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Subject: New 20-Point Programme

As you might be aware afforestation, social forestry and farm forestry are included in the new 20-point programme formulated by the Prime Minister. Planting of trees along the sides of roads is a part of the social forestry programme. In many States, the strips adjoining roads have been transferred to the forest departments for planting of trees and the work is already being carried out. However, in view of the new 20-point programme, it is necessary to ensure that all roadsides are planted with trees either by the forest department or by the public works departments or by the agency responsible for maintenance of the roads. This will apply to all types of roads viz. National Highways, State Highways, District roads and Village roads. Since, forest departments have the technical expertise regarding plantation of trees, it would be preferable if areas along the roads are transferred to forest departments for the purpose. However, where this is not feasible for some reason, planting should be done by the agencies which are in-charge of the roads. I therefore, request you to issue necessary instructions in the matter.

2. For the purpose of monitoring achievements under the new-20 point programme, it is necessary where planting is done by agencies other than the forest department, information about the number of trees planted by such agencies is given to the local divisional forest officer, as soon as the planting work is over.