

**CIRCULAR**

It is being observed that there is a growing tendency among the Divisional Forest Officers and Conservators to seek sanction for lump sum disposal of tree growth in areas ear-marked for planting and other purposes. This tendency is highly deplorable and must be discouraged. Knowing well in advance regarding areas that are to be kept ready for planting, action on disposal of growth also could be taken well in advance. Quite few Divisional Forest officers remain idle over the matter till it is too late and then write to this office for sanctioning the outright sale on grounds of want of time. This clearly shows lack of earnestness on the part of the Officers on the timely execution of the various stages of the work in question. Now there is only about ten months for the next year's planting season. The extraction of Depot delivery timber from coupes that are to be planted next year should have been over or at least partly completed by this time. On the other hand it is surprising to note that no progress has been made in quite a few instances regarding this work. The Divisional Forest Officers are sleeping over the matter without taking timely action. The Conservators are not very often paying enough attention to this defective tendency. If the Conservators either in the office or in the field cared to check the progress of work in their Divisions or cared to pull up the Divl. Forest Officers and Range Officers, this deficiency could have been solved smoothly. Sanctioning outright sale is an exception to the general rule and not otherwise. There is no point in seeking permission for outright sale to the fog end of the year without proper justification. Permission for outright sale has to be given by Government and to obtain Government sanction without properly convincing them is not at all easy. It is alright if we approach Government for sanction once in a while on unavoidable ground and not as a routine matter. I want to impress on the Officers concerned that inaction cannot be an excuse for obtaining Government sanction. Outright sales can be resorted to only under exceptional circumstances. Every effort has to be made to extract the depot delivery timber sufficiently in advance so as to give enough time for the removal of residual growth. The probabilities of re tendering and re auctioning have also to be taken care of well in advance. If after repeated attempts viable tenders are not received for extraction of Depot delivery timbers, the timber has to be extracted departmentally. When sanction for outright sale is requested, it is essential that the following points are furnished.

- 1) Action already taken to fix up the supply contract including the number of attempts made.
- 2) The possibility of taking up the work departmentally.
- 3) The quantity of depot delivery timber estimated.
- 4) The probable percentage of the depot delivery timber to the total quantity of timber of saleable spacing in the area.
- 5) Justification for recommending lump sum sale.

Without the above informations request for lump sum disposal of tree growth cannot be considered. The Divl. Forest Officer and the Conservator of Forests concerned will be responsible for such a situation.

Receipt of this circular is to be acknowledged.

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To

All Conservators and Divl. Forest Officers & Contract section.

Forwarded/By Order,

Superintendent