

## **Forest Accounts**

### **About Us**

The Forest Department is headed by the Principal Chief Conservators of Forest, Gujarat, who is assisted by Additional Principal Chief Conservators of Forest. There are 17 Forest Circles, each of which is headed by a Conservator of Forests, having jurisdiction over the 70 Forest Divisions headed by Dy. Conservator of Forests. The Dy. Conservator of Forests is assisted by Range Forest Officer (R.F.O.) and other allied staff. The overall administrative control of the Forest Department rests with the Additional Chief Secretary, Forests and Environment Department of the Government of Gujarat. The divisions are responsible for the management of forests in the State. Every Division maintains its initial and subsidiary accounts and renders compiled accounts to the Office of the Accountant General (A & E) Gujarat every month for inclusion in the State's Monthly Civil Accounts.

Forest Accounts are broadly of two kinds (i) Accounts on Timber and other forest produce, store, tools and plants, and (ii) Cash Accounts. As per codal provisions, the Divisional Forest Officers are required to submit the compiled monthly accounts of their Divisions with the prescribed supporting documents not later than the 8<sup>th</sup> of the following month to which the accounts relate.