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Sub:- DPAP-Various works under taken under DPAP -
Information called for.

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In view of prevailing drought conditions and to relieve distress, Government have ordered the District Collectors concerned to under take drought relief works in certain Districts. In most cases the Collectors concerned are allotting some funds to the Divisional Forest Officers of those districts for taking up works under drought relief, based on schemes submitted by them directly to the District Collectors. All this is happening practically without any knowledge or involvement of the Head Office. It is not known as to what extent the concerned, C.F at least are consulted by the Divisional Forest Officer before submission of schemes or by the District Collectors before allotting any funds to DFO's to take up works under drought relief. It is presumed that the DFOs follow the prescribed procedure of the Forest Department for sanction of estimates for such works, check measurement and submission of completion reports etc. As it is, every thing relating to drought relief works is happening at the district level in the Forest Department without the Chief Conservator of Forests being aware of what is happening where and how.

In order to streamline this aspect of work it is ordered that the DFOs should take up drought relief work only after approval of same by Chief CFs. The DFOs should submit a list of schemes taluq wise in order of priority indicating likely cost of each and justifying their need.

The Divisional Forest Officers will submit to the Collector only those schemes in the list in the order of priority as are approved by Chief Conservator of Forests from time to time, for execution as drought relief works utilising the funds to be released by Collectors. No new schemes will be proposed to Collectors by the Divisional Forest Officers till, the list of approved schemes is exhausted. All the Divisional Forest Officers are requested to follow the above instructions from now on scrupulously.

The receipt of this circular may please be acknowledged.

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