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regarding.

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Beedi Leaf is a major source of revenue for the Government, besides providing employment to the villagers during the non-agricultural season, when they are otherwise idle. The collection and the pre-collection operations last for hardly 3 months from March to May every year. The Department will therefore have to mobilise the available man-power at middle and higher executive levels on more or less war-footing, in order to plug all holes in the Departmental organisation at lower levels, as well as the organisation of the purchasers, who may not show interest to collect maximum quantity of leaf, especially when their purchase price is high. The following arrangement is made to ensure proper collection and supervision.

2. The Addl.Chief Conservators of Forests are allotted areas, as detailed below.

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| i. Addl.Chief Conservator of Forests (WLM) | : Hyderabad Circle and Nizamabad Circle. |
| ii. Addl.Chief Conservator of Forests (A&ST). | : Adilabad Circle. |
| iii. Addl.Chief Conservator of Forests (DPAP) | : Warangal Circle. |
| iv. Addl.Chief Conservator of Forests (DE&E) | : Khammam Circle. |

They are requested to tour intensively during April and May particularly and see that the khalla-wise targets are achieved. I have scrutinised the targets fixed for 1981 season in Nirmal and Kamareddy Divisions, but they require revision for two reasons, viz, (i) the target is based on average, which is not realistic. This year the crop prospects are good and bright - so the target should be high, as in 1979 for example and (ii) The purchasers have paid very good price, and unless we take advantage of the bright crop-prospects, we will not be able to collect the expected proportionately high revenue. The Addl.Chief Conservators of Forests should start fixing revised targets right from now. This should be done during tours and not by calling the Divisional Forest officers to Hyderabad.

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3. The Conservator of Forests/Addl. Chief Conservators of Forests should particularly concentrate on units yielding superior quality, highly priced leaf.

4. The Sub-Divisional Forest Officers have been allotted specific ranges and they should not be disturbed or drawn away from their Sub-Divisions without the prior approval of the Chief Conservator of Forests, as they are answerable for any irregularity occurring within the Sub-Divisions.

5. The Chief Conservator of Forests shall also be going round the Divisions during the beedi-leaf season. Overlapping of tours should be avoided.

6. All the officers should have khalla-wise targets and progress of collection on hand for checking by the higher officers.

7. At the end of the season, the Addl. Chief Conservators of Forests should furnish their reports on the performance of the Divisions entrusted to them.

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