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From

M.S.Nair,
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Trivandrum.

To

The Conservator of Forests,
Social Forestry,
Calicut/Quilon

Sir,

Sub: - Cost of planting – preparation of estimate inspection of areas by the Vigilance
Wing – Regarding.

Ref: - Nil.

On examining various planting estimates received in this office it is found that the expenditure on plantations can be reduced without adversely affecting the quality of work if the guidelines already issued from Chief Conservator of forests, Social Forestry are taken in detail for preparation of the estimates. This observation is amply supported by the inspection recently made in some of the divisions by the Vigilance and Evaluation Wing. In the case of the following items expenditure can be still reduce as explained below: -

(1) Digging pits

In the case of ordinary soil when the baskets are 12 x 18 in size 25 cm.³ pits will be sufficient. This agrees with the instructions already issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry). In certain areas 30cm³ pits are being taken which causes an excess expenditure of not less than Rs. 2,600/- per hect. In ordinary area if taken in dry season or Rs. 1,350/- per hect. If pits are taken after rains. The excess expenditure in difficult and very difficult areas will correspondingly increase if 30cm³ pits are taken.

(2) Type of Soil

In the case of ordinary soil if 30cm³ pits are taken classifying it as boulder soil, the excess expenditure per hect. Will be around Rs. 2,800/- in ordinary area. Therefore the necessity of judging the type of soil is very relevant and care has to be taken not to classify an ordinary soil into a boulder soil.

(3) Period of pitting :

The rate for 25cm³ pits taken before rains is Rs. 600/- per hect. More than these cost for taking after rains. Therefore the time of pitting should be correctly verified in

order to avoid excess expenditure. In sea coast the pitting rate for after rains holds good for all seasons.

(4) Scrapping before filling pits

This is an unnecessary items. It is explained by local officials that scrapping has to be done to remove weeds etc. after pitting and before filling pits. This may be true in some cases. But the job specification for the schedule of rate for “filling pits and digging plantingholes” is inclusive of removing weeds if any. That is the reason why generally the scrapping before filling is not provided in estimates wrongly and claims sanctioned resulting in wastage of funds and duplicate claim.

Yours faithfully

For Chief Conservator of Forest
(Vigilance)

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The Conservator of Forest,
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