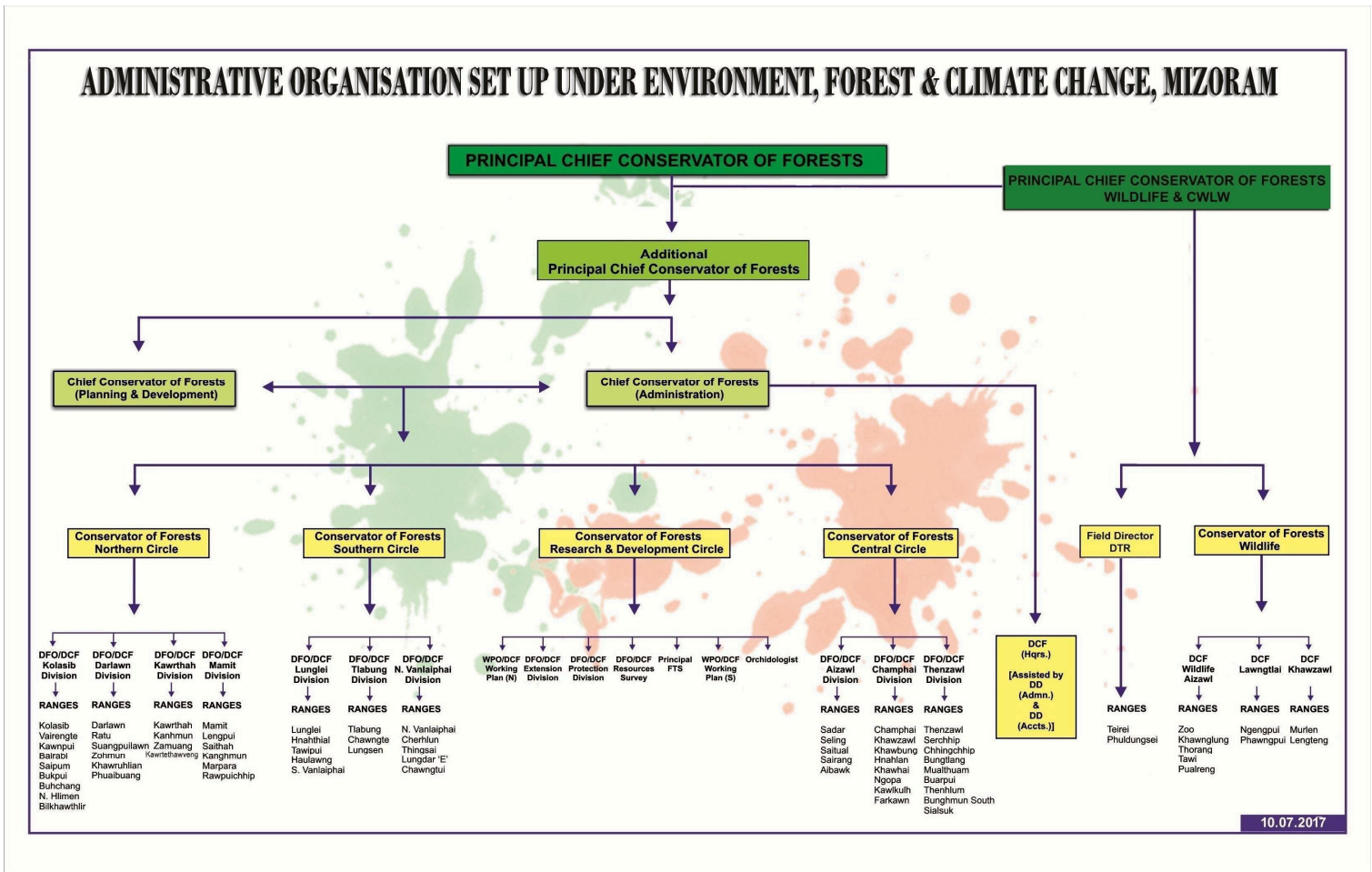


A large extent of the geographical area of Mizoram is covered under forests with rich bio-diversity. Mizoram is situated between 21⁰58' North to 24⁰35' North latitude and 91⁰15' East to 93⁰29' East longitude covering an area of 21,081 sq.kms. As per the "India State of Forests Report, 2015" published by the Forest Survey of India, the State has 18,748 sq. km forest area which is 88.93% of the total geographical area.

1. Short Profile of the Department :

(a) During 1952 when Mizoram became an Autonomous District Council, the management of all unclassified forests, other than Innerline Reserved Forests was taken up by the District Council with the creation of Forest Department. When Mizoram attained the status of Union Territory, the Forest Department became a full fledged department headed by Director of the rank of Conservator of Forests. The organization in the department has been further upgraded and at present, there are 3 Territorial Circles with 10 Territorial Divisions, 1 functional Circle with 6 functional Divisions, 1 Wildlife Circle with 3 Wildlife Divisions, and 1 Tiger Reserve.

The administrative organization setup of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, Mizoram is displayed in a flow chart below :



(b) The total no. of sanctioned posts in the department is 1357 nos. Out of this, 829 nos. of post has been filled up, whereas 528 posts are lying vacant presently.

2. Achievement under various Schemes:

The Department has been implementing various strategically-planned schemes for achieving the vision of having well-stocked high quality forest in Mizoram for people's benefits. Some of these schemes are as under:-

(a) **National Afforestation Programme (NAP):**

Under this programme, plantations have been raised over 64,630 Ha. through Village Forest Development Committees since the inception year.



During 2016-17, plantation of 905 Ha. has been created over degraded forests and older plantations of 8635 ha. have been maintained. The financial achievement during FY 2016-17 under the scheme was Rs.760.82 lakh only including State Matching Share.

(b) **Green Mizoram Programme:**

Deeply concerned about the continued loss of healthy forest cover, the State



Government launched “Green Mizoram Programme” in 1999 for planting trees on barren lands including private, Government, and Semi-Government lands. Every year, 11th of June is observed as “Green Mizoram Day”, which is sincerely dedicated to planting of trees as well as maintenance of trees planted in previous years. So far, more than 44 lakh seedlings have been planted/distributed for planting under this programme. During last year (2016), more than 1 lakh seedlings were planted and about 2.5 lakh have been distributed to public to make the State greener.

(c) Intensification of Forest Management (IFM):

The scheme has been implemented in the State with different components such as “forest fire control and management” and “strengthening of infrastructure for forest” etc. During 2016-17, different work items under the scheme have been executed effectively at the cost of Rs.144.42 lakh including State Matching Share (SMS).

(d) Green India Mission (GIM)

During 2016-17, Advance Work/Nursery for creation of 8100 Ha was taken up from the available fund of Rs.1099.39 lakh received from the Govt. of India plus State Matching Share (SMS) under 8 nos. of Sub Mission/Interventions.



(e) National Agro-Forestry Bamboo Mission (NABM):

Since inception of NABM in Mizoram, an area of about 60,000 hectare has been taken up for Bamboo Cultivation in both forest and non-forest area. During 2016-17, there is no new creation of bamboo plantation but maintenance work has been carried out on 6700 Ha of 2014-15 and 2015-16 plantations. Bamboo trade fair, workshop and trainings related to

bamboo and its products were also organized through State Bamboo Development Agency (BDA).

(f) Preservation of wildlife and Biodiversity:

The Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Mizoram has taken initiatives for constituting 11 nos of notified Protected Areas such as 1 (one) Tiger Reserve, 2 (two) National Parks and 8 (eight) Wildlife Sanctuaries including 1 (one) Preliminary Notification for Saikhawthlir / Buhvum Wildlife Sanctuary. The total area set aside for long-term wildlife preservation is about 1464.75 Sq.km (core) which is 6.94 % of the State's geographical area, and including buffer area of Dampa Tiger Reserve 488 Sq.km, the total area is 1952.75 sq.km which is 9.26 % of the state Geographical area.



The department had issued Final Notification for extension of existing Thorangtlang Wildlife Sanctuary in Lunglei District which cover 180 Sq.km for wildlife corridor between Dampa Tiger Reserve and Thorangtlang Wildlife Sanctuary and Preliminary Notification had already been issued for Saikhawthlir Wildlife Sanctuary with the total area of 94 sq.km under Lai Autonomous District Council, final notification is yet to be issued. Further, necessary action has been taken by the department to include Serhmun village land of about 45 Sq.km in the core area of Dampa Tiger Reserve.



For the first time in Aizawl Zoological Park, a Bear cub was born on 14th January, 2017 which is a great achievement for our Zoo. Central Zoo Authority (CZA) released fund for Construction of Stump-tail-macaque enclosure and Construction of Reptiles Enclosures with the total amount of Rs.25.578 under Central Share.

Further, for preserving valuable biodiversity in the State, 222 nos. of Biodiversity Management Committee (BMCs) have been constituted and 5 nos of Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) have been finalized such as Thenhlum PBR, Pamchung PBR, Pangzawl PBR, Laki PBR and MZU PBR. State Biodiversity Board, Mizoram has been taking action to constitute more BMCs within the state and also planned to prepare more PBRs. In the State Biodiversity Board, there are Chairman, Member Secretary, 5 nos Ex-Officio and 5 nos of Expert Members.

During 2016-2017, the total fund received under CSS (Project Tiger) is Rs.268.464 lakh from NTCA and under CSS-Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat for management of NPs and Wildlife Sanctuary sanction is Rs.190.95 lakh from Govt. of India and the funding pattern is 90:10, the state Govt. also met its share in line with Central share. These two projects are under implementation to improve Wildlife Habitat with different components such as engagement of anti-poaching squad/Tiger Protection Force, Engagement of fire watcher, improvement of habitat, improvement infrastructure etc.

Over and above Rs 10.44 crore was released by Govt. of India for relocation of 145 families of Kawnpui W and Darngawn W villages from Thorangtlang Wildlife Sanctuary. The Govt. of Mizoram also contributed Rs 1.16 crore as matching share for relocation.

(g) **Fourteenth Finance Commission Grants-in-Aid for Forests:**

An amount of Rs.2954.70 lakh has been utilized under 14th Finance Commission Grants-in-Aid for forests during FY 2016-17. Works related to relocation of villages from Thorangtlang Wildlife Sanctuary and Dampa Tiger Reserve, and 2nd year maintenance of Plantation (AR & ANR) created during 2014-15 under 13th Finance Commission grants covering the area of 5460 ha. have been implemented by availing this grants.

(h) **New Land Use Policy (NLUP):**

A State Government flagship programme is being implemented by the EF&CC Department since the policy was launched in the State. A total number of 3289 beneficiaries have been assisted so far since the start of the project and a total area of 6376 Ha has been covered. During 2016-17, 26 nos. of beneficiaries have been assisted in Lunglei Division and whereas, a total number of 106 beneficiaries have been covered in Tlabung Forest Division.



(i) **Disposal of Court Cases:**

Out of 52 active court cases, there are 10 cases disposed of during 2016-2017 in which, 9 cases were disposed of in favour of the EF&CC Department. Among the cases disposed of in favour of the department, claim of compensation against Pualreng Wildlife Sanctuary (WP(C) No.114/2016 Shri Laltinthanga & 31 Ors. Vs Union of India & Ors), claim of compensation of Rs.18650000/- for loss of land used for growing potatoes (RFA No.4/2013 State of Mizoram & 30 Ors. Vs. Shri C.Sangkhuma & 46 Ors), and claim of compensation against Pualreng Wildlife Sanctuary(WP(C) No. 11/2016 Shri Lalnuntluanga & 22 Ors –vs- UOI & 6 Ors) were very crucial as these involves huge amount of compensation claimed by the petitioners.

3. Revenue collection during Financial year 2016-17

The total revenue receipt under the Department was Rs.287.03259 lakh. Item-wise (A) and Division wise (B) compilation of revenue achievements are as below:

A COLLECTION OF REVENUE FROM FOREST PRODUCT DURING 2016-17

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Amount (in Rs)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Sawn Timber	Cum	28314	66,29,626	
2	Firewood	Cum	3471	3,05,034	
3	Poles	Nos	5269	23,670	
4	Hardwood/Roundwood	Nos	17280	1,60,920	
5	Charcoal	Qtls	45370	24,911	
6	Admn.Fee on Private Teaks	Nos	3104	3,75,028	
7	Bamboo	Nos	1091050	21,90,520	
8	Boulder	Cum	10103	6,05,769	
9	Stone	Cum	52289	8,17,390	
10	Sand	Cum	24603	10,86,604	
11	Cane	Rm	24729	2,454	
12	Gravel	Cum	2221	41,900	
13	Broomstick	Qtls	119271	25,06,938	
14	Anchiri	Qtls	641	9,82,771	
15	Auction Sale of Teak log/ST etc	LS	-	65,76,297	
16	Royalty from nepco Ltd.	LS	-	-	
17	Fees	LS	-	31,79,828	
	TOTAL:			25,734,660	

Note:

1	Other Collection	LS		Rs. 28,30,799	
2	Zoo entry fee	Nos	15576	Rs. 1,37,800	
	TOTAL:			Rs. 30,60,349	
	GRAND TOTAL :			Rs. 2,87,03,259	

B. CIRCLE-WISE TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENT OF REVENUE DURING YEAR 2016-17

NORTHERN CIRCLE

Sl. No	DIVISION	NO. OF RANGES	ACHIEVEMENT (in crore)	REMARKS
1	Kolasib	9	0.72	
2	Mamit	6	0.33	
3	Kawrthah	4	0.29	
4	Darlawn	6	0.10	
	TOTAL:	25	1.44	

CENTRAL CIRCLE

Sl. No	DIVISION	NO. OF RANGES	ACHIEVEMENT (in crore)	REMARKS
1	Aizawl	5	0.29	
2	Champhai	8	0.05	
3	Thenzawl	9	0.14	
	TOTAL:	22	0.48	

SOUTHERN CIRCLE

Sl. No	DIVISION	NO. OF RANGES	ACHIEVEMENT (in crore)	REMARKS
1	Lunglei	5	0.37	
2	Tlabung	3	0.50	
3	N.Vanlaiphai	5	0.02	
	TOTAL:	13	0.89	

WILDLIFE

Sl. No	DIVISION	NO. OF RANGES	ACHIEVEMENT (in crore)	REMARKS
1	Aizawl (Wildlife)	5	0.01	
2	Khawzawl (Wildlife)	2		
3	Lawngtlai (Wildlife)	2		
4	DTR	2		
	TOTAL:	11	0.01	

R & D CIRCLE

Sl. No	DIVISION	NO. OF RANGES	ACHIEVEMENT (in crore)	REMARKS
1	Protection	-	0.005	
	TOTAL:	-	0.005	

G.TOTAL	71	2.825	
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4. Achievement under Establishment:

PROMOTION / APPOINTMENT / REGUARISED / SUPERANNUATION PENSION / EXPIRED DURING 2016-17

A	Promotion	SFS to IFS	2
		Senior Grade of JAG	2
		ACF to DCF	3
		Forest Ranger to ACF	7
		Dy. Forest Ranger to Forest Ranger	3
		Forester to Dy. Forest Ranger	8
		Forest Guard to Forester	15
		Constable to Head Constable	1
		UDC to Assistant	1
		Driver Grade-III to Grade-II	5
		Group 'D' to Forest Guard	2
		Total	49
		B	Compassionate
Forest Guard	4		
Driver	1		
Total	11		
C	M/R Regularised	LDC	2
		Total	2
D	M/R Newly Engaged	Peon	1
		Check gate Keeper	1
		Chowkider	2
		Total	4
E	Superannuation	ACF	4
		Forest Ranger	5
		Dy. Ranger	2
		Forester	15
		Forest Guard	8
		Head Constable	1
		Assistant	4
		UDC	1
		LDC	2
		Group D	2
		Total	44
F	Expired	UDC	1
		Forester	4
		Forest Guard	4
		Group D	1
		Total	10