

Copy of Chief Conservator's report No. A1-24293/66 dated 5-8-1966 to the Secretary to Government, Finance Department

Sub:- Economy measures – Chief Ministers' conference – Implementation of decisions –
Regarding –

Ref:- D.O. Letter No.41096/88/66/Fin. Dated 21-7-1966 from the Chief Secretary to Government

In continuation of the D.O. letter of even Number dated 2-8-1965, I have to inform Government as follows:-

The Chief Conservator of forest is operating grants under Demand No. XXXIX and LI. The total grant of Rs.96.49 out of Rs.163.23 lakhs under Demand No. XXXXX, Rs.12,235 lakhs is for Plan Schemes. A statement showing the outlay for 1966-67 proposed by this Department as also the outlay sanctioned is given below.

Statement showing the outlay for 1966-67 proposed and sanctioned for various schemes

Name of Scheme	1966-67 Outlay as per Plan proposals (Rs. In lakhs)		1966-67 outlay as sanctioned
(1)	(2)	(3)	
I. Economic Plantations			
1. Teak	21.17	25.61	Physical target was in- Creased from 2400 Hectares 3000 hectares.
2. Softwood	6.67	5.60	
3. Sandalwood	0.60	..	
4. Bamboos	0.50	..	
5. Anjili	0.20	..	
6. Andamon Padauk	0.02	..	
7. Balsa	0.01	..	
8. Rosewood	0.10	..	
	B.F	29.27	31.21
II. Fuel Plantation	5.49	4.85	
III. M.F.P.	0.08	..	

IV.	Communications	21.16	20.00
V.	Buildings	13.08	5.00
VI.	Rehabilitation of degraded Forests	0.65	..
VII.	Improved logging	7.14	..
VIII.	Training of Staff	4.10	6.20
IX.	Forest Consolidation (no breakup) ..		1.50
X.	Working Plan	1.71	..
XI.	Nature Conservation	3.00	2.00
XII.	Forest Resource Survey	0.83	0.50 State
XIII.	Forest Research	4.79	0.40
XIV.	Development of Posture & grazing	0.01	..
XV.	Forest Protection	10.85	1.00
XVI.	Amenities to Forest labour	2.38	..
XVII.	Forest Publicity	1.20	..
XVIII.	Strengthening of Staff	5.48	0.64

CENTRAL SECTOR

XIX.	Plantation of Quick Groving Species	50.69	34.93
XX.	Form Forestry (no break up)		
XXI.	Pre-investment Survey (no breakup)	..	0.50
Total		161.91	108.73

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As per the IV Plan proposals the outlay for 1966-67 was to be Rs.161.91 lakhs while the outlay sanctioned is only Rs.108.73 lakhs. It has to be pointed out that at the time of finalization of the Annual Plan proposals, a state of emergency existed and in the light of economic to be affected, several schemes were put off and in respect of remaining schemes (except two) substantial reduction was made as could be seen from the above statement. Under "Teak" the physical target was increased with a corresponding increases in the outlay. Against the outlay of 21.17 lakhs for raising 2400 hectares of teak plantation, the outlay was fixed as Rs.25.61 lakhs for 3000 hectares. Similarly to next the increasing demand for trained personnel, a higher outlay had to be fixed for "Training of staff". Under all other schemes, there was considerable reduction in the outlay proposed.

In view of the fact that the original total outlay Rs.161.91 proposed was reduced considerably and fixed as 108.73 it may not be possible to effect any further reduction or postponement of work under Plan Schemes, without affecting efficiency. However, I assure that every effort will be made to effect economics and on discussion with the Divisional Forest Officers, less important works, if any, will be postponed.

The non-plan provision under Demand No.XXXIX is Rs.151 lakhs. Government have already been moved for sanction of on additional provision of Rs. 14 lakhs, as there are no possibilities of finding funds for meeting the additional expenditure. Further, some of the items of expenditure provided Department and any reduction under such items will adversely affect the revenue, The Department is managed with the minimum staff and as such reduction of expenditure under establishment charges is also not feasible.

I am making all possible efforts to minimize expenditure under "Contingencies", "Purchase of Uniforms", "Purchase of furniture" etc.

Sd/-
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. On No.A1-24293/66 dated 5-6-1966.

Copy with copy of D.O.No.41096/SS/66/Fin. Dated 21-7-1966 forwarded to all Sub Officers for strict attention. They are requested to make all efforts to minimize expenditure by postponing all unimportant items under various heads. They will also ensure maximum out under contingencies.

Sd/-
for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy of D.O. No.41096/SS/66/Fin. Dated 21st July, 1966 from Sri.N.M.Patnaik, Chief Secretary to Sri. M.P.George, Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.

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Regarding.

As you are aware, in order to fight the inflationary pressures in our economy, a decision has been taken at the National Level that immediate steps should be taken at the National level that immediate steps should be taken to our tail Governmental expenditure to the maximum extent possible. The Chief Ministers Conference held at New Delhi recently, has agreed that efforts should be taken to effect maximum economy in Governmental expenditure and has laid down the following guidelines.

1. There should be an effort to reduce revenue expenditure at least by 3 per cent. Steps should also be taken to ensure that the wastage of 3 per cent that occurs usually in the growth of administrative services is avoided by step-up new vacancies by diverting surplus staff located from amongst the existing Departments.
2. There should be a minimum cut of 5 per cent in to capital expenditure, the cut on buildings being 15 per cent. This could be achieved by.
 - i. Postponing works and schemes which have not been taken up.
 - ii. Postponing expenditure on works and schemes which are not important and which have not reached any definite stage; and
 - iii. Staggering expenditure over a longer period on works and schemes which are less important.
3. There should be an effort to simplify construction programmes by resorting to semi-permanent buildings, wherever possible.
4. In regard to Plan Schemes and developmental schemes a quick review should be conducted to identify schemes which are less important and which would not yield quick results. Such

schemes could be dropped or postponed, or suitably phased so as to move to the maximum extent possible expenditure during this year. It may be possible to reduce outlays even an essential plan schemes by modifying the pattern of staff or construction programmes or pattern of assistance.

5. The percentage cut suggested above are to be considered as the minimum and every effort should be taken to save more. Again, there need not be a uniform out in all outlays. The cuts might be selective, but the overall affect should ensure the minimum savings proposed.

We are now to scrutinize our budget outlays along the links indicated above and affect maximum economies. The Advisers propose to discuss the specific proposals with the Secretaries of the Administrative Departments in the Secretariat and the Heads of Departments concerned during the first fortnight of August 1966. The actual date and time of the proposed discussion will be intimated to you shortly. In the meantime I would request you personally to scrutinize the budget outlays under various items concerning your Department and suggest concrete proposals for affecting the desire economy in expenditure. I shall be obliged if you could send your detailed proposals before the 4th August 1966.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and give immediate personal attention to this matter.

(True copies)

Endt. On HA-6737/66 dated 16-08-1966.

Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to all Section for strict attention.

For Conservator of Forests