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Sub: Seedlings - Distribution of seedlings
to the public - Evaluation - Regarding.

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As part of the programme to cover the whole country with trees, of all types and make our country green, the Forest Department has been raising seedlings under various schemes and distributing them to the public for planting in the house-compounds, farm-steads, field-bunds and also in the farms as block planting. During 1980-81, 190 lakh seedlings are proposed to be distributed during 1982 planting season. This is expected to be 850 lakh seedlings in 1983.

The Forest Department should not feel happy with only distribution of seedlings to the public and be satisfied. It is also the responsibility of the department to see that the seedlings distributed to the public are properly utilised and wasted. The Prime Minister of India is very keen that the Forest Department should keep a track of all the distributions made, and to evaluate as to how they are fairing and feed back the information to Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government of India and the Planning Commission. This evaluation, monitoring and feed back about survival and grant of seedlings distributed has not been done so far in our State.

3. It is generally difficult to keep a watch over every seedling distributed, but some assessment can surely be made by taking out samples at random and arrive at some satisfactory figure.

4. To make such an inventory possible, it is proposed to take up test checks of the planting done by the farmers and others who have received bulk quantities of seedlings from the Forest Department. The officers will take up test checking during their regular tours, selecting the sample from the Register of Seedlings Distributed kept at each nursery for supplying of seedlings to the public. The following percentage is prescribed as a minimum, for each officer of the Forest Department, to take up the test check:

1. Conservator of Forests: 1% of the seedlings distributed.
2. Divisional Forest Officer and Sub-Divisional Forest Officer/Asst. Conservators of Forests: 5% of the seedlings distributed.
3. Forest Range Officer 10% of the seedlings distributed.
4. Dy. Range Officers/Foresters: 20% - do -

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Where, there are special Divisions exclusively dealing with the Social Forestry programmes, the percentage should be more than the minimum prescribed above. In their case, it may be double the number.

5. The observations made by the inspection officers regarding the number of seedlings planted and surviving on the day of inspection and other growth statistics may be recorded at the division level giving blockwise and range-wise information and at the Conservator of Forests level giving block-wise/Range-wise/Division-wise information in the enclosed proforma. A note with the extracts from the Conservator of Forests file will be forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests giving the information district-wise and feed back to the government will be at the district-level. The evaluation is contemplated above will start with the supply made during 1982 season.

6. The Chief Conservator of Forests/Addl; Chief Conservators of Forests are also requested to inspect and check in similar lines during their tour, to the extent possible.

The receipt of the circular may be acknowledged in the enclosed form.

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DEPARTMENTAL TEST-OFFICE PROCEDURE & ACCOUNTS
DEFINITIONS

DUTY:- Duty does not include any period of absence on any leave admissible under these rules or under the Fundamental Rules read with Rule 5 of these rules but includes-

- i) any period of absence on casual leave during a continuous period spent on duty;
- ii) any period of absence on gazetted holidays or other days declared to be holidays by a competent authority, during a continuous period spent on duty;
- iii) any period of absence on gazetted holidays when permitted to be prefixed or affixed to leave;
- iv) any period of absence during vacation either during a continuous period spent on duty or when permitted to be prefixed or affixed to leave;
- v) any period spent on foreign service, if contribution towards leave salary is paid on account of such period.
- vi) joining time; and
- vii) all periods declared to be on duty under Fundamental Rule 9 (6) (b) and the subsidiary rules made thereunder;

(Vide Rule 4 of A.P. Leave Rules, 1933)