Forest Department - XVI Meeting of the Central Board of Forestry Recommendation under agenda item No. 13-Institution of Van Pandit Award on All India basis - Proposals accepted -orders issued.

Read: 1. Letter No.1-8/77-FRY dated 22-2-1977 from the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Department of Agriculture) New Delhi.

2. Letter No. P3 - 23724/77 dated 24-1- 1979 from the

Chief Conservator of Forests.

The Central Board of Forestry in its XVI Meeting recommended the institution of awards to individuals who serve the cause of tree planting in the Country. Government of India have accepted the recommendations and have requested the State Government to take steps for the purpose.

- 2. Government, after careful examination of the case in consultation with the Chief Conservator of Forests, accept the above recommendation and are pleased to order as follows:-
- (i) A certificate and cash award of Rs. 1000 will be given to the individual who takes up the largest number of tree planting and records the highest percentage of survival at State level.

(ii) A Rolling Trophy costing Rs. 2500/-will be given to the local body (Panchayat/ Municipality Corporation) to which the above individual belongs.

The awards are to be presented each year during the Vana-

mahotsava Celebration.

Sanction is also accorded for the expenditure on this account to be met from "313 (1) 6 Forest Publicity"

4. The rules for giving awards under the scheme are given in the appendix.

By Order of the Governor K.V. Vidyadharan

Special Secretary to Government

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The Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)

Endt on P3 - 23724/77 dated 25---10---80

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