

New Delhi, the 1st April, 2005

To,

The Chief of Army Staff
The Chief of Naval Staff
The Chief of Air Staff
New Delhi

Subject : Planting and Maintenance of trees on the lands in the active occupation of the Defence Services.

Sir,

I am directed to say that as per Ministry of Defence letter No. 11026/6/77/D(Lands) dated 8.9.1977, the responsibility for planting and maintenance of trees on Class A-1 Defence lands in Cantonments and on other Military lands outside Cantonments was vested with the occupying units or formations as per terms and conditions indicated in that letter. Subsequently, the matter was considered in the Ministry and it was decided not to extend the provisions of Ministry of Defence letter No. 11026/6/77/D(Lands) dated 8.9.1977, beyond 31.12.1995, vide Ministry of Defence ID Note No. 11026/1/US/D(Lands)/1995 dated 29.12.1995.

2. However, on the request from Army HQrs to revive the provisions contained in Ministry of Defence letter dated 8.9.1977, referred to above, the matter has again been considered in the Ministry and it has been decided that the responsibility for planting and maintenance of trees on Class A-1 Defence lands in Cantonments and on other Military lands outside Cantonments will be with occupying units or formations subject to the following terms and conditions:-

- (i) That the entire expenditure on the supply, planting and maintenance of trees (including the provision of trees, guards, manure, implements and labour etc) shall be met from the Regimental Funds of the units in occupation of A-1 Defence land.
- (ii) Units/Formations which undertake the plantation of trees will maintain a record of such trees and have them suitably marked. The list of such trees will be sent by the concerned units/formations to DEOs concerned.
- (iii) As and when the usufructs of temporary nature of such trees like fruits etc are to be sold, a Board of Officers will be ordered by the Station Commander to undertake sale of such usufructs.

Representatives of LAO and DEO concerned, will be members of the Board. The Board will also calculate the yearly proceeds by way of sale of usufructs, based on the record maintained by the unit.

- (iv) Since fruits are perishable, it is necessary to sell/dispose them at the right time. No delays will be possible. Therefore, after giving due notice to all members of the Board of Officers, the Board will convene on the date with the stipulated quorum which will invariably include the LAO.
- (v) The report of Board of Officers will be countersigned by the Station Commander. Thereafter, 25% (twenty five percent) of the proceeds accruing/generated from the disposal of usufructs of temporary nature will be deposited by the concerned unit into the Consolidated Fund of India through MRO and the remaining 75% of the proceeds from usufructs will be deposited in the Regimental Funds. The expenditure which is incurred while planting and maintenance of trees will be offset from the amount received as 75% from the sale of usufructs.
- (vi) The Station Commander will be personally responsible to ensure/monitor timely depositing of the amount in the Consolidated Fund of India.
- (vii) The trees grown on the lands, as indicated above, shall remain the property of the Government and will be disposed of, when dried or otherwise required to be felled, by the Defence Estates Officer to the best advantage of the State as at present.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance Division) vide UO No. 336/Fin/Works-I/05 dated 30.03.2005.

Yours faithfully.

Sd/-

(Lalit Chauhan)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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