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To

All Divisional Forest Officers (T&WL) Divisions.
The Silviculturist, Bhubaneswar/Rayagada.

Sub: Guidelines for Distribution of Seedlings during 2023-24 Planting Season.

This is to inform you that, 450.00 lakh seedlings are targeted to be distributed to the public/institutions during 2023-24 planting season under different Plantation Schemes in the state. In order to maintain fairness in distribution of seedlings, proper documentation, transparency, accountability, efficiency and public confidence are to be maintained. Besides, departmental supervision ^{is needed} ~~needs to be~~ chalked-out to verify whether distributed seedlings to the public/institutions are being properly planted by them after being received from the nurseries.

With the above aims and objectives, a model guideline is formulated for the purpose as follows:

1- A mass sensitization is to be made involving villages, GPS, VSSs, SHGs and other Stake Holders for pre-distribution assessment in each division and public participation in greening the land outside forest in the state.

2- Wide publicity regarding availability of seedlings (species, number, location of nursery, mobile number of person in charge of nursery) should be made in notice board or any other media outreach to public for distribution of seedlings well in advance of commencement of planting season.

3- The seedlings under provisions of distribution may also be arranged as per choice of the public/beneficiaries depending on their land suitability, local market to enhance their economic prosperity.

4- (a) The seedlings under provision of distribution may be governed within the provision of Govt., i.e charging of notional ~~levying~~ cost @ Rs.1/- per seedling both forestry and medicinal value for general public and the seedlings to Government schools, educational institutions and other public organization will be free of cost.

(b) There is a special exemption under Green Mahanadi Mission, if the village / urban areas are within 1-2 kms from the Bank of the Rivers and their tributaries and the seedlings raised under such scheme should be distributed free of cost to public as well as to all Public Organizations.

5- The cost of the transportation of seedlings from the distribution points shall be borne by the beneficiary concerned.

6- To maintain discipline, the distribution period should be extended maximum ^{by} 15-20 days only. Proper documentation i.e., name of the beneficiary with his father's name and full address should be maintained to avoid doubling. The targeted day of distribution should be planned in such a manner so that rush can be avoided.

7- Distribution Programme shall be limited to "first come first serve basis". Distribution will be commenced from 1st July, 2023.

8- Maximum 05 plants (in urban area) and 10 plants (in rural area) shall be given to the beneficiary on family basis with proper identification. Maximum 150-200 seedlings may be given to any institution based on their request. If more numbers of seedlings are required by any institution, the approval from next higher authority is obtainable subject to availability of seedlings in the nursery under distribution quota.

9- A Distribution Register should be maintained neatly nursery wise with proper acknowledgment (signature) of the beneficiaries concerned.

10- To maintained transparency, the sale proceeds of the seedlings should be made through departmental receipt which will be deposited as Govt. revenue.

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