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minutes of the meeting of Divisional Forest Officers and Range Officers of Central Circle in the Chamber of the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Thrissur on 17-6-'95.

Present:

1. P. Prasada Babu, I S. Conservator of Forests.
2. K.J. Varghese, IFS.DFO. Trichur.
3. E.M. Ravindran, DFO. Vazhachal.
4. Jupidi Prasad, DFO. Malayattoor.
5. John Augustine Nirmal, Range Officer, Adirappilly.
6. A.M. Babu Bonaventure, Range Officer, Wadakkanchery.
7. A.P. Antony, Range Officer, Special Protection Squad, Trichur.
8. K.N. Narayana Pillai, Range Officer Charpa.
9. V. Subban Nair, Range Officer, Kollathirumedu.
10. M.C. Antony, Range Officer, Velikulangara.
11. T.V. Sasidharan, Range Officer, Pariaram.
12. Joseph Mathew, Range Officer, Vazhachal.
13. T.P. Krishnan Namboodiri, Range Officer, Kalady.
14. A.N. Gopa akrishnan, Range Officer, Sholapur.
15. A. Renan, Range Officer, Machad.
16. C.V. Vijayan, Range Officer, Palappilly.
17. T.V. Viswambharan, Range Officer, Chimmidi.
18. P.M. Sasikumar, Range Officer, Kuttampuzha.
19. Mathew.K. James, Range Officer, Kodanad.
20. D. Rajendran, Range Officer, Thundathil.
21. Shaji. S. Range Officer, Peechi.
22. T.K. Babu, Range Officer.

The conference commenced at 10.30 A.M. At the outset, the Conservator of Forests explained the objective of the conference.

The Department has taken up so many commercial plantations during the past many years, spending crores of rupees. The major extent of the area is under teak and eucalyptus plantations. Even though we are getting more than Rs.100 crores revenue from these two crops, we are not knowing what is the growing stock and the condition of the plantations. Most of the teak plantations and eucalyptus plantations are very much under stocked and have lot of scope to get the stock improved. There are so many other plantations which cannot respond to any treatment and have to be replanted extracting whatever material is available. Whereas there are so many other plantations which have completely failed and untraceable now due to subsequent re-planting by augmentations or re-generation of natural growth. In such a condition it is highly essential to immediately evaluate our growing stock of commercial plantations and to provide additional inputs

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so that they are rarely called as the commercial plantations of the present day order. For this purpose, even though we have various types of commercial plantations it has been decided to touch upon teak and eucalyptus for the time being. In this process the Range Officers and Divisional Forest Officers are requested to carry out the following operations immediately.

- (1) To perambulate thoroughly all the plantations of age 4 to 30 years existing in their jurisdiction.
- (2) All the plantations which have satisfactory growth and stock and which will not be requiring much additional inputs have to be listed separately. The other plantations which will improve their conditions with anyone or more of the following operations should be taken up for the improvement. The operations are:
 - (1) Augmentation
 - (2) Tending
 - (3) Manuring
 - (4) Replanting and re-planting.

For the plantations selected for improvement activities the following steps have to be taken up to evaluate the plantation, to identify the constraints and to prescribe the treatment.

The first step is gathering the available information. In this, the history of the plantations and the details of earlier treatment along with the particulars of locality, extent, local conditions etc. have to be recorded. The second step is evaluation of the growing stock. In this using the stratified random sampling method taking the sample plots of 40 metres x 40 metres or 50 mts. x 50 mts. size whichever is suitable, the growing volume of the plantation per hectare has to be assessed. The total basal area and the average height of the plantation also have to be recorded. The status of climber, loranthus attack etc. also have to be assessed. The sampling should be to the maximum of 2% and the sample plots should be clearly demarcated and easily identifiable so that the subsequent inspections or checkings will be carried out easily whenever it is necessary by the inspecting team. The sample plots should be marked in sketch and the boundary of the plots should be demarcated with tar banding.

The 3rd step is the reasons for the bad status of the plantations have to be enlisted. In this the local conditions the external damages like elephant damage if any and the soil conditions etc. should be clearly recorded. All the facts should be assessed in the most realistic manner as the future developmental strategies are purely depending on this.

The last step is to assess the scope for improving the plantations. In this it should be clearly enlisted the steps to be taken up including the required additional inputs to make it a real commercial plantation. If the present stock cannot be improved a clear suggestion should be recorded for removing the standing crop and to replant. If the locality is not at all

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suitable for taking up a viable commercial plantation that also has to be recorded.

In the case of eucalyptus, all the plantations of age above 2 years and 2nd or 3rd rotations have to be taken up for this purpose. All the steps like above have to be taken and the data should be collected.

For all the plantations the above works should be completed within three months and the report should be made ready for the submission to the Chief Conservator of Forests. All the Range Officers and Divisional Forest Officers expressed that they have clearly understood the reason for carrying the works and that there is no doubt about any of the operations to be carried out in this aspect.

Then the physical targets against the available funds were discussed in detail.

The meeting came to an end at 5.00PM.

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CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

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