

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
(FOREST DEPARTMENT)

Re.No.31725/84-U.4,
Dated: 24-3-1984.

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

Sri A.L.Rao, I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests(S.F)
CIRCULAR NO.7/84.

Sub: Social Forestry,Raising of Nurseries-
Further instructions Issued-Regarding.

In Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) Circulars Nos. 34/81, 34-A/81; 35/81, 3/82,5/82,7/82, 9/82 & 11/83 instructions were issued covering various aspects of nursery raising of Eucalyptus and other species, and about maintenance of proper nursery records including preparation of nursery layout sketches to scale, division of nursery into sectors, arranging the bags into beds etc., etc.,

2. During my inspections covering a number of nurseries in different districts, during last 2-3 months, I however found that a number of those instructions are not being followed. In most such cases it appeared that the final choice of which instructions are to be followed, is left to the Range officers or even the Range assistants concerned. Particular mention in this connection is made of (1) the nursery records to be maintained and (2) Primary nursery raising of Eucalyptus and (3) Numbering of polythene bag beds etc., as in all these cases the Chief Conservator of Forests Circular instructions are mostly ignored.

3. In most cases, nursery journals have not been opened and if opened are only in name. Very few details are found in the journals and the most important information missing is, the dates of sowing in the primary beds, (batch wise if done) quantity of seed sown per bed, where from seed obtained, dates of pricking out into bags by lots as arranged in the nursery etc.,

4. Unless the Conservator of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officers take stringent action against the concerned Rangers and their assistants, during their frequent inspections of their nurseries, for disobedience of such important circular instructions even it will not be possible to improve on such matters. The fact that Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) during his rare inspections also finds so many instances of neglect or non compliance of Chief Conservator of Forests Circular instructions even in such important matters, indicates that perhaps the Conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers themselves do not attach much importance to those circular instructions or they atleast don't bother to verify and insist on those circular instructions to be followed during their inspections on pain of taking disciplinary action, recovery of expenditure incurred etc., against concerned delinquent staff. Perhaps the conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers also don't remember even the important circular instructions of Chief Conservator of Forests in the matter, which is a prerequisite for insisting on implementing same by the Range Officers and their assistants. The Conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers also don't seem to call for the nursery journals regularly every time they inspect the nurseries to check up whether the nursery journals are being maintained properly and in time. All or any of the above

situations persisting at the Conservators of Forests and/or Divisional Forest Officers level, cannot be too strongly deprecated, in the interests of successful implementation of the social forestry programmes.

5. In Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) Ref. No.7344/83-U.4, dated 5-2-83 all Divisional Forest Officers were requested to prepare and submit to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) one copy of their division map (on district touring officer's map scale of 1"-4 miles) indicating the Panchayat Samithi blocks, and all nursery points with reference to the nearest village, where nurseries are raised during the year. I have yet to get from a single division such a map, if any prepared at all for this year and the reasons for same are not clear to me. All the Divisional Forest Officers are once again instructed to immediately get their division maps prepared, marking all using different colour patterns, for different types of nurseries like (a) Departmental nurseries raised (1) in reserve forests (2) other public lands (3) private lands taken on hire (b) school nurseries (c) S.C. Beneficiary nurseries (Special Component Plan) and lastly (d) nurseries raised through other farmers. In the legend for such map information should be given about the total number of nurseries of each type as above, and number of seedlings being raised in each type of nurseries, during the year 1984-85.

6. Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) is not prepared to accept any excuses for non-preparation and submission within (15) days by every Divisional Forest Officer of such division maps. A copy of such map should always be produced during inspections of Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) or Addl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) in their divisions from now on.

7. These instructions should be scrupulously followed from now on, failing which disciplinary action will be initiated against all concerned. They should acknowledge receipt of this circular letter at once.

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

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DEPARTMENTAL TEST- OFFICE PROCEDURE & ACCOUNTS
(SHORT NOTES)

Control Journal (Section 44 of A.P. Forest Dept., Code)

This is a register in which all note-worthy occurrences are recorded bearing on the management and improvement of the Forest. The main object is to record observations on the spot. The information should be limited to observations made in the field and should be signed and dated. The journal must be written up by the Divisional Forest Officer himself or by one of his gazetted assistants.