

Copy of Circular No. 14/89(P1-24901/89) dated 20.6.89 from the Chief Conservator of forests, Trivandrum

Sub : Lapses noticed in the execution of regeneration works rectification of – regarding :-

The forest Vigilance wing, after as on the spot study of the 1989 regeneration programme under execution have made some observations which point out lapses on the part of the executing officers in following standard forestry practices. In the above context, the following instructions are issued.

1. Sufficient care should be exercised of the 1989 regeneration work, whether if he new planting or augumentation planning. A pre-assessment of the regeneration status in the area should invariable be made by an officer of the rank not lower than that of an A.C.F. in the absence of the “Failure committee” and proper records made to that effect. If the area selected was originally planted with some species, in the pre-assessment the D.F.O. / A.C.F. should show clearly the area to be replanted or augmented, based on the survival existing in the field. Such a record should have reference to the original sketch prepared for the said plantation and suitable entry should be made to that affect in the concerned plantation journal. Subsequent observations and data recordings should be made in the same plantation journal since it is not a case of raising a new plantation.
2. Areas proposed for augumentation work in degraded forests should also be stock – mapped. For this, the procedure stipulated under “x. no-restoration of degraded forests’ on pages 24 to 26 of the “enchage of forestry practices’ issued in 1989 should be scrupulously followed. In the selected of site, selected of species, espacement, preparation of site and alignment of the area, the norms prescribed in the “package of forestry practices’ appearing on pages-17-22 should be adhered to in all aspects.
3. In the case of augumenting of Eucalyptus plantations, the norms prescribed under VIII Augumenting of Eucalyptus plantations’ appearing on pages 22 & 23 in the package of forestry practices’ should be strictly followed. It has been observed by the forest vigilance wing that some areas chosen for current year’s augumentation is having stocking of coppice growth above the prescribed limit. Such areas can be excluded from fresh planting.
4. Regarding survey and field demarcation of plantation Augumentation areas the guideline (1) & (2) under general guideline in package of forest practice should be followed.
5. On using planting material the guideline No.3 under general guideline should be strictly followed.
6. It is also observed by the forest Vigilance wing that the workers engaged are not paid the actual amount due to them in some cases, as per the forest minimum wages Act. This will have to be ensured by the disbursing officer and his superiors during the execution of such works.
7. If the plantation fails due to the violation of any of the introductions the officials responsible for the violation will be held responsible for the failure.

Receipt of this circular should be acknowledged.

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Approved for issue,

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