

FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator
of forests, A.P. Hyderabad.

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Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests
& Ex-Officio Secy. to Government.

CIRCULAR NO.3/88.

Sub:-Forest Department-Sanction of Estimates for
works taken up under NREP and IRDP Schemes-
further instructions issued -Regarding.

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In the year, 1984-85, an estimate for electrical installation to Do-downs-cum Divisional Forest Officer's office at Proddatur was proposed under NREP funds and submitted to this office for sanction. As the estimate amount exceeded the powers of Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests it was submitted to the Government for sanction. The Government through their Memo.5849/For.VI/85-2, dated 16-3-1985 have informed that sanctions under NREP grant for social forestry need not come to Government. They should be covered by the District Social Forestry Committee in accordance with the guidelines issued by Government from time to time in respect of utilisation of NREP funds and therefore action was asked to be taken accordingly in the matter.

According to the above instructions, the estimate was returned to the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool for necessary action. Subsequently the Conservator of Forests Anantapur has submitted certain estimates which exceeded the power of Conservator of Forests for sanction by this office, under the said schemes. They were returned to the Conservator of Forests, Anantapur together with a copy of the Government Memo. with instructions to take suitable action at his level.

The Conservator of Forests, Anantapur has put forth specific issues for clarification. The Government instructions on the subject were considered to be not adequate to render necessary clarification on all the issues raised by the Conservators of Forests. Hence the matter was again referred to the Government for further instructions. In the meantime similar issues pertaining to estimates under I.R.D.P. were also raised. These were also referred to the Government for instructions. The Government through ref.No.2478/NREP.III/88, dated 2-2-1988 have issued the following clarification.

- i) According to the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.523,PR (NREP-iv) Department, dated 13-11-9185. The annual action plan under NREP have to be approved by the Zilla Praja Parishad in the light of the guidelines of Government of India and the instructions issued by the State Government from time to time in this regard. As such, the annual action plan i.e. work projects in respect of S.F. prepared by the Forest Department in the District has to be got approved by the Z.P.P. After such approval the Z.P.P. only, the normal departmental procedure /

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instructions in respect of administrative and technical sanction of estimates held good in the case of works taken up under NREP also.

- ii) Under para 15.3(v) of the NREP guidelines, the capital and continuing heavy expenditure on infrastructure creation for the forest development nurseries such as roads, stones, wire fencing salaries for staff etc. should not form part of the Social Forestry programme under NREP except within the ceiling of 5% allowed for administrative and other contingencies.

The Conservators of Forests are, therefore, requested to follow the above instructions in the process and sanction of works estimates under NREP and IRDP Schemes. Whenever any estimate is submitted to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests for sanction under the above schemes, the estimates should accompany, with a copy of the clearance order given by the Z.P.P. Under the approved work project. No estimate shall be entertained by the office for sanction without the above.

They are requested to acknowledge the receipt of the circular by return post.

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