

Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
New Delhi

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To

The Chief Conservators of Forests/Heads of Forest Departments
(All States & concerned U.Ts.)

Subject: Centrally Sponsored Social Forestry including Rural Fuelwood Plantations Scheme

While examining the cases for the release of Central assistance for the year 1981-82; it has been observed that the progress reports are not sent by the States/U.Ts in the prescribed proforma. It was possible to

obtain information about actual expenditure upto 31st December, 1981 and anticipated expenditure for the last quarter of the year only after repeated reminders, telegrams and telephone calls. Such a position creates difficulties in properly examining the individual cases and results in avoidable delays in release of funds.

The Inspector General of Forests had also emphasised in the meetings of the Sanctioning Committee and also during the Conference of Chief Conservators of Forests and Managing Directors of Forest Development Corporations held in New Delhi on 25th and 26th February, 1982 that the progress reports indicating physical and financial achievements should be sent to this Ministry in time so that timely release of Central assistance is ensured.

Another point that has been observed is that the major portion of the expenditure is incurred during the last quarter of financial year. This makes it difficult to convince the Internal Finance of the need to fully release the balance Central assistance earmarked. I would, therefore, also request you that to ensure right from the beginning of the financial year that the tempo of work is uniform throughout the year. This will also help to achieve the targets fully.

It is further requested that the proposals for 1982-83, under the scheme may be sent to this Ministry latest by 15th of May, 1982 so that administrative approval is issued in time. Please make sure that your proposal for 1982-83 is accompanied by the progress report for 1981-82 indicating physical and financial achievements without which it will not be possible for this Ministry to issue the administrative approval for 1982-83 and to release the first instalment of Central assistance. A proforma for indicating the physical/ Financial achievements for 1981-82 is enclosed.

From 1982-83, a separate budget head for Tribal areas has been opened for the Grants to be released to the State/U.T Govts. under this scheme. Your proposals for 1982-83 should clearly indicate the programme of work to be undertaken in the general area and in the Tribal Sub-plan area separately so that funds to be released under the appropriate budget heads can be clearly indicated in the orders about release of funds.

An immediate action in the matter is requested.

PROGRESS REPORT 1981-82
CENTRALLY SPONSORED SOCIAL FORESTRY SCHEME "SOCIAL FORESTRY INCLUDING
RURAL FUEL-WOOD PLANTATIONS".

Amount — Rs in lakhs

Sl. No. Items		Unit	Physical		Financial (including Central assistance)	
			Programme approved	Achievements made	Amount Sanctioned	Amount spent
1	2	3	4	5	6	7