

Government of Andhra Pradesh  
Forest Department

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Office of the Chief Conservator  
of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyd

Sri A.L.Rao, I.F.S.,  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Social Forestry., )

Circular No. 16/84-

Sub:- Social forestry - plantation programme - Raising of area estimation - Reg.

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Large scale block plantations are being raised under various social forestry programmes both in reserve forests and outside year after year. In all these cases, the areas proposed to be planted are usually surveyed with a prismatic compass the areas computed with a planimeter and the approved surveyed sketches with field book are posted in the concerned plantation with the journals. Even though the Range Officers ~~xxx~~ concerned should check the surveys of all such plantations areas ~~the~~ and test checked by the Divisional Forest Officers over a certain percentage, it is noticed that there is hardly any check of the surveys by the Divisional Forester Officers concerned, and in a majority of cases the even Range Officers incharge of the plantations have also not been checking the surveys to verify the accuracy of the survey done by their Range assistants. A number of instances are coming to the notice of this office where either intentionally or unintentionally surveys of the plantation areas proposed is not done properly, and there is thus source discrepancy in the areas as reported to have been surveyed and planted and the areas as actually planted. In all such cases, where it is established after verification, that the area actually planted is much less than the area reported to have been surveyed and planted as per the surveyed sketch, recoveries are ordered from the concerned staff in addition to initiating disciplinary action for booking excess expenditure based on incorrect surveys.

2. In order that scope for such mischief made possible by non-checking in time of the surveys by the Range Officers and to the extent prescribed by Divisional Forest Officers can be eliminated to the maximum extent possible, it is proposed that all expenditure relating to number of pits to be dug (Planting points) should be incurred and booked only by the number of pits actually dug which when divided by the number of planting points per Hectare (at the proposed spacing) will give the actual area of the plot. For this purpose, the number of planting points (Pits/trenches dug) should be recorded in the plantation journal for each planting line separately, and the total of planting points arrived at by totalling the number of planting points in all the planting lines.

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3. Thus digging of pits, planting, weeding and soil workings around the individual plants shall all be booked only by the rate sanctioned: per hundred or thousand pits/ planting or weeding cum soil workings, and not by hectarage infuture. The Forest Schedule of Rates where such a provision does not exists in any circle, should be revised immediately by the concerned Conservator of Forests to provide for rates based only on the number of pits or planting points and not by hectarage. Certain items like clearing of miscelleneous growth burning of the debris fire protection etc., will however continue to be charged and paid for only on hectarage basis.

4. The Divisional Forest Officers and Conservators of Forests are requested to take immediate steps to issue instructions to all their Range Officers to adopt the procedure indicated above, and to book all expenditure wherever it is possible to be booked by planting points only, and not on hectorate basis, to avoid any excess booking of expenditure without actually carrying out the works due to booking on hectarage basis based on wrong or incorrect surveys or area computation.

5. The Conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers, are requested to take immediate and necessary action in the matter and report compliance. The receipt of this circular letter should be acknowledged atonce.

Sd/- A.L.Rao,  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
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Forests, A.P.Hyderabad.

Sri V. S. Sastry, I. F. S.,  
Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Sub:- Establishment-Transfer of Forest Guards and Forests  
and within the range-Instructions -Issued.

The Divisional Forest Officers transfer the Forest Guards and Foresters within their jurisdiction of their divisions generally, after completion of three years, (When ever pre-mature transfers are affected the permission of the Conservator of Forests, concerned is obtained in advance. All these transfers are made depending on the performance and length of service of a subordinate in a particular place of posting. However the Divisional Forest Officer concerned may give due consideration to the opinion given by the concerned Range Officer, when ever transfers are made with in a particular range.

The receipt of this Circular may please be acknowledged.

Sd/- V. S. Sastry,  
Chief Conservator of Forests.

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