

Copy of letter No. VE1-6063/87 dated 25-2-1988 from M.S. Nair, Chief Conservator of Forests (Vigilance), Trivandrum, to all Conservators of Forests/Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry)

Sub: - Adoption of new rates by converting existing rates proportionately.

In this Office letter on even No. dated 18-11-1987 it was pointed out that conversion of sanctioned schedule of rates for higher specification proportionately results in unnecessary and wasteful expenditure in certain items of work. On such item is "filling baskets". In the sanctioned schedule of rates there is rate for only one item.

ie. 12 x 18cm size bag  
(Vol. 0.0020347) Now various sizes  
of bags are being used for preparing basketted plants as below.

Size	Volume In m <sup>3</sup>	Rations with reference to 12 x 18 size bags
12 x 24 cm	0.0027129	1.333
20 x 30 cm	0.0094200	4.629
20 x 40 cm	0.0125600	6.172
20 x 15 cm	0.0047100	2.315

In certain divisions for filling bags of bigger size proportionate rates are worked out with reference to the sanctioned rate for 12 x 18 size bags. In some other divisions (say – Trivandrum District) proportionate rate minus 10% is being followed. Recently the use of bigger size bags has been increased. It is found that though the quantity of soil required for filling bags increases proportionate to the size of bags, the labour required for filling, does not increase that much. In other words proportionate rate for filling bags with reference to the volume would result in huge wasteful expenditure.

Recently during inspection of certain nurseries where filling bags is going on it is found that the rate sanctioned for 12 x 18 cm is enough to fill bags of 12 x 24 and 20 x 15 sizes. Hence it is suggested that for the above three sizes the existing schedule of rate may be kept as the limit.

In respect of the other sizes, intimation may be given when fillings bags are taken up in order to verify the rates.

Yoursfaithfully,

Sd/-  
Chief Conservator of Forests (V)

Copy to CF, Central Circle, Trichur .  
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For Conservator of Forests,  
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