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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Second Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Agricultural Machinery and Equipment Sectional Committee had been approved by the Food and Agriculture Division Council.

Dah is a tool extensively used in cutting trees and clearing jungle growth. This tool is also sometime used by the defence services in jungle warfare.

This standard was first published in 1965 and subsequently revised in 1981, in order to make it more implementable. In this revision, the following changes have been incorporated:

- a) The raw material specification has been updated as per the current manufacturing practices; and
- b) Additional unit for hardness has been specified for better comprehension.

In this standard, considerable assistance has been derived from the technical information provided by Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers Association, Pune, India.

The composition of the Committee responsible for the formulation of this standard is given in [Annex B](#).

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

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1 SCOPE

This standard specifies materials, dimensions, and other requirements for *dah*.

2 REFERENCES

The standards listed in [Annex A](#) contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of these standards.

3 MATERIALS

3.1 The blade of the *dah* shall be manufactured from carbon steel.

3.1.1 The chemical composition of carbon steel shall be as follows:

- a) Carbon 0.5 percent to 0.9 percent;
- b) Manganese 0.5 percent to 0.9 percent;
- c) Sulphur 0.05 percent *Max*; and
- d) Phosphorus 0.05 percent *Max*.

3.1.1.1 Some of the typical carbon steels that may be used are: C55, C55Mn75, C60, C65, C70, C75, C80, and C85 [see IS 1570 (Part 2/Sec 1)].

3.2 Handle

Timber (see Appendix D of IS 620) or PVC (Poly vinyl chloride) (see IS 15226) shall be used.

3.3 Rivets

Mild steel (see IS 2062) shall be used. Riveting for PVC handle is not required.

4 HARDNESS

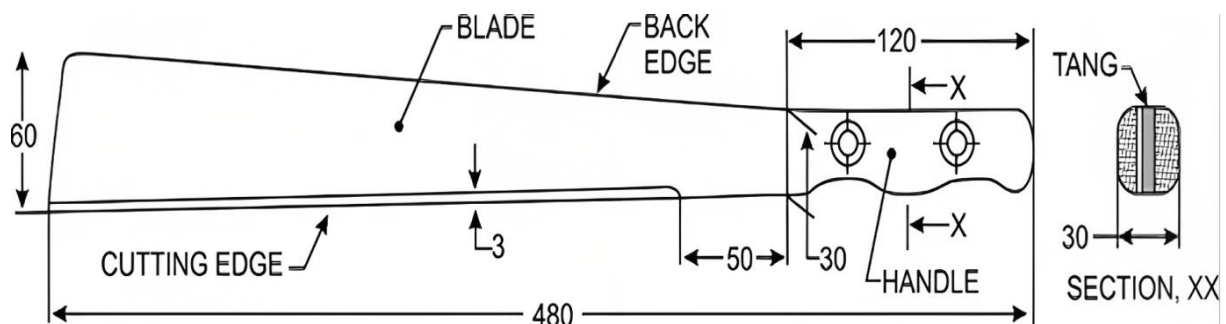
The blade shall be heat-treated to have a hardness in range of 45 HRC to 60 HRC (hardness on rockwell scale C) (see IS 1586) or in the range of 400 HB to 475 HB (brinell hardness number) or HBW (hardness Brinell Wolfram carbide) [see IS 1500 (Part 1)] or its equivalent in other scales.

5 DIMENSIONS

5.1 Unless otherwise agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier, the dimensions of the *dah* shall be as given in [Fig. 1](#). The tolerance for various dimensions shall be as given in IS 2102 (Part 1).

5.2 The thickness of the blade near the cutting edge shall be 1.5 mm. Thickness of back edge near the handle shall be 6.5 mm \pm 1 mm from where it shall gradually decrease to 3.15 mm at the front.

5.3 Other dimensions given in figure are for guidance only.



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 DAH

6 WORKMANSHIP AND FINISH

6.1 The *dah* blade shall be made by sheet metal process or forged to shape. The blade shall be free from cracks, pits, burrs and other visual defects. The blade as well as tang shall be drawn well.

6.2 The rivets shall be countersunk and flushed with the surface of handle.

6.3 The blade shall be finished bright and cutting edge sharpened.

6.4 The blade shall be given a coat of any suitable mineral jelly or any other corrosion preventive coating (*see* IS 1153).

6.5 The wooden handle shall be varnished.

7 TESTS

7.1 The cutting edge of the *dah* shall be tested by striking at least six hard blows on a suitably shaped dry hard wood blocks, such as *babul*, tamarind, *haldu*, *bija sal*, *sal* and *sissoo*, across their grain. During or on the completion of the test, the edge shall not show any sign of damage.

7.2 The back and flat portions of the blade shall be tested by striking at least three sharp blows on a suitably shaped block of lead. During or on the completion of the test, the blade shall not show any sign of damage.

8 MARKING AND PACKING

8.1 Marking

The *dah* shall be marked with the following

particulars:

- a) Manufacturer's name and recognized trade-mark, if any; and
- b) Batch or code number.

8.2 BIS Certification Marking

The product(s) conforming to the requirements of this standard may be certified as per the conformity assessment schemes under the provisions of the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016* and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder, and the products may be marked with the Standard Mark.

8.3 Packing

Because of highly sharp edges the exposed metallic parts shall be packed with proper thick paper or plastic sheet, such as blister type or pouch type of packing to prevent any accidental damage of the product or injury to any human being.

9 SAMPLING FOR LOT ACCEPTANCE

Unless otherwise agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier, the method of sampling and criteria for conformity of *dah* for lot acceptance shall be as given in **3** of IS 7201 (Part 1).

The classification of different requirements of this standard for the purpose of testing for lot acceptance is given below for guidance:

- a) Dimensional and visual requirements [*see* [5](#), [6](#), [8.1](#) and [8.2](#)].
- b) Requirements other than dimensional and visual [*see* [4](#) and [7](#)].

ANNEX A

(Clause 2)

LIST OF REFERRED STANDARDS

<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
IS 620 : 1985	Specification for wooden tool handles general requirements (<i>fourth revision</i>)	IS 1586 (Part 1) : 2018/ISO 6508-1 : 2016	Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test: Part 1 Test method (<i>fifth revision</i>)
IS 1153 : 2021	Temporary corrosion preventives, hard film, solvent deposited — Specification (<i>third revision</i>)	IS 2062 : 2011	Hot rolled medium and high tensile structural steel — Specification (<i>seventh revision</i>)
IS 1500 (Part 1) : 2019/ISO 6506-1 : 2014	Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test: Part 1 Test method (<i>fifth revision</i>)	IS 2102 (Part 1) : 1993/ISO 2768-1 : 1989	General tolerances: Part 1 Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications (<i>third revision</i>)
IS 1570 (Part 2/Sec 1) : 1979	Schedules for wrought steels: Part 2 Carbon steels (unalloyed steels), Section 1 Wrought products (other than wires) with specified chemical composition and related properties (<i>first revision</i>)	IS 7201 (Part 1) : 1987	Methods of sampling for agricultural machinery and equipment: Part 1 Hand-tools and hand-operated/animal drawn equipment (<i>first revision</i>)
		IS 15226 : 2002	Rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) compounds — Specification

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