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Sub: Inspection Report Sri. M. Sivarajan former Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) of Wynad and Kozhikode divisions on 22.12.80

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Please find enclosed copy of the extracts of paras 4, 5, & 6 of the Inspection Note of Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) in Wynad and Kozhikode divisions on 22.12.80, for information and guidance.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

for Chief Conservator of Forests

Extracts of paras. 4, 5 & 6 of the Inspection notes:

4. The 1979 pepper garden under Varamakshmi-B of 45 ha. is spread over 1972 and 1974 Rosewood Plantation wherein the alternate rows of Teak has been fully removed. This also is with a temporary fence with well established and fairly well stocked vines. The 1980 pepper garden of 99 ha. spread over 1965, 1966 and 1972 Grevelia Plantations (after removal of Teak). This quite an extensive plantation with a temporary fence all around. The planting stock used is rooted cuttings in Poly-bags in an cluster of 3 - 4 of local Karimnagar variety brought from Kozhikode Ash-Lavayal Farm. The bulk of the plantation cost is on fence cost of planting material and weeding. In the first year, 3 weedings inclusive of the first scraping with an murreling followed with two weedings each in 2nd and 3rd year with provisions for manuring. To reduce the initial cost, it will be worthwhile consider introducing other supplemental crops like Rob coffee in the inter spaces since the area selected over the Plan of Wynad Division is ideally suited for coffee cultivation. With such a change over in the farming practice, we will be drifting away from the traditional goals set up under Forestry practices. For this limitation, it will have to be considered whether physical target for the Varamakshmi-B should not be reduced till the economics of the present package of the scheme with its even result are studied in detail. Just because of the fact that Pepper gets well established in the Grevelia host-a fact well established by the local planters decades back - the Department should not go in for large scale cultivation since all these etc in multiple cropping on an estimate are cannot be fully applied in forest plantations raised with a different object of Manager.

5. Then inspected the 10 ha. of 1980 Rosewood plot near Kuppady. This area was originally got cleared for coffee retaining some residual growth as shade trees. But later the idea of the Kozhikode wild division raising coffee plantation was given up and hence the 10 ha. of this coupe was attempted to be got regenerated with locally collected seedlings of Rosewood by planting them at 3 x 3 m. in 25 cm. pits. The seedlings collected area mostly of root sucker origin and since these were not got proper rooted in containers in a nursery there has been got losses requiring repeated heaving up with little success. Survivors will again suffer mortality during the ensuing summer. It will be better to raise nurseries with locally collected seeds and plant naked seedlings either in crew bar holes or pits of 10 more old nursery seedlings. Such nurseries could be raised of root sucker seedlings in poly-bag containers for 8-10 months which also give good results. It will also be a good practice to forest

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seedlings - kinder gardens around promising mother trees by soil working and soil wounding to a depth of 10 - 15 cm. all around such mother trees. These could be attempted to be spaced out later and a few got transplanted to distant sites. In the artificial regeneration of Rosewood, it will not be wise to attempt to raise a pure plantation of Rosewood which may not be successful. The intention should be to raise it with its natural associates with increased percentage of the species in the new stands so created.

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8. Then inspected the picnic spot of 2.80 ha. of fenced area got developed last year at a cost of Rs.8,000/- under "Recreation forestry". A few wooden benches and tables have been put up. The spot is not likely and attract much visitors. Then inspected the 1980 Survey S.A. of 2.86ha. taken in the adjoining Reserve Forests. Sandal is seen to be planted in rows in the natural form which is quite open. But no primary tree host is seen planted with the seedlings. The planted seedlings are seen struggling for existence.

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cc/- for Chief Conservator of Forests.

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