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Inspection of Eucalyptus Plantations, Wadakkancherry, dated 11-11-1969

(1) Inspected the Chinganchira Kollamcode Plantation (22.87 Hectares of 1968) The stacking is good and the average height of the plants is about 2½ metres. The plantation is badly in need of a weeding. Previous weeding seems to have been done in July 1969. As soon as funds are made available this work should be taken up with priority. (2) Chinganchira plantation (26.4 Hectares) This plantation is comparable to the Chinganchira Kollamcode Plantation and the condition of the plants is more or less the same. This plantation also requires a weeding. (3) 1969 Varavoor Plantation (24.3 Hectares). This plantation is raised in June 1969. The area selected was a failed patch in the 1957 cashew plantation. There are still a few cashew plants standing scattered in the area. The Eucalyptus seedlings have established and the stacking is good. But the growth of plants seems poor. The average height is only about ⅔ metre. Unlike in previous years no manuring was done due to positive of funds. The seedlings are generally thinner and lanky, and do not seem to have the vigour necessary for fast growth. In a poor area like this manuring during the 1st year is indispensable. No weeding has been done, again due to want of funds. In part of the plantation the growth of weeds is particularly heavy and it would do the plantation a lot of good if a thorough weeding is done without delay. Separate action has to be taken to get the required funds. The espacement adopted is 3.05 metres x 3.05 metres that is to say to correspond

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with an espacement of 10 ft. x 10 ft. It would be better to have the espacement at 3 metres by 3 metres hereafter.

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