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Sub:- Kumri Cultivation in Forest Areas during
1977-78 season.

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During the last several years, efforts were being made to introduce Kumri Cultivation in our plantation areas. However, the progress achieved so far leaves very much to be done, except in our Cashew Plantation areas in Guntur District where there is a demand for land for agriculture, Kumri has not been extended to other areas.

The growing of tree crops along with our crops will go a longway to make both enterprises economics, there is no conflict between these two crops in the early years of the plantations and all efforts should be made to introduce Kumri in our plantation areas. Annually we are planting approximately 10,000 hec. and growing food crops in these areas will help augment food production besides providing gainful employment to local people.

With a view to encourage Kumri cultivation in all our plantation areas the following guidelines are issued.

- 1) The Divisional Forest Officer's may contact local villagers and encourage them to take up Kumri in any plantation areas being planted in 1976 season.
- 2) No lease amount need be prescribed for Kumri cultivation, except in cases where there is a competition from several parties as in Bapatla of Guntur District.
- 3) As far as possible the weaker sections of the community like the landless poor, Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes may be encouraged to take up Kumri.
- 4) The Kumri may be permitted to grow any annual crop.
- 5) The Kumri lease may be permitted for one or two seasons depending on the need and convenience of the Kumridar.
- 6) Besides permitting the Kumridar from cultivating the food crop he may be paid the normal wage for maintenance of the plantation as per the Forest Schedule of rates. This will go a longway in improving the financial position of the Kumridar and will help the success of the scheme.
- 7) Each family willing to take up Kumri may be allotted 2 to 5 hec. of area; large Kumri by single individual or families should not be encouraged.

8) The only important condition for the lease should be that the Kumridar should look after the Forest Plantation and do timely operations for which wages will be paid to him and that he should vacate the area at the expiry of the lease period.

9) All cooperation and help should be provided to the Kumridar by the local staff to make a success of the venture.

10) The success of the Scheme depends on the interest taken by our staff and the Divisional Forest Officer in the scheme; the fear of the Kunridar that he will have to vacate the land after a certain period should be allowed by the Divisional Forest Officer by explaining to him that if he makes a success of his venture and the Forest plantation he will be able to get fresh areas annually to do similar cultivation and that he would not be deprived of this facility. Due recognition will be given to all those staff who take efforts to introduce Kunri in the plantation areas in their jurisdiction.

The receipt of this reference may please be acknowledged.

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Chief Conservator of Forests.

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DEPARTMENTAL TEST - FOREST LAW
(Short Notes)

Act of children below 7 years age and children above 7 years but immature understanding:

1. Act of a child under 7 years of age:
Nothing is an offence which is done by a child under 7 years of age (I.P.C.82)
2. Act of a child above seven and under twelve of immature understanding:-
Nothing is an offence which is done by a child above 7 years of age and under twelve, who has not attained sufficient maturity of understanding to judge of the nature and consequences of his conduct on that occasion(I.P.C.83)
3. Act of a person of unsound mind:
Nothing is an offence which is done by a person who at the time of doing it, by reason of unsoundness of mind, is incapable of knowing the nature of the act, or that he is doing what is either wrong or contrary to law (I.P.C.84).

DEPARTMENTAL TEST- OFFICE PROCEEDURE & ACCOUNTS
SHORT NOTES

WORKING PLAN:-

A working plan is a written arrangement sanctioned by proper authority for the systematic treatment of a Forest the object being to ensure continuity of action by officers in charge and also to provide against the deterioration and for the improvement of the capital while working out what represents the interests in an orderly, useful and economic manner. The working Plan should deal with all the Forests situated in the locality and the entire area of each Forest in that locality. Thus area may consists of a Division, a range or merely a beat or group of beats.

(Section 39 of A.P. Forest Department Code)

FELLING SERIES:-

A felling series is an area comprising a complete series of coupes each felling series being worked independently of the others. These felling series will be prescribed in the working Plan to be tackled during the currency of the Plan period.

(Section 39 of A.P. Forest Department Code)

FREE GRANTS:-

Free grants should generally be sanctioned by the Revenue authorities not below the Rank of Tahsildars in cases of real emergency such as fire, flood and other calamities causing sudden damage or distress. Such grants will be accorded on grounds of poverty. The DFO may also make such free grants from the RFs and RLs under departmental control to village communities to the extent fixed from time to time. All the free grants should be supplied from un RF or RLs and all such grants should be entered in a Register (Register of free grants).

(Section 60 of A.P. Forest Department code)

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE:-

This comprises the cost of all operations which are necessary to produce revenue or which are concerned with the maintenance and the ordinary operations under taken annually for the improvement of the Forest.

(Section 122 of AP. Forest Department Code)