

MEMORANDUM

SUB: Cashew Development during the Fourth Five Year Plan.

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As a result of a discussion on 7.3.'66 between Sri. S.G. Aiyadurai, Development Officer (Spices and Cashew nut) and the Chief Conservator of Forests, it was decided to make a proposal to draw out a Scheme for the improvement of the existing Cashew plantations in the Forest department. With the object of increasing its productivity the methods suggested were:

- (1) Protection from men and cattle by way of fencing.
- (2) Filling up gaps or blanks with basket plants especially in areas where wider planting (viz. 30' x 30' espacement) were originally adopted ,there by reducing the xx spacing (even to 15' x 15'). This is to have closer spacing and consequently to increase as far as possible the number of trees per acre.
- (3) Clearing the under growth wherever needed.
- (4) Soil working on at least 10' square around each plant. In sloping areas, suitable measures with regard to soil and water conservation may be suggested. This may include digging catch pits of 3' x 1' on the uphill side of the plants. Mulching operation is also suggested along with the operation.
- (5) Manuring-Application of N.P.K. 7:10:5) at the rate of about ½ K.gm. per bearing tree in alternate years is recommended.
- (6) Plant protection measures-Combination spraying of fungicides and insecticides (Fytelon*Endrin) at the rate of 1.K.gm. in two gallons of water, is recommended.

The Divl. Forest officers are requested to prepare and submit an estimate based on the above suggestions for improving the Cashew plantations in their respective Division through their conservators. The conservator of forest will scrutinize the Divl. Forest officer's proposals and submit to this office a consolidated proposal and estimate for the IVth Five Year Plan period.

The Conservator's final reports should reach this office before 25.3.1966 positively. This should not be delayed on any account.

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

The Conservators of Forests,

And the Divl. Forest Officers.