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Chief Conservator of Forests
(Social Forestry,)

Circular No.25/83

Sub: Social Forestry - Afforestation programme checking of
survey - issue of Certificate - Reg.

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Afforestation of degraded forests is being taken up in a big way in all the districts as a part of the Social Forestry programme founded from different sources like National Rural Employment Programme, Rural Fuel Wood Plantation, Canadian International Development Agency aided Social Forestry Project etc. Similarly afforestation of village waste lands, and tank foreshores etc., are also being taken up in almost all the districts. It has come to the notice of the Chief Conservator of Forests (SF) that the Divisional Forest Officers (Whether territorial or Extension/Social Forestry) concerned with these programmes have not been checking and survey of these afforestation plots either before planting work is taken up, or atleast immediately thereafter, to verify the accuracy of the survey as per the field book submitted Range by the Range Officer concerned along with the plotted sketch, and subsequently the area of the plot as computed from the plotted sketch, all the Divl. Forest Officers are informed that it is one of the important duties of the Divl. Forest officer to check surveys of all plantation/Afforestation plots and should be attended to by them properly and in time. Afforestation plots and Neglect of this important task may lead to unscrupulous Range Officers changing for excess work than actually done by indicating larger areas than actually planted, as has happened in a few cases in recent times.

2. All the Divl. Forest Officers are therefore informed that they should invariably check the survey of every afforestation/plantation area of the year in their divisions before actual planting is taken up, and certify to the accuracy of the survey and of the area of the plot as computed from such survey, as checked by the Draughtsman of the DFO's office. It is further ordered that an annual survey checking verification certificate must be submitted by all the Divl. Forest Officers from now on before the end of December of the every year, in the proforma enclosed, to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry). For 1983-84 plantation/Afforestation plots this certificate should be submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) before end of January 1984 positively. Any negligence in checking the surveys of afforestation plantation areas by the Divl. Forest Officers and submission of annual verification certificates will be viewed seriously, and disciplinary action initiated against the concerned for negligence of duty and dis-obedience of Chief Conservator of Forests ordered.

3. All the DFOs are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this circular letter.

Sd/- A.L.Rao,
Chief Conservator of Forests (SF)

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