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Sub: - Quality seeds for Elavu Plantations

It is seen that the Rangers and Divl. Forest officers are collecting Elavu seeds required for our nursery and plantations from the nearest source available which are often genetically not of a superior quality. Enquiries made reveal that the traditional seed source for Bombax has been from Wadakkancherry from trees existing outside Reserve Forest. This seed is of poor genetical material and the seeds received show mixing up with Coiba 2 pentandra and Bombax insigne. Our requirement of Elavu seeds is very limited and the necessity for using good quality seeds deserve no special emphasis. The Silvicultural Research officer has agreed that he can supply the full quantity of Elavu seeds from seed stand or plus trees of Elavu proven provenance. Therefore all the Divl. Forest Officers are directed to obtain their requirement of Elavu seeds from Silvicultural Research officer and to use only superior quality seeds from this seed source in future.

Chief Conservator of Forests
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To

All Conservator of Forests
Divl. Forest officers