

Copy of letter No.P3.12764/76K.Dis dt.18.5.76 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum addressed to the Divisional Forest Officer, Konni.

Sir,

Sub :- Formation of nursery – instructions – regarding.

Ref:- 1. This office Circular No.12/76
2. Your letter No.KU.C2.1414/76 dt.24/26.8.76

I am to inform you that the instructions issued in Circular No.12/76 are mainly in respect of nursery beds for raising Eucalyptus seedlings.

In para I of your report under reference you have stated that the provisions given in the wages notification is excluding bamboo thatties. This statement is not correct. I invite your attention to page 143-144 of the Minimum wages committee Report regarding the job specification for formation of nursery bed for Teak. Condition of the specification says "required number of suitable bamboo thatties to be provided along the sides of the beds (for one bed, about 80 metres running length of bamboos not less than 10 cm. diameter will be required)" the standard diamention of the teak nursery bed has been given under item No.8 in the said specification as 12.19m x 30 cm. The rate has been worked out based on the job specifications viz. items 1 to 14. It includes fixing of bamboo thatties all around the sides of bed and driving of wooden or bamboo pogs at a spacing of 50 cm. to support and hold the bamboo thatties. The only item not included in the said specification is collection and transport of bamboos required for nursery. This has to be separately worked out. Therefore the question of applying schedule of rate under Item No. 81 of Schedule of Rates for Forestry works does not arise.

The necessity for providing side protection to the nursery beds (bamboo thatties) is therefore left to the description of the Divisional Forest Officers concerned depending on the site selected for nursery operations. In the case of teak nursery side protection may be required in certain localities where there is heavy rainfall as the beds have to be retained for a minimum period of one year.

If good quality, teak seeds are sown in a standard nursery bed, each bed will be capable of producing 1000 to 1200 good teak stumps. Two and a half such beds will be required for planting 1 hectare on the area. The question of raising to 3 ' beds of teak nursery to produce plantation may not arise under normal conditions provided good quality seeds are sown at the proper time. However, in order to face in for seen contingencies the number of beds may be increase by 10% and not more than 25% at any rate of the total requirement.

The direction in sow 5 kg. of teak seeds (vide Circular No.12/76) per standard nursery bed is not on the high side as stated by you. This is applicable to a standard nursery bed having an area of 82 sq. metres

Sd/-

For Chief Conservator of Forests,

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