

Copy of Chief Conservator's CIRCULAR No.8/65 on No.F1-6129/61 dated 22-4-1965 to all Conservator of Forests, Divisional Forest Officers, Asst. Conservators of Forests, stock file etc. etc.

Proposals are being received to replant certain areas when plantations once raised have failed. In trying to explain and justify the failure, attempts are made to attribute a series of cumulative causes beyond control. The selection of site is a very important factor in the success of the plantations and if plantations have been raised in areas unsuitable for it, the responsibility for it rests with the officers who are technically trained in forestry. The simple fact that a target has been fixed under Five Year Plan does not mean that any unsuitable area can be taken up for planting (consequently resulting in failure). If the area is unsuitable it is only proper that the area is not taken up for planting. The planting areas have to be selected with great care as it should be the responsibility of the Divisional Forest Officers to select suitable areas for the different species.

2. The above aspect should be fully realized and the Divisional Forest Officers alone will be held responsible for the selection of site and a realistic view should be taken in proposing target for the IVth Plan. The physical and financial targets fixed in the plan does not allow infructuous expenditure and it is also not obligatory that every division should take up some planting even if suitable areas are not available.

3. before the plan is put into operation it is necessary to prepare maps showing available suitable areas for the purpose in each Range, Division, Circle etc. The areas should be selected well ahead for the entire plan period and not each year in haste or without scrutiny. There is no use of planting an area in one plan period and replanting the area during the next plan. This is only due to defective planning and will only help in wasting public fund and endeavour. This has to be avoided. All Officers concerned should realized the importance of site selection, timely operation and through follow up of work such as weeding, tending, thinning, fire protection etc.

4. With our experience in plantation forestry so far, there is no reason why plantations should fail. We know the requirements of the species and technique. Requisite funds are also made available. In any case no complacent attitude can be adopted for failure in plantation work.

Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. On TR-7579/65 dated 4-5-4965.

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For Conservator of Forests.