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Sub:- I.R.E.P. - Social Forestry Programme through
weaker sections - Regarding.

From 1983-84 onwards 'Farm Forestry' programmes to be taken up through weaker sections on their own lands in the form of raising tree plantations of Eucalyptus etc., is expected to be given high priority in all the districts in the state under Integrated Rural Development Programme. In the regional meeting of the Project Directors of the District Rural Development Agencies held at Hyderabad recently, the Principal Secretary, Forests and Rural Development Department and the Commissioner, Rural Development desired that the Chief Conservator of Forests issue suitable instructions to all the Divisional Forest Officers in the districts to extend maximum cooperation to the Project Directors, D.R.D.A. in various ways as required, to help implement the above programme successfully and in time.

2. All the Divisional Forest Officers are therefore directed to extend the maximum cooperation to the Project Directors, DRDA, in (1) making available the required number of seedlings of the desired species from the nearest nurseries on a priority basis to all weaker section beneficiaries who will be brought under the Integrated Rural Development Programme subsidised programme for raising tree plantations from this year onwards. The Project Directors/Block Development Officers will be communicating a list of such beneficiaries to the Divisional Forest Officers/Range Officers indicating the area to be planted species and the number of bag seedlings required by each beneficiary to facilitate the Divisional Forest Officers/Range Officers to arrange for supply of required number of seedlings to each of them in time. The Divisional Forest Officers should also issue instructions to their Range Officers and through them to their Sections Officers to render all necessary technical advice on the species to be planted, depending on agro-climatic conditions spacing to be adopted, technique to be followed for raising and maintaining the plantations, whenever the Block Development Officers approach them with such a request. The idea is that the weaker section beneficiaries must have full support from the Range level staff of the Forest Department, so that such plantation programmes are successfully implemented, with full technical support from the Forest Department as and when required.

3. A copy of the information leaflet brought out by the Forest Department earlier, covering various aspects of Eucalyptus cultivation as a tree crop by farmers is enclosed for their information. Except where regular irrigation of the plantation is possible, all tree plantations shall be raised with adequate space between the lines for regular ploughing of the soil to facilitate

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full absorption of the meager rainfall to benefit the seedlings. In all such cases, the ideal spacing suggested is for the seedlings to be planted at 3 meters apart between the lines, but with the seedlings (in case of Eucalyptus) planted at about $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters spacing in the lines. The seedlings required per Hectare under such spacing would be about 2,200. It must be emphasised on all concerned that ploughing (with country plough) of the planted area twice in a year, first with the commencement of the monsoon and again at the end of the monsoon season is an essential pre-requisite for successful raising of Eucalyptus and other tree plantations under rain-fed conditions in the dry and semi-arid tracts of the state. Even where spot irrigation (manually) is possible, regular ploughing of the land between the lines is most desirable and should always be provided for.

4. All the Divisional Forest Officers are once again requested to provide all assistance to the Project Directors/Block Development Officers and others who will be responsible for implementing tree plantation programme and see that these programmes are successfully implemented.

The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged.

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

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CIRCULAR NO. 9/83-Y2

Sub:- Inspections-Office inspections-Preparation of statements and furnishing of information to the Party in time-Instructions-Regarding.
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It is observed at the time of Circle Offices inspections that the information and statements being furnished to the inspection party are having much deviations from the original one. It is also observed that the Preparation of statements and collection of information from the Division Offices is being stated only after arrival of the Inspection Party which is incorrect resubmitting in much time of the Party being wasted in preparing the inspection notes and to keep ready the notes for final inspection of the Inspecting Officer on due dates.

All the Conservators of Forests are therefore requested to issue strict instructions to the staff to keep ready the required statements and informations as soon as the inspection programme is received and to furnish the same, as soon as the inspection Party arrives. They are also requested to instruct the staff to prepare the statements with correct information and also to furnish the up to date information. In case any wrong information is furnished to the inspection party, responsibility will be fixed on the concerned staff in such cases. While furnishing replies to the inspection notes, the Conservator of Forests are replying generally noted and no remarks. In future the Conservators of Forests should furnish specific replies (viz) whether a register was maintained or not and when the returns will be submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests etc., but should not furnish such vague replies in future.

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