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Considering their importance in improving the environment and maintaining the essential ecological process and life support systems, intensification of afforestation, Social Forestry and farm Forestry found a place as one of the items in the revised 20 point economic programme announced by our Prime Minister recently. The tempo of Social Forestry programmes in the State received a filip only from the year 1981-82 with substantial increase in the financial inputs into these programmes through allotment of additional funds from the N.R.E.P. and implementation of the Centrally sponsored rural fuel wood plantation programme and taking up Miscellaneous plantations programmes under D.P.A.P. and I.R.D.P.. With the importance given to the Social Forestry and Afforestation in the 20 point economic programme, it is expected that there will be more and more investments in afforestation programmes mainly of degraded forests of our state. In addition the C.I.D.A. aided Rs. 40.00 crore Social Forestry project is likely to be grounded during this year, under which also extensive degraded forests are proposed to be taken up for afforestation.

2. Keeping all this in view, the Conservators of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officers are requested to see that degraded forest lands with good soil potential and suitable for afforestation and raising of concentrated plantations are reserved in all the dry and semi-arid districts on a priority basis from now, on for the departments own fuel wood and other plantation programmes under various Social Forestry schemes as likely to be required over the next 10 years, and balance areas if any only earmarked for raising plantations of other species like cashew which do not produce fuel wood in a short period, or area raised for M.F.P. mainly.

The receipt of the Circular may please be acknowledged.

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