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BMRCL/0079/P-2/2020-21/ 2064

Date: 01.07.2021

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Tree Officer),
BBMP NR Square,
City Corporation,
Bangalore- 560002

Dear Sir,

Sub:Compensatory Plantation Plan in lieu of felling of trees standing in work areas of
pertaining to Reach-6 Corridor between South ramp (Jayanagar Fire Station) to
North Ramp (Nagavara), Bengaluru – Change of location for Compensatory
Plantation Reg.

- Ref:** 1. DCF BBMP OM No DCF/BBMP/PR-1923/2020-21 dated 23.03.2021
2. BMRCL/0079/P-21/2020-2/526 dt.15.04.2021.
3. Army Authorities Letter No.020330/Tree Gen/Q3 dt.30.06.2021

With reference to Official Memorandum under ref (1), The tree officer DCF BBMP issued the tree clearance orders for the area pertaining to (Reach-6) Phase-2 Corridor between South ramp (Jayanagar Fir Station) to North Ramp (Nagavara), Bengaluru for 207 trees. As per the OM orders mentioned above, the total compensatory plantation required to be taken up in 1:10 ratio is 2070 Nos.

BMRCL has submitted Compensatory Plantation plan along with locations vide letter dt. 15.04.2021 to plant the saplings at Army Campus, Domlur (1120 Nos of trees) and Hebbal Military Land (950 Nos of trees) and the same was uploaded in BBMP website on 19.05.2021.

However, In the course of hearing of the case on 29.06.2021, the Hon'ble High Court observed that Compensatory Plantation/Afforestation should be undertaken in nearby area, where the trees are proposed for felling/translocation. In case, such sites are not available, the Compensatory Plantation can take place within the jurisdiction of the Tree Officer passing the Official Memorandum order. In this regard, BMRCL has made efforts to find out nearby areas.

When approached by BMRCL, the Army Authorities, Old Military Dairy Farm, Hebbal, Bangalore, expressed their interest in carrying out Compensatory Plantation of about 6000 saplings of various fruit bearing and medicinal trees and agreed to allot sufficient land space for plantation of 6000 saplings vide their letter No.020330/Tree Gen/Q3 dt. 30.06.2021 (copy of the letter is enclosed).

In the allotted area, BMRCL proposes to carryout Compensatory Plantation of 2070 Nos. saplings in lieu of felling of trees standing in work areas of pertaining to Reach-6 Corridor between South ramp (Jayanagar Fire Station) to North Ramp (Nagawara) at Old Military Dairy Farm, Hebbal, Bengaluru. The land is well placed within the jurisdiction of DCF BBMP Division Bangalore and is the nearest location available to the present work site.

The remaining area would be utilised for compensatory plantation pertaining to OM number A9/Tree Cutting/BMRCL/CR-341/2020-21/371 dated 18.05.21 of Langford Metro Station (3150 numbers of saplings) and compensatory plantation pertaining to OM number A9/Tree Cutting/BMRCL/CR-34/2020-21 dated 08.04.2021 of Kothnur Depot Entry Line (330 numbers of saplings).

In view of the above, BMRCL is hereby submitting the Revised Compensatory Plantation/Afforestation plan along with Boundary coordinates and area showing the extent of Land for 2070 saplings at Old military dairy farm, Hebbal, Bangalore location (enclosed), for your approval and further necessary action. Thus, the earlier application submitted vide dated 15.04.2021 stands withdrawn.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully


(Divya S Hosur)

General Manager, SEMU

Encl: 1. Letter dt. 30.06.2021
2. Compensatory Plantation Plans

BANGALORE METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD.

PROPOSED COMPENSATORY PLANTATION PLAN FOR RAISING 2070 NUMBER OF PLANTS BY BMRCL IN LIEU OF REMOVAL OF 207 NUMBER OF TREES BETWEEN SOUTHRAMP (JAYANAGARA FIRE STATION) TO NORTHRAMP (NAGAWARA) FOR A LENGTH OF 13.89 KMS. (EXCEPT LANGFORD STATION AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH) REACH-06 UG.

(Ref: OM No. DCF/BBMP/PR-923/2020-21 dated 23.03.2021)

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Proposed compensatory plantation plan in lieu of removal of 207 trees from South Ramp (Jayanagara Fire Station) to North Ramp (Nagawara) comprising of South Ramp, North Ramp and Underground Stations (Except Langford Station and All Saints Church)

I. Introduction

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd is implementing 72.10 Km of Metro Rail Project as part of Phase-II, underground section in Reach 06 from South Ramp (Jayanagara Fire Station) to North Ramp (Nagawara) consisting South ramp, North Ramp and 12 underground Stations is a part of this Phase II project.

There are total 276 number of trees standing in Ramp and Station locations (Except Langford Stations and All Saints Church) of R6 Underground Section. Out of 276 numbers of standing trees, 212 trees were proposed to be removed which are infringing construction works in order to implement the project. Five trees are directed to be retained at site. These Trees are coming under jurisdiction of Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP Division, Bangalore.

As per OM No. DCF/BBMP/PR-923/2020-21 dated 23.03.2021(**Annexure I**) issued by DCF BBMP. Tree Officer has permitted by BMRCL for removal of 207 trees (149 trees for felling and 58 trees for transplantation) and also directed BMRCL in his OM vide para 5B (i and ii) to submit a plan for raising compensatory plantation in 1:10 ratio i.e 2070 number of plants against 207 number of trees removal (Felling + Translocation). Also Hon'ble High Court has directed BMRCL in its Daily Order WP 17841/2018 dated 25.03.2021(**Annexure-II**) in vide para 5 (i) to submit a plan for raising compensatory plantation to be submitted to Tree Officer.

In view of above, BMRCL has identified the location Old Military Dairy Farm premises, Hebbal, Bengaluru hereby propose to raise compensatory plantation as per technique/scheme described here in this plan.

II. Location plan & Approval of land owner

Officials from BMRCL has approached Army Authorities Old Military Dairy Farm, Hebbal, Bengaluru for allotment of open space for compensatory plantation, accordingly Army Authorities has given their approval in letter No. 020330/Tree Gen/Q3 dated 30 Jun 2021(**Annexure-III**) for taking up Compensatory Planation in Old Military Dairy Farm premises, Hebbal, Bengaluru.

The total boundary area of Old Military Dairy Farm is 62 Hectares, Army authorities has approved approximate 6.0 Hectares for plantation accordingly BMRCL has planned compensatory plantation of total 2070 number of saplings of various species as per Forest Department Guidelines and Compensatory plantation plan is also submitted to Tree Officer(**Annexure.IV**).

Compensatory Plantation Plan in lieu of removal of trees in Reach 06 Under Ground			
1	Total Land Available for Compensatory Plantation	Hectares	6.0
2	Total Sampling Planned by BMRCL	Nos	2070

III. Agency for compensatory plantation

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation will engage & take service of expert horticulture /plantation agency for implementing the proposed compensatory plantation including three years' comprehensive maintenance. An agreement will be entered with the approved agency for raising the plantation as per the plan ensuring 100% survival rate.

IV. Scheme of Plantation/Technique:

BMRCL has taken the responsibility of raising compensatory plantation at the location suggested above as per standard practice & techniques through an expert agency in horticulture/ plantation field.

Forest Department, Government of Karnataka has issued "General Guidelines for Species and Plantation Technique Models "(Annexure V).

BMRCL has finalized a Scheme / Technique for plantation considering these guidelines relevant for Bangalore Urban Transitional Zone and institutional /Office premises plantation model. The scheme is summarized as follows:

1. Plantation work will be taken up within Old Military Dairy Farm premises, Hebbal, Bengaluru well protected with boundary /fencing all round the proposed area as institutional/office planting model during the current year.
2. Planation work will be taken up through an expert horticulture/ plantation agency recommend by forest department/BBMP forest division.
3. Water required during rainy season i.e. from May-June to Oct-Nov in Bangalore Urban area would be minimal/nil. During dry season from November to April watering will be regularly done as per the standard practice specified in above guidelines and as per requirement of plantation species.
4. Aligning, marking of pits of size 1m x 1m x 1m shall be done at the identified location.
5. Excavation of pits of size 1m x 1m x 1m at 5m x 5m or 7m X 7m grid interval will be taken up as per the general guidelines given for City and Town Planting Model by the Karnataka Forest Department. (refer Annexure-V of Page No.25)
6. The pit will be vertically cut and straight in shape. All loose materials will be removed from pit.
7. Supply of saplings of min 12 months old of 7-8 feet height of species suitable for the zone as specified in the guidelines.
8. Supply of 10% Red earth required for refilling the pits after saplings.
9. Refilling of pit to 75% of the pit with excavated soil after breaking the clods and formation of saucer shaped mound.
10. Conveyance of polythene bag seedlings to the planting location including watering polythene bagged seedlings at site:

11. Supply of 2.5 to 3m length wooden sticks for supporting saplings.
12. Planting seedlings including scooping the soil to required depth pressing the soil gently around the seedlings after planting.
13. Carrying out de-weeding around the plants for a radius of 0.6m.
14. Hoeing and soil working with pick axe around the plant to a depth of 15 cm and to a radius of 60cm.
15. Application of chemical fertilizers around the plant about 15 cm away in furrow duly covering with soil as and when required.
16. Scraping of grass and weeds to radius of 0.5m around the plants.
17. Application of FYM (Farm Yard Manure), watering the plants using water tanker with available water inside the premises/ water from outside as required.

V. Up keep of plantation & Maintenance

The agency entrusted with the compensatory plantation will be responsible for comprehensive maintenance also. The plantation being done will be maintained for 3 years from date of plantation. During the maintenance period of 3 years following activities will be carried out by the agency and shall be monitored by the BMRCL.

1. Maintenance activities for 1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year to be carried out by agency responsible for plantation in order to ensure 100% success rate. In case of failure of any plant, immediate replacement will be done by agency.
2. In summer season i.e. from December to May watering will be done at regular intervals once in a week. During Monsoon season i.e., from June to November watering required may be minimal/nil. However, watering need to be done for any dry spell as and when required. During monsoon season whenever there is a scanty rainfall, agency shall do watering to make shortfall.
3. Removing weeds/grass surrounding plantation area as and when required.
4. Preparing reports on growth of plants with photographs/videography and submission to authorities on quarterly basis.
5. The entire compensatory plantation and maintenance to be done under supervision of BMRCL Environmental Officer and under the direction of Tree Officer.
6. Replacement of causality plants for maintaining 100 % survival.

VI Conclusion

BMRCL has accepted to take over compensatory plantation for 2070 saplings at Old Military Dairy Farm premises, Hebbal, Bengaluru, attached area as per OM dated 23.03.2021 as per the guidelines of Forest Department, GOK through an expert horticultural agency with aim to ensure 100% survival rate of plantation with regular maintenance and adequate supervision.

Encl:

- 1) Annexure-I: Official Memorandum No. DCF/BBMP/PR-923/2020-21 dated 23.03.2021
- 2) Annexure II: High Court, Daily Order /WP 17841/2018 date 25.03.2021
- 3) Annexure III: letter No. 020330/Tree Gen/Q3 dated 30.06.2021
- 4) Annexure-IV: Location plan for compensatory plantation in Old Military Dairy Farm premises, Hebbal, Bengaluru
- 5) Annexure-V: Forest Department - GOK Guidelines on "Species and Plantation Schemes/Technique Models"



BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE

No. DCF / BBMP/PR -1923/ 2020-21

**Deputy Conservator Forests
Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike
N.R. Square Annex Building-3
Bengaluru,**

Date: 23.03.2021

Official Memorandum

Subject: Permission regarding translocation and felling of trees falling between South Ramp (Jayanagar Fire Station) to North Ramp (Nagawara) on Reach 6 UG, BMRCL.

Reference:

1. Hon'ble High Court Order dated: 18.11.2020 in WP 17841/2018
2. Letter No. BMRCL/0163/P-2/CE-UG/KT-01/BBMP/2020/7701 Date 25.11.2020
3. Public Notice Vide No. DCF/PR-27/2020-21 dated: 26.11.2020
4. Report of Tree Expert Committee dated: 22.03.2021

Preamble: -

The BMRCL submitted a fresh application read at ref (2) above seeking permission for removal of 212 trees falling in between South Ramp (Jayanagar Fire Station) to North Ramp (Nagawara) for a length of 13.89 Kms. (except Langford Station and All Saints Church) in Reach-6 UG of Bangalore Metro Project, as per the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka vide Order dated: 18.11.2020 in WP No. 17841/2018 read at ref (1) above.

The processing and consideration of the application was taken up as per provisions of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976 (hereinafter mentioned as "the Act") and the Memorandum of Procedure (hereinafter mentioned as "the MOP") formulated by the Tree Expert Committee (hereinafter mentioned as "the TEC"). As stipulated under Section 8(3)(vii) of the Act, a public notice in Template No. 1 of the MOP was issued duly inviting the objections from the public, as the total number of trees to be felled under the project at all locations are more than 50. The public notice was published in Kannada Prabha (Kannada) and Times of India (English) Newspapers on 27.11.2020. The details of the 212 trees sought to be removed by BMRCL and that of 64 other trees standing in the project area were also published on the website of BBMP, as per the MOP.

In response to the public notice, 61 number of objections and comments were received from the general public. In the light of the objections, a discussion was held with BMRCL officials to ascertain the nature of the project activities at this location and to confirm the necessity of removal of trees. All the objections were considered carefully, and proceedings of that consideration along with a tabular statement showing the objections from the public, and remarks and findings of the undersigned for each specific objection were prepared on 07.12.2020, besides recording summary of the findings in Template No. 3 of the MOP.

As per BMRCL's application, there are 276 trees in the project area out of which 212 trees are sought to be removed. Detailed enumeration of each of those 212 trees in terms of location, physical parameters, health and defects, etc. was prepared by the Forest Officers in Part-I of Template No. 2 of the MOP. Thereafter, the same was verified by the undersigned and a preliminary assessment in terms of possibility of onsite retention or translocation or felling along with justification was carried out through inspection of those 212 trees on 07.12.2020 & 23.02.2021 and recorded in Part-II of Template No. 2. As per the preliminary assessment, 49 trees can be translocated, while other 158 have to be felled as their translocation is not feasible due tree defects or physical site locations.

The proceedings regarding consideration of the objections, tabular statement of the findings along with summary of the findings, detailed enumeration and preliminary assessment of trees along with justification for each of the 212 trees, and information in Template No. 2 and 3 were submitted vide letter dated 24.02.2021 for consideration by the TEC.

The TEC has submitted a detailed report dated 22.03.2021 giving their recommendations for onsite retention of 05 trees, 58 trees for translocation and felling of 149 trees with justification for each of them along with an abstract of the report in Template No. 4. It is noted from the report that the TEC carried out their activities in 4 stages, namely, (i) review of the application, objections received and findings of the undersigned, (ii) review of preliminary assessment of trees by the undersigned, (iii) their field inspection, and (iv) post inspection review and report preparation.

The TEC has concluded that 05 trees can be retained at site as 05 of them will not hinder the project activities and can be retained with pruning of some of its branches into which the metro will intrude.

The TEC has also concluded that removal of 207 trees has become necessary due to following 06 major physical features of the project at the tree locations.

Physical features	Tree Nos.
Trees Coming in diversion road.	Dairy Circle- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14A&B, 15,16,18,19,20, 21,43,44,45,46 (Total 23 Nos.) Lakkasandra- 25,31,32,33,34,53 (Total 06 Nos.) Venkateshapura station – 06. (Total 1 Nos.) Nagavara- 10,40,61,62,63,64,65,66-(Total 8 Nos.)
Trees Coming in Metro Station box, Entry /Exit Area.	Dairy Circle- 35,36,37,38- (Total 04 Nos.) Lakkasandra- 22,23A&B,24,26,27,28,29, 47,48,49,50,51,52,30- (Total 14 Nos.) M G Road- 73,74,75,76 ,77 – (Total 05 Nos.) Cantonment station- 4,5,6,7-(Total 04 Nos.)

	Tannery road station- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18, 19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31A&B, 32,33,34A&B,35A&B,36,37,38,39,40,41,42, 43,44A&B,45,46. (Total 46 Nos.) Venkateshapura station- 03 (Total 01 No) Nagavara station – 18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32, 33,34,35,36,37,38,39,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56, 57,58,59. (Total 33 Nos.)
Trees Coming in Secant Pile Location.	Dairy Circle -13, 17,42 - (Total 03 Nos.) M G Road -78,79,80,81 - (Total 04 Nos.) Cantonment station – 1,2,3 –(Total 03 Nos.) Venkateshapura station – 1,2 – (Total 02 Nos.) K G Halli Station – 1,2,3,4 – (Total 04 Nos.) Nagavara station – 41,42,43,44,45,46A,B&C,68,69,70,71A,&B,72,73. (Total 12 Nos.)
Trees coming in casting / fabrication yard.	ITI College Ground Total – 8, 9 & 10 – (Total 03 Nos.)
Trees coming in project activity area (movement of TBM machine)	Cantonment station – 8,9,10,11 – (Total 04 Nos.) Pottery Town station – 1,2,3 – (Total 03 Nos.) Nagavara station – 74,75,76,77,78-78A,79,80-80A,81 – (Total 08 Nos.)
Trees coming in project activity area (Ramp retaining wall and cut and cover tunnel)	Nagavara station – 1,2,3-3A,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17 – (Total 16 Nos.)

The TEC has further concluded that 58 trees out of these 212 trees are healthy and suitable for translocation. The TEC has accordingly recommended translocation of those 58 trees to save them. Based on the inspection and soil test reports at the proposed receptor sites, the TEC has confirmed suitability of those sites for translocation.

The TEC has concluded that 149 trees out of these 212 trees are not suitable for translocation as they have major defects or extraction of root balls of adequate size is not practical. The TEC has accordingly recommended felling of those 149 trees.

The TEC has observed that 5 other trees in the project area can be retained at their locations as they are not hindering the project activities.

The report of the TEC has been examined. The TEC has provided detailed specific justification for removal of each of 212 trees, besides giving justification for translocation or

felling of the trees in Part 3 of the Template 2 as well as in appendix to its report. The undersigned concurs with the justification and recommendations of the TEC.

The final assessment of the undersigned has been recorded in Part-IV of Template No. 2. Translocation of 58 trees and felling of 149 trees are essential for implementation of the metro project, which seeks to build a public transport system. The adverse impact of the felling will have to be mitigated by directing BMRCL to take up compensatory plantation in adequate numbers.

Hence, the following order.

Order

1. Based on the consideration detailed above, permission is granted for removal of 58 trees by the way of translocation as listed with justifications in Template No.5 appended to this Official Memorandum as Appendix 1.
2. Permission is hereby also granted for removal of 149 trees by the way of felling as listed with justification in Template No. 6 appended to this Official Memorandum as Appendix 2.
3. The other 5 trees in the Project area which are not affecting the project activities should be retained on site only.
4. This order will come into effect after 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of uploading of the order on the website of BBMP and serving of this order by email to the petitioner in WP17841/2018.
5. The order is subject to following directions to BMRCL.
 - A. Translocation of Trees:
 - i. The translocation should be carried out only at following locations
 - 1) KMF, Bengaluru and NDRI, Bengaluru
 - 2) Parade Ground, MG Road
 - 3) Old Military Dairy Farm, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru
 - ii. The Translocation should be organized by competent agencies, as mentioned in Template 5.
 - iii. The translocation should follow the methodology suggested by UAS, GKVK
 - B. Compensatory Plantation:
 - i. BMRCL has to take up Compensatory plantation by planting of 2070 tall and healthy saplings, i.e. @ 10 saplings for each tree felled within 6 months from the date of the removal.
 - ii. Submit a plan for the Compensatory plantation within 2 months from the date of this order.
 - C. Care and Maintenance of Translocated Trees and Compensatory Plantation and their Reporting:
 - i. BMRCL should ensure proper and effective care and maintenance of these translocated trees and compensatory plantation for a period of 3 years.

- ii. BMRCL should also submit reports regarding condition of the translocated trees and the compensatory plantation every quarter for a period of 3 years to the undersigned.

D. Storage and Disposal of Felled Trees:

- i. On felling of 149 trees, the extracted wood should be deposited with the Forest Wing of BBMP for disposal.


Tree Officer
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6. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Urban Division, Bengaluru
7. The Chief Engineer & Chief Technical Expert (SEMU), BMRCL
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11. The Range Forest Officer, East Zone


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Annexure - II

Case Number: **WP 17841/2018
(KAHC010156412018)**

Classification: **GM RES**

Petitioner: **DATTATRAYA T DEVARE**

Pet. Advocate: **PRADEEP NAYAK**

Respondent: **STATE OF KARNATAKA**

Resp. Advocate: **N K RAMESH FOR R4**

Connected To:

Filing No.: **WP 17841/2018**

Judge: **CHIEF JUSTICE AND SURAJ
GOVINDARAJ**

Last Posted For: **ORDERS**

Last Date of Action: **29.06.2021**

CHIEF JUSTICE AND
SURAJ GOVINDARAJ 25/03/2021

Firstly, we deal with the official memorandum dated

2nd March 2021 issued by the Tree Officer and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban District. By the said official memorandum, a permission has been granted to the fifth respondent - Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to remove 52 trees by way of translocation. A permission has been also granted to remove 39 trees by way of felling. The said official memorandum also records that the other 28 trees in the project area shall be retained as no permission was sought for felling or translocation of the same. There are conditions imposed in the order of the Tree Officer which is a part of the said official memorandum.

2. An affidavit has been filed by Shri B.C.Nataraja, the Chief Engineer of BMRCL. The statements made in the said affidavit from paragraph 3 onwards are taken on record and accepted as the undertakings of BMRCL. The undertaking given by the Proprietor of M/s. TMRH Plantations to BMRCL is annexed to the said affidavit as Annexure-R5P. A copy of the Agreement entered into by and between BMRCL and M/s. TMRH Plantations of 22nd March 2021 is also placed on record.

3. Some concern is expressed by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners regarding compliance with

the conditions incorporated in the official memorandum dated 2nd March 2021 and in particular, the conditions 'B' and 'C'. The apprehension that translocation and felling of trees will be done without compliance with the condition 'B' can be taken care of by directing that BMRCL will act upon the said order only after a plan for compensatory plantation is submitted to the Tree Officer. It will be appropriate if the Tree Officer uploads all the documents concerning compliance with the conditions 'B', 'C' and 'D' on the website of the Forest Department.

4. In view of what is stated in paragraph 7 of the affidavit dated 24th March 2021 of Shri B.C.Nataraja, the Tree Officer will have to verify the conditions of the translocated trees after expiry of the contractual period of three years and if it is found necessary, to issue a direction to BMRCL to take care of the translocated trees even after the expiry period of three years.

5. Therefore, as regards the official memorandum dated 2nd March 2021 bearing No.A9/Tree Cutting/BMRCL/CR-154/2020-21, we pass the following directions:

We permit the fifth respondent - BMRCL to act upon the order contained in the said official memorandum subject to the following directions.

(i) The work of translocation of 52 trees and removal of 39 trees shall be undertaken only after a plan for compensatory plantation in terms of condition 'B' of the said order is submitted to the Tree Officer;

(ii) 28 trees in the project area for which permission for felling or translocation is not sought shall be retained on the site without causing any damage to the said trees;

(iii) The Tree Officer shall ensure that all the documents reporting compliance with the conditions and in particular, the conditions 'A' to 'D' submitted to BMRCL

are uploaded on the website of the Forest Department;

(iv) After completion of 36 months (contractual period of maintenance), the Tree Officer shall immediately visit the translocated 52 trees. After assessing the condition of the translocated trees, if the Tree Officer is of the view that it is necessary to take care of the said 52 trees or some of them, he shall issue necessary directions in writing to the fifth respondent-BMRCL. After receiving such directions, BMRCL will be under an obligation to comply with the assurance recorded in paragraph 7 of the affidavit dated 24th March 2021 of Shri B.C.Nataraja;

(v) We make it clear that it is the duty of the Tree Officer to frequently visit the location of the translocated trees with a view to ascertain whether the agency appointed by BMRCL is taking proper care of the translocated trees during the contractual period of 36 months.

6. Now, coming to the official memorandum dated 1st March 2021 bearing No.DCF/BBMP/PR-1791/2020-21, a permission has been granted by the Tree Officer and the Deputy Conservator of Forests of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to fell 13 trees. However, permission to fell 2 trees has been denied.

7. In view of the undertaking given by Shri B.C.Nataraja by way of an affidavit dated 24th March 2021 on behalf of BMRCL, we permit BMRCL to act upon the said order of permitting felling of 13 trees subject to compliance with the following directions:

(i) Permission for felling of trees shall be acted upon only after a plan for compensatory plantation is submitted by BMRCL;

(ii) The documents furnished by BMRCL reporting compliance with the conditions imposed in the said official memorandum dated 1st March 2021 shall be uploaded on the website of BBMP;

8. As regards Tree Expert Committee (TEC) report dated 13th March 2021 on 872 allegedly exempted trees, the learned Senior Counsel appearing for BMRCL states that necessary affidavit will be filed within a period of one week from today.

9. As regards reassessment report of the Committee constituted as per the orders of this Court dated 3rd September 2020 and 17th February 2021 produced along with the memo dated 16th March 2021, the learned counsel appearing for the seventh respondent states that the Committee has not set out the locations for translocation of 361 trees. He states that within a period of two weeks, the Committee is expected to submit a report in this behalf. He further states that report of the Committee as regards the remaining five packages is also shortly expected to be received. He states that he will place on record the said reports along with necessary affidavits within a period of two weeks from today.

10. The affidavit dated 25th March 2021 filed by Shri B.C.Nataraja is taken on record.

11. For considering the affidavit which may be filed by the fifth respondent-BMRCL, the petition shall be listed on 5th April 2021.

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PIN - 911802
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30 Jun 2021 ✓

020330/Tree Gen/Q3 ✓

Managing Director
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SAPLINGS OF TREES

1. This unit is planning to carry out an afforestation/ Tree plantation campaign in an around this unit location at old Military dairy Farm, Hebbal. The campaign is aimed to improve the environment conditions of the area.
2. In this regards, it is requested to kindly provide/ arrange 6000 saplings of various Ornamental, fruit bearing and medicinal trees. Due to acute shortage of manpower, it is also requested to send persons from your establishment for plantation and maintenance of the same.
3. Your kind favourable action and support is solicited.



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(Vijay C Bhargavan)
Major
Administration Troop Commander
for Commanding Officer

PROPOSED TREE LIST FOR THE COMPENSATORY PLANTATION BY BMRCL

Fruit yielding tree species suitable for dry lands

1. Bur
2. Jamoon
3. Amla
4. Tamarind
5. Jackfruit
6. Indian Almond
7. Indian Fig Tree
8. Indian Jujube
9. Gooseberry Tree (*Phyllanthusacidus*)
10. Wood apple
11. Indian bael
12. Monkey jack fruit
13. Indian hog-plum (*Spondiaspinnata*)
14. Challehannu
15. Mahuwa tree
16. Kendaalamara
17. Akola mara
18. KaaduKanigalu
19. Taarekaayi or Shanthikayi
20. Bakula
21. Ficus species
22. Hippa

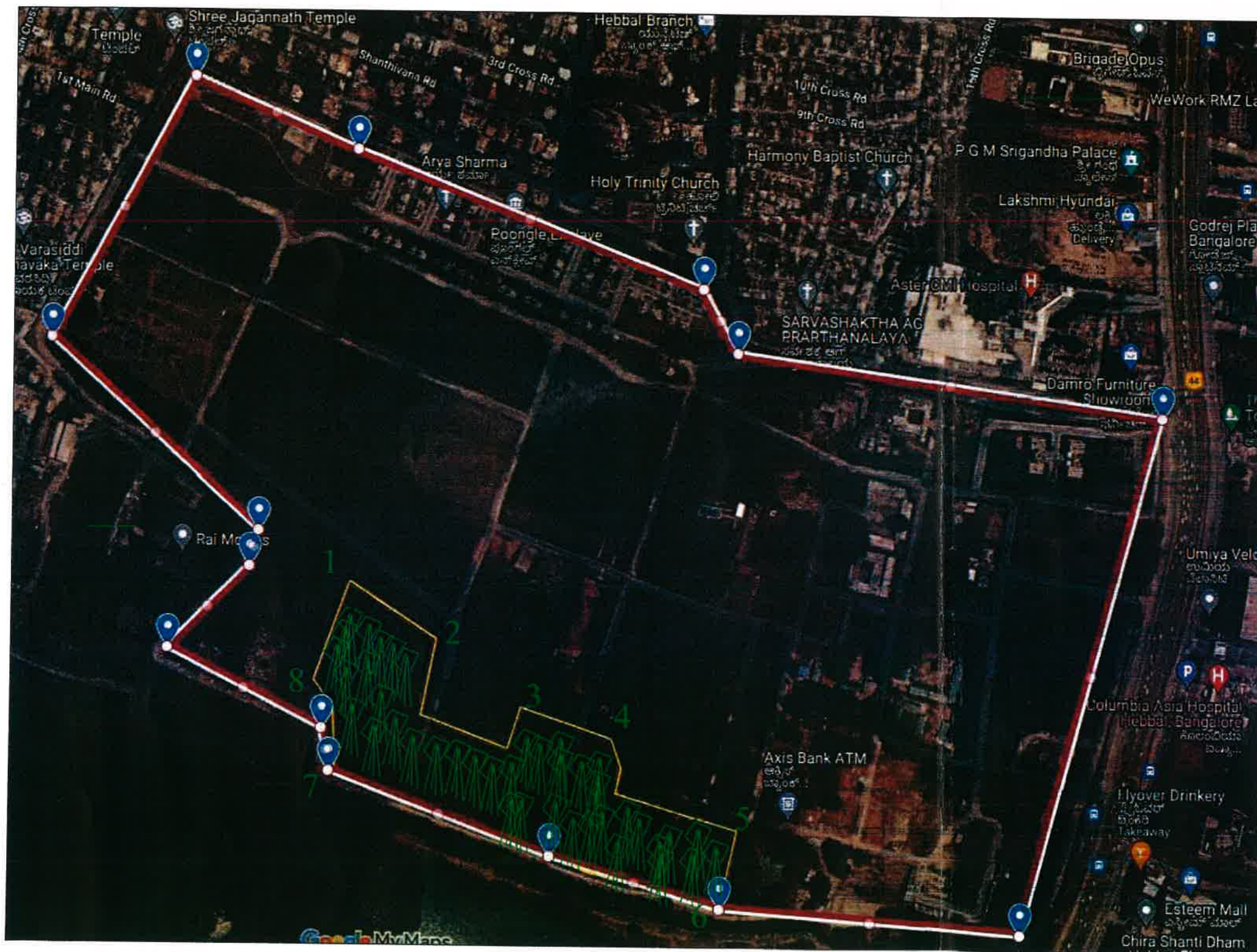
Flowering tree species suitable for dry lands

1. Tabebuia
2. Akashamallia
3. Jacaranda
4. May flower
5. Hole dasavala
6. Hole matti
7. Hoorasi
8. Nagalingapuspha
9. Muthuga
10. Spathodea
11. Bili booraga

Other than fruit and flowering species suitable for dry land

1. Neem
2. Tapasi
3. Honge
4. Kamara
5. Bage
6. Ailanthus
7. Hale
8. Ude
9. Tare
10. Antawala

Proposed Compensatory Plantation in Old Military Area, Hebbal, Bengaluru



Boundary Area Coordinates for Compensatory Plantation

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
1	13° 3' 6.984" N	77° 35' 6.792" E
2	13° 3' 5.112" N	77° 35' 9.852" E
3	13° 3' 1.692" N	77° 35' 16.152" E
4	13° 3' 0.72" N	77° 35' 16.476" E
5	13° 2' 58.56" N	77° 35' 20.58" E
6	13° 2' 56.22" N	77° 35' 20.004" E
7	13° 2' 56.22" N	77° 35' 19.068" E
8	13° 3' 3.672" N	77° 35' 5.568" E

Legend



Total Boundary Area= 62.00 Ha



Plantation Area= 6 Ha

Compensatory Plantation Plan pertaining to Reach- 6 (UG) Jayanagar fire station to Nagawara- 2070 Saplings

Proposed Compensatory Plantation in Old Military Area, Hebbal, Bengaluru



Legend



Total Boundary Area= 62.00 Ha



Prposed Plantation Area= 28.50 Ha

Boundary Area Coordinates for Compensatory Plantation

Compensatory Planatation pertaining to Langford Metro Station

Plantation Area= 18.50 Ha

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
A	13° 3' 5.832" N	77° 35' 12.696" E
B	13° 3' 16.884" N	77° 35' 17.808" E
C	13° 3' 24.624" N	77° 35' 1.1148" E
D	13° 3' 15.696" N	77° 34' 56.64" E

Boundary Area Coordinates for Compensatory Plantation

Compensatory Planatation pertaining to Reach-6 UG

Plantation Area= 6 Ha

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
1	13° 3' 6.984" N	77° 35' 6.792" E
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Boundary Area Coordinates for Compensatory Plantation

Compensatory Planatation pertaining to Kothnur Depot Entry Line

Plantation Area= 4 Ha

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
P	13° 3' 15.696" N	77° 34' 56.64" E
Q	13° 3' 12.78" N	77° 35' 1.14" E
R	13° 3' 11.016" N	77° 35' 2.58" E
S	13° 3' 13.068" N	77° 34' 57.684" E
T	13° 3' 1.332" N	77° 35' 25.692" E
U	13° 3' 0.18" N	77° 35' 31.668" E
V	13° 2' 55.536" N	77° 35' 30.48" E
W	13° 2' 55.824" N	77° 35' 23.532" E

Compensatory Plantation Plan pertaining to Langford Metro Station, Reach-6 (UG) and Kothnur Depot Entry Line- 5550 Saplings

SPECIES AND PLANTING TECHNIQUE MODELS

General Guidelines

A. INTRODUCTION:

- 1) Karnataka Forest Department is afforesting around 80000 to 100000 ha. annually under various plan and non-plan programmes. Afforestation is also taken up under various models of planting. Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) and Artificial Regeneration (AR) accounts for large share of hectare being afforested. The department has gained lot of experience by way of feed back and evaluation of the planting programmes. Many successful planting techniques have been established and followed in the field. However there is no compilation of such successful planting techniques evolved and of collective experience of the department. Afforestation and Reforestation is one of the core activities of the department and there is an urgent need to codify successful practices, so that it serves as manual for all the field officers who are engaged in the task of afforestation. In addition uniform cost norms and model estimates for various types of afforestation works help in standardizing planting techniques across various schemes.
- 2) An effort in this regard began in a meeting of few field officers and senior officers on 3-11-2010. A concept paper was prepared and sent to all circles with a request to submit circle wise write up on important best practices. Based on the circle wise reports "A species and Planting Technique models for Karnataka" was prepared by a Core Committee comprising of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Development), Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Projects), Conservator of Forests (Development) and Conservator of Forests (Projects).
- 3) The report was again circulated among field officers through circle Conservators of Forests / Chief Conservator of Forests during April 2011.
- 4) A series of workshops were held at Davanagere (Bellary circle), Shimoga (Shimoga, Chikmagalur and Mangalore circles), Dharwad (Dharwad, Belgaum and Kanara circles), Bangalore (Bangalore and Chamarajanagar circles), Mysore (Mysore, Kodagu and Hassan circles) and Gulbarga (Gulbarga circle) during May-June 2012. In these workshops all Chief Conservators of Forests, Deputy Conservators of Forests (Territorial) and (Social Forest), Assistant Conservators of Forests (Territorial) and (Social Forest) and selected Range Forest Officers participated. The report was also discussed in the meeting of Chief Conservators of Forests and senior officers of the department on 20-06-2012 and 17-12-2012. Based on the deliberations and inputs of senior officers and field officers the final report is prepared.

B. METHODOLOGY

- 1) The Approach: The state is divided in to 4 Silvi (Agro) climatic zones for the purpose of report. The Talukas / Districts in each zone are as per the agro-

climatic zones recognized by the State Agriculture Department. The details of areas falling in various agro-climatic zones is provided in Annexure-I. Karnataka state land use board has classified state in to 10 zones. These zones are further regrouped as follows for the purpose of this report.

1.	Dry Zone	:	North Eastern Dry Zone, Northern Dry Zone, Central Dry Zone, Eastern dry zone, Southern dry zone.
2.	Transitional zone	:	Southern transition zone, Northern transition zone, North Eastern transition zone.
3.	Malnad & Western Ghat zone	:	Corresponding to Hilly zone of Karnataka land use board classification.
4.	Coastal zone	:	Coastal zone.

2) Within Silvi (Agro) climatic zones and specially for the purpose of Artificial Regeneration Model two site qualities have been distinguished.

1. Poor site quality : Sites of low fertility having little (<30cm) or no top soil. Rocky in nature.
2. Moderate to High fertility site : Sites with >30 cm. soil depth. Can sustain growth of native species and production forestry.

3) Three canopy densities are also distinguished for deciding allotment of areas under ANR or AR model and working out specific treatments.

1. Open areas and areas with less than 10% canopy.
2. Areas with 10 to 25% canopy.
3. Areas with 25 to 40% canopy.

4) Following various models and topics have been considered for detailing out planting techniques and best practices.

1. Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)
2. Artificial Regeneration (AR)
3. NTFP plantation
4. Sandal Regeneration
5. Road side plantations.
6. School and Institutional planting.
7. City and Urban areas planting.
8. Canal Bank plantations.
9. Farm Forestry.
10. Nursery Practices.

5) The species and planting technique models for the states provide the following details.

- (1) **Brief description** of the area relevant to the Model. For actual geographical applicability and Taluks, districts in each zone Annexure-1 may be referred.
- (2) **List of core species:** The species which constitute core of nursery and planting for the given zone and model are listed based on the past experience.
- (3) **Planting Technique:** The details like site preparation, planting density per ha, size of polythene bags for raising seedlings, land preparation (pitting, T.M, Ripping etc.,) type of protection to be provided, watering, number of years a plantation to be maintained are indicated.

However to avoid repetition only the specific and important details of each model are only noted. Rest of the specifications are detailed out in Model Estimates relevant for each model of planting.

- (4) It is strongly recommended that the afforestation areas are delineated on water shed basis. A land scape of about 5-10 thousand ha. in each range including the areas outside forests may be taken as a unit of treatment of both arable and non-arable land. Such land scapes may be prioritised based on a composite index with proper weightage for extent of forest degradation, availability of waste lands, scope for Farm Forestry and Socio-economic backwardness of the areas etc.,
- 6) All resources available for afforestation including promotion of farm forestry may be allotted to such delineated land scapes based on its prioratisation so that the limited resources at the disposal of the department are spent on most needy areas.
- 7) The report also recommends the following common prescriptions.
 1. All block plantation sites are provided protection with Cattle Proof Trenches or Barbed Wire Fencing.
 2. SMC in terms of Gully checks and **SMC Trenches of 5X1X1 M dimension with outlets / spill ways and one or two nala bunds depending upon site requirement are provided in all block plantation.** A sum equal to 20% (a sum equal to 15% of the total cost of planting up to full maintenance is provided for SMC works in plain and gentle sloppy lands and 25% of the total cost of planting upto to full maintenance is provided in SMC works in sloppy and steep sloppy areas. This has to be certified by the officers at the rank of ACF / DCF after site visit.
 3. CPT is excavated to cover entire Micro Water Shed and plantings raised within the area for 5 years.
 4. Sowing of seeds, planting of cuttings and Agave shall be taken up on CPT mounds and SMC trenches.

5. Ripping is recommended as preferred in mode of site preparation in Dry and Transitional zones under AR Model.
6. Planting will be done in ripped furrows and mound formation taken up later. So no sowing of seeds on mounds is normally recommended. But in case where two seedlings are planted per trench, sowing of seeds of local species like Muttuga, Honge, Hale, Ode, Kamara etc. can be done in the trenches.
7. Watering of seedling is provided 5 times in the 1st year 3 times in 2nd year under Greening Urban Areas. Road side, NTFP, Canal Bank and Sandal Estate Models. However in Institutional Planting model watering will be done by individual institutions.
8. F.Y.M application @1CM/40 plants is recommended under Greening Urban Areas / Road side / NTFP models.
9. a) 500 T.M. of 4M length and 1500 plants/Ha is recommended for the area which do not have root stocks and do not likely to get root suckers after ripping / pitting.
 b) However, in the locations where good number of root stocks are found and root suckers are likely to come up after ripping 1000 plants per hectare is recommended. Then the number of seedlings in each trench will be two per trench.
10. Plantation maintenance is kept at planting plus 2 year for Artificial Regeneration models which are planted with fast going species and 4 years for the models which are planted with slow going species. ANR Model, Greening Urban Areas, Road side, NTFP models where the plantations will be maintained up to 5 years.
11. Any major deviation based on site specific requirement shall be done only with the written approval of Deputy Conservator of Forests detailing out the reasons.
12. Detailed model estimates are provided for each model of planting.

C. SPECIES AND PLANTING TECHNIQUES MODELS

I. Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) Model is further sub divided in to

IA. Eco-Restoration Model

IB. Supplemental Planting Model

I(A) ECO- RESTORATION MODEL:

1. **Area Description:** Sites in all 4 zones which contain canopy density between 25 – 40% and are under various stages of degradation but can rejuvenate given proper protection and soil moisture conservation treatment are treated under this model, so that the already present root stock and regeneration is helped to establish and grow.
2. **Core Species:** No planting is proposed in this model. Only dibbling of seeds of native species will be taken up.
3. **Planting Technique:**
 - 1) Protection through excavation of cattle proof trenches @ 72 RMT/ 90 CMT per ha.
 - 2) Sowing of seeds of Glyrecidia, Planting of Agave suckers on the CPT mounds in open area and Duranta cuttings on the CPT mounds in partially shaded area in high forest locations.
 - 3) Watch and Ward for every 50 ha.
 - 4) Dibbling of seeds of Sandal, Neem, Seetaphal, Honge and other native species.
 - 5) Clearing unwanted growth, Climber cutting, Tending, cutting back of half cut stumps / stools to get good coppice growth and singling of coppice growth @ 400 plants/ha. The training of local community/ VFC members and sharing of biomass and its documentation shall be made in this operation.
 - 6) Other details as per model estimate Model -01

I(B) SUPPLIMENTAL PLANTING MODEL:

1. **Area Description:** Sites in all 4 zones which have a canopy density between 10 – 25% which are deficient in regeneration and are under higher degree of degradation and with large open gaps are selected under this model. The presence of appreciable root stock of native species which can be nursed / nurtured to better health and supplemental planting with high value native species is main objective of this model.

Species Proposed:

Dry Deciduous Forests:

1.	Bevu	Azadiracta indica
2.	Tapasi	Holoptelia integrifolia
3.	Seetaphal	Annona Squamosa
4.	Honge	Pongamia pinnata
5.	Kamara	Hardwickia binata
6.	Bage	Albezzia lebbek
7.	Ficus	Ficus bengalensis
8.	Sisso	Dalbargia Sisso
9.	Ailanthus	Ailanthus excelsa
10.	Hale	Writia tinctoria
11.	Ude	Steriospermum chelanooides
12.	Dhupa	Boswellia Serrata
13.	Nelli	Emblica officinalis
14.	Honne	Pterocarpus marsupium

Moist Deciduous Forests

1.	Teak	Tectona grandis
2.	Nandi	Legarstroemia lanceolata
3.	Honne	Pterocarpus marsupium
4.	Mathi	Terminalia alata
5.	Shivane	Gmelina arboria
6.	Kindal	T.paniculata
7.	Beete	Dalbargia latifolia
8.	Tare	T.belerica
9.	Bamboo	Bambusa arundinasia
10.	Muthuga	Butea monosperma
11.	Hippe	Madhuca latifolia
12.	Sandal	Santalum album
13.	Nelli	Emblica officinalis
14.	Neral	Sizyzium cumini
15.	Dhaman	Grevia tilifolia
16.	Kaval	Careya arborea
17.	Harada	Terminatia chebula

Semi Evergreen and Evergreen Forests:

1. Honne	Pterocarpus marsupium
2. Beete	Dalbargia latifolia
3. Dhoopa	Vateria indica
4. Tare	T.belerica
5. Hole mathi	T.arjuna
6. Kindal	T.paniculata
7. Bamboo	a) B.arundinasia b) D. Strictus
8. Bharanigi	Vitex ultissima
9. Bobbi	Lophopetalum whitianum
10. Canes	Calamus species
11. Gulmavu	Machilus macranta
12. Saldhoopa	Vateria indica
13. Nerale	Syzizium Cumini
14. Hebbalasu	Artocarpus heterophyllus
15. Halmaddi	Ailanthus malabaricum
16. Mango	Mangifera indica
17. Murugal	Garcinia indica
18. Uppage	Garcinia gummigatta
19. White cedar	Dysoxylon Malabaricum

3. Planting Technique:

1. Identified area is demarcated and surveyed and area will be closed with CPT / barbed wire fence.
2. The SMC works are taken up from ridge to valley concept. SMC trenches of 5X1X1 mts. across rills with spill ways and nala bunds are created.
3. The young regeneration is protected, the coppice growth is promoted by cutting back of stumps, singling of multiple shoots. Training of local community / VFC members for singling, pruning, cutting back, sharing of biomass and its documentation is done. This to be done by watch and ward persons.
4. Advance work is done by digging upto 200 pits of 75cm³ in dry zones, upto 400 pits of 60cm³ in other zones avoiding pitting near the existing root stock / regeneration.
5. Sowing of seeds of Prosopis, Glyrecidia in dry areas only. Planting of Agave suckers on the CPT mounds in open area and Duranta cuttings on the CPT mounds in partially shaded area in high forest locations.
6. At least 12 month old seedling in 10" X 16" polythene bags in dry zones and 10 months old 8" X 12" / 6" X 9" (for teak) polythene bags in other zones are used for planting.

7. Planting with Agave, Suckers/ bulbils and sowing of seeds of Bamboo, Sandal, Glyrecedia, Cassia, honge etc., on Mounds of SMC trenches and on Cattle Proof Trenches is done.
8. If necessary, further tending of root suckers, cutting back stumps, singling of coppice growth and soil working up to 400 plants/ha. is done during 3rd year involving local community / VFC members with documentation.
9. Engaging watch and ward for every 25 ha.
10. Other operations as per Model estimate Model- 02 and 03.

II. ARTIFICIAL REGENERATION MODELS (AR)

1. Artificial regeneration is taken up on barren, open areas, waste lands, blanks and laterate patches and forest areas where the canopy density or root stock is less than 10%. The site preparation is normally done by ripping by D-80 / D-120 dozers in dry and transitional zones and pitting is also done in the patches where ripping can not be taken up in rocky patches, rugged nalas up to 100 pits per hectare with pit size 75 cm³.
2. Pitting is done in Malnad and coastal zones. The model by far constitutes very high extent of afforestation works in the state. Considering this fact the species choice and planting pattern is prescribed for all zones and two site qualities separately.

II(A) AR MODEL FOR LOW FERTILITY, ERODED AND ROCKY AREAS IN DRY ZONES.

1. **Area Description:** These are rocky eroded areas with very little or no top soil (less than 30 cm). The rainfall is scanty and ill distributed with high mean annual temperatures. The strategy for such areas is primarily to check the further degradation of sites and create a green cover using pioneer, colonizing species like Glyrecedia, C.Siamia, Agave etc., with a suitable mixture of hardy local species. The fast growing species like Glyrecedia cover up the site in 2-3 years and it is seen to compliment and facilitate the growth of inter planted local hardy species in course of time.

2. Core Species and Planting Pattern:

- a) In the locations where there is no chance of getting roots sucker and regeneration after ripping, the planting density is as follows:

1.	Glyrecedia, C.Siamia, Agave	1400 plants / ha.
2.	Honge, Seetaphal, Tapasi, Ficus	100 plants / ha.

- b) In the locations where there are chances of sufficient roots sucker and natural regeneration after ripping, the following core species planting pattern shall be followed.

c)

1.	Glyrecedia, C.Siamia, Agave	800 plants / ha.
2.	Honge, Seetaphal, Tapasi, Ficus	200 plants / ha.

II(B) AR MODEL FOR MODERATE TO HIGH FERTILITY AREAS IN DRY ZONE.

Planting Pattern – I

1. **Area Description:** Two distinct areas can be identified for the purpose of species selection. The taluks falling in Northern and North eastern dry zones (Annexure-I) especially districts like Bijapur, Gokak division of Belgaum district, Yadgir, Raichur, Gulbarga, Koppal and Gadag districts the following planting pattern is recommended.

2. **Core Species:**

1.	Glyrecedia, C.Siamia, Sisso	1300 plants / ha.
2.	Seetaphal, Honge, Ficus, Tapasi, Nelli, Bevu, Nerale	200 plants / ha.

- b) In the locations where there are chances of sufficient roots sucker and natural regeneration after ripping, the following core species planting pattern shall be followed.

1.	Glyrecedia, C.Siamia, Agave	800 plants / ha.
2.	Honge, Seetaphal, Tapasi, Ficus	200 plants / ha.

3. **Planting Pattern – II :**

Area Description : The second distinct area comprises of Central, Eastern and Southern dry zones (Annexure-I) comprising of districts of Bagalkot, Bellary, Davanagere, Chitradurga, Tumkur, Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bangalore Rural, Ramanagara etc.,

4. **Core Species:**

1.	Kamara, C.Siamia, Sisso, Stereospermum chelenoides, Soymida, Boswellia serrata	1300 plants / ha.
2.	Seetaphal, Honge, Tapasi, Ficus, Nelli, Cashew, Seemaruba, Bevu, Nerale, Mango	200 plants / ha.

- b) In the locations where there are chances of sufficient roots sucker and natural regeneration after ripping, the following core species planting pattern shall be followed.

1.	Kamara, C.Siamia, Sisso, Stereospermum Chelenoides, Soymida, Boswellia serrata	800 plants / ha.
2.	Seetaphal, Honge, Tapasi, Ficus, Nelli, Cashew, Seemaruba, Bevu, Nerale, Mango	200 plants / ha.

II(C) AR MODEL FOR POORER SITES IN TRANSITIONAL ZONE:

1. **Area Description:** These areas also have little or no top soil, eroded, rocky and of low fertility. However the sites are located in better rainfall and moderate temperature and weather conditions.

2. **Core Species:**

1.	Auriculiformis in >1000 mm rainfall areas and in JFPM areas	1500 plants / ha.
2a.	C.Siamia, Sisso, Sterospermum, Seemaruba, Kamara	1300 plants / ha.
	Honge, Tapasi, Ficus, Nelli, Cashew, Bevu.	200 plants / ha.
2b.	In the locations where there are chances of sufficient roots sucker and regeneration after ripping the following core species planting pattern shall be followed.	
	C.Siamia, Sisso, Sterospermum, Seemaruba, Kamara	800 plants / ha
	Honge, Tapasi, Ficus, Nelli, Cashew, Bevu	200 plants / ha.

II(D) AR MODEL FOR MODERATE TO HIGH FERTILE AREAS IN TRANSITIONAL ZONE.

- 1. Area Description:** The sites are having better soil depth (30-60 cms) and are situated in better rainfall and moderate weather conditions, conducive for raising productive plantations of fuel and small timber. Very fertile areas in this zone are put under NTFP / Fruit Orchard Model.

2. Core Species:

1.	A.auriculiformis in better rainfall areas and JFPM areas.	1500 plants / ha.
2a	C.Siamia, Sisso, Sterospermum, Seemaruba, Kamara	1100 plants / ha.
	Bamboo, Shivani, Nelli, Mango, Nerale, Cashew, Bage, Honge, Tapasi, Ficus	400 plants / ha.
2b.	In the locations where there are chances of sufficient roots suckers and regeneration after ripping the following core species planting pattern shall be followed.	
	C.Siamia, Sisso, Sterospermum, Seemaruba, Kamara	800 plants / ha
	Bamboo, Shivani, Nelli, Mango, Nerale, Cashew, Bage, Honge, Tapasi, Ficus	200 plants / ha.

- 3. Planting Pattern :** Fast growing species like Kamara, C.Siamia, Sisso etc., in single species rows and species like Mango, Nerale, Nelli, Cashew at 10M spacing but in the ripped line only, without resorting to excavation of separate pits.

II(E) PLANTING OF EUCALYPTUS IN TRANSITIONAL ZONES

1. Moderate to high fertile areas in transitional zone as well as areas under JFPM in transitional zone are also suitable for raising Clonal and seed origin of better provinces Eucalyptus plantations. These plantations can yield appreciable biomass at the end of rotation period of 8 years. This will also improve supply of fuel wood, poles, small timber to meet local needs. It can also generate income to Village Forest Committees. In this model Eucalyptus preferably clonal planting material is planted 100% @ 1500 plants per hectare without mixing with any other species.

However adopting this planting model is subject to overall policy of growing of eucalyptus by Government.

II(F) AR MODEL FOR FORESHORE AREAS IN DRY AND TRANSITIONAL ZONE.

1. **Area Description :** These areas are situated in foreshores of Tanks and Reservoirs in dry and transitional zones. The sites are fertile due to accumulation of salt, but have high degree of salinity and water logging.

2. **Core Species:**

1.	A.Nilotica / A.auriculiformis	550 plants / ha.
2.	Honge, T.arjuna, Nerale, Sisso and Bamboo	550 plants / ha.

3. **Planting Technique:** Only pitting is done for foreshore planting. A.nilotica is raised in 5"X8" polythene bags and miscellaneous species raised in 8"X12" polythene bags. While planting care should be taken to scrape the salt entrusted surface soil away. While doing soil working, raised mounds are formed so that the salt is leached down during rains. The planting should be done beyond HFL of Tank.

Planting Technique for AR model for Dry and Transitional Zone:

- 1) Site preparation is done by using D-80 / D-120 dozers in dry zones and by D-8 dozers in transitional zones.
- 2) 500 Trenches of 4M length are formed per ha. Pitting is also done in patches where ripping can not be taken up in rocky patches, rugged nalas etc up to 100 trenches of 4X11M or 100 pits per hectare with pit size 75cm³.
- 3) No refilling and formation of mounds is done before planting. This operation will be done after planting.

- 4) Fast growing species like Glyrecedia, C.Siamia, Kamara etc., are raised in 5"X8" polythene bags and miscellaneous species like Honge, Bevu, Ficus, Seetaphal etc., raised in 8"X12" polythene bags.
- 5) The planting proportion of fast growing species and miscellaneous shall be as indicated.
- 6) No separate pitting will be excavated for planting miscellaneous species, but are planted in the ripped line only.
- 7) Fast growing species like C.Siamia, Glyrecedia, Kamara etc., are planted. Single species in a row and the miscellaneous species mixed in each line at appropriate spacing.
- 8) SMC works are carried out by Gully checks and SMC trenches of size 5X1X1m across the rills with spill way and nala bunding wherever required only.
- 9) Other details as per Model estimate – Model 04, 05, 06 and 07.

II(G) AR MODEL FOR MALNAD AND WESTERN GHAT ZONE AND COASTAL ZONE.

1. Core species and Planting Pattern: Planting Pattern-I

Open degraded areas with <10% canopy cover. Areas assigned to JFPM, Harvested areas, Encroachment evicted areas in Malnad and Coastal zones including the area having lateritic stones and outcrops. In all types of forest areas viz., Moist deciduous, SEG or EG areas.	Acacia auriculiformis 1500 plants / ha.
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Planting Pattern-II

Moist deciduous forest types areas with bigger gaps and deficient regeneration. Moderate to high fertile areas.	Teak: 550 plants / ha.
	Honne, Matti, Kindal or Hunal, Heddi, Kalam, Nandi, Bamboo, Cashew, Mango, Nerale, Antawala, Shivani, Albezia 550 plants / ha.

Planting Pattern-III

Semi Evergreen, Evergreen areas with gaps and difficient regeneration. Moderate to high fertility in Malnad and Coastal zones	Acacia auriculiformis
	Hopea Whitiana 550 plants / ha.
	Hopea Parviflora, T.arjuna, Mango, Nerale, Cashew, Lophopetalumwhitianum, Hebbalasu, Saldhupa, Kaidhupa (Canarium strictum), Murugal, Uppage. 550 plants / ha.

Planting Technique :

- 1) Acacia auriculiformis is planted in pits of 45cm³ and planted 100% without mixing with any other species.
- 2) Teak in planting pattern II and Hopea whitiana is planting pattern-III are planted at 3X3M spacing (1100/ha) in 45cm³ pits in open areas.
- 3) Miscellaneous species are planted @400/ha in 5X5 M spacing.

- 4) Acacia is raised in 5"X8" polythene bags. Teak and Hopea are raised in 6"X9" polythene bags. Other miscellaneous species raised in 8"X12" polythene bags.
- 5) Protection is provided by Cattle Proof Trenches.
- 6) Sowing of seeds of Prosopis, Glyrecidia, Planting of Agave suckers on the CPT mounds in open area and Duranta cuttings on the CPT mounds in partially shaded area in high forest locations. SMC works provided by Gully checks are SMC trenches of 5X1X1 Mts size across the rills with spill ways and nala bunding wherever required only.
- 7) Other details as per Model estimate No.06 and 07.

NOTE ON PLANTING ACACIA IN AR MODEL:

1. Acacia is a gregarious, highly productive species which can attain high productivity in 8 years. It also gives highly valued timber after 20 years.
2. It is suitable for barren lateritic areas.
3. It can be planted in degraded forests, open areas with <10% canopy in Malnad and Coastal zones.
4. It can be grown as a pioneer species in Western ghats to build up fertility of the area and make it suitable for planting native species later.
5. It can be planted on Encroachment prone / evicted sites for quick site recovery and coverage.
6. It can be planted on Degraded forests and JFPM areas identified in JFPM management plan in Transitional, Malnad and Coastal zones.
7. Replanting after harvesting of JFPM areas as per VFC management plan.
8. Acacia should not be planted in ANR model as under planting.
9. Acacia should not be planted in dry zones.

II(H) AR MODEL SPECIAL AREAS IN COASTAL ZONES

1. **Area Description:** The sites in coastal area fall in 3 categories.

1. Lateritic soils.
2. Mangrooves.
3. Sand dune stabilization

DEGRADED / LATERITIC SOILS:

Open degraded lateritic soils	Acacia auriculiformis 550 plants / ha. A.catachu 550 plants / ha.
Very hard lateritic patches	Ficus, A.catachu, T.belerica, Callophyllum oenophyllum, Cashew, Jummanakai (Fagara budrunga) planted 100 plants / ha.

Planting Technique:

1. Acacia auriculiform is raised in 5"X8" polythene bags and Acacia catachu in 8"X12" polythene bags planted in pits of 45cm³ and 60cm³ respectively.
2. Protection is provided by Cattle Proof Trenches / Barbed wire fence/ Laterite block rubble wall.
3. Standard SMC works with Gully checks and SMC trenches across the rills with spill ways and nala bunding wherever required only provided.
4. Other planting details as per Model estimate No.07.

MANGROVE PLANTING MODEL

1. **Area description:** Mangroove are typical areas in estuaries. They are both viviparous and saline tolerant in nature.

2. Core species : Avicennia marina, A.officinalis, Kandelia candel, Rhizophora apiculata, R.mucronata, Sonnaratia alba, S.Caseolaris, Exocaria agallocha, Aegiceras Corniculatum.
3. Planting Pattern : Seedlings of the species are collected and planted in estuaries in low sites at 1X1M spacing. Nursery seedlings can also be raised by wildling and planting can be done.

COASTAL SAND DUNE PLANTING:

Coastal sand dune belts are planted in Shelter belt fashion. Vegetative barrier created by shelter belt can be very effective in halting erosion of sand dunes.

Species : Spinifix littorate (Ravanana meese), Ipomea species, Pandanus species, Morinda citrifolia, Callophyllum inophyllum, Anacardium occedentale, Cauarina equisitifolia

Planting Technique : These species listed above are planted from sea shore towards inlands in the listed order. Smaller plants can be planted at 2X2M spacing with callophyllum, Cashew can be planted at 4X4 M spacing.

SUMMARY OF SPECIES, PLANTING PATTERN AND TECHNIQUE UNDER ARTIFICIAL REGENERATION MODELS

Sl. No.	Site specification	No. of plants / Ha	Core species	Planting Pattern			Model Code
				No. of Plants	Bag size	Site Preparation	
1.	Poorer sites in Dry zones all over state.	1500	Glyrecedia, C.Siamia, Agave	1400	5"X8"	Ripping / pitting (upto 100) in area where ripping can not be done	IIA
			Honge, Tapasi, Sitaphal, Ficus	100	8"X12"		
2.	Moderate-High Fertile areas in Northern and North Eastern dry zone	1500	Glyrecedia, C.Siamia, Sisso	1300	5"X8"	Ripping / pitting (upto 100) in area where ripping can not be done	IIB
			Seetaphal, Honge, Ficus, Tapasi, Nelli, Bevu, Nerale	200	8"X12"		
3.	Moderate - High fertile areas in Central, Eastern and Southern Dry zone.	1500	Kamara, C.Siamia, Sisso, Sterospermum, Seemaruba.	1300	5"X8"	Ripping / pitting (upto 100) in area where ripping can not be done	IIB
			Seetaphal, Honge, Saymeda, Tapasi, Ficus, Nelli, C;ashew, Bevu, Nerale.	200	8"X12"		
4.	Poorer sites in Transitional zone	1500	Acacia auriculiformis in JFPM areas and areas receiving >1000 mm	1500	5"X8"	Ripping / pitting (upto 100) in area where ripping can not be done	IIC
			C.Siamia, Sisso, Stereospermum, Seemaruba,	1300	5"X8"		
			Kamara, Honge, Tapasi, Ficus, Nelli, Cashew, Bevu	200	8"X12"		

Sl. No.	Site specification	No. of plants / Ha	Core species	Planting Pattern			Model Code
				No. of Plants	Bag size	Site Preparation	
5.	Moderate to fertile sits in Transitional zones	1500	Acacia auriculiformis in JFPM areas and areas receiving >1000 mm rainfall	1500	5"X8"	Ripping / pitting (upto 100) in area where ripping can not be done	II D
			C.Siamia, Sisso, Stereosperum, Seemaruba, Kamara	1100	5"X8"		
			Bamboo, Shivani, Nelli, Mango, Nerale, Cashew, Bage, Honge, Tapasi, Ficus.	400	8"X12"		II E
			Eucalyptus	1500	5"X8"		
6.	Dry zone, Transitional zone where there are chances of sufficient root suckers and natural regeneration after Ripping.	1000	As recommended for respective sites.	800	5"X8"	Ripping	IIA/IIB/ IIC / IID
				200	8"X12"		
7.	Foreshore areas of Tanks and Reservoirs.	1500	A.Nilotica	750	5"X8"	45cm ³	II F
			Honge, T.arjuna, Nerale, Sisso	750	8"X12"	60cm ³	

Sl. No.	Site specification	No. of plants / Ha	Core species	Planting Pattern			Model Code
				No. of Plants	Bag size	Site Preparation	
8.	Degraded, Open areas, JFPM areas, Harvested areas, Encroachment evicted areas in Transition, Malnad, Coastal zones.	1500	Acacia auriculiformis	1500	5"X8"	Ripping or 45cm ³ pits	II G
9.	Open areas in Moist deciduous areas, Moderate to high fertility areas	1500	Teak	550	6"X9"	45cm ³ pits	II G
			Honne, Matti, Nandi, Bamboo, Cashew, Mango, Nerale, Antawala, Shivani, Alberia	550	8"X12"	60cm ³ pits	
10.	Semi evergreen and evergreen forest types in Malnad, Coastal zones. Deficient in regeneration, Moderate to high fertility		Hopea Whitiana	550	6"X9"	45cm ³ pits	II G
			Hopea Parriflones, T.arjuna, Mango, Nerale, Cashew, Lophopetalum Whitannum, Hebbalasu.	550	8"X12"	60cm ³ pits	
11.	Degraded Lateritic sites	1500	Acacia auriculiformis	750	5"X8"	45cm ³	II H
			A.Catachu	750	8"X12"	60cm ³ pits	
12.	Very Hard Lateritic Patches	100	Ficus, A.Catachu, T.Belerica, Callophyllan inofillum	100	10"X16"	1M ³ pits	

III. N.T.F.P. PLANTING MODEL

Area Description : Non Timber Forest produce plantations may be raised in sites of high fertility. Even while taking up ANR or AR Model, NTFP plantations may be raised on small portion of the plantation areas, which has high fertility.

2. Core Species:

Dry zone	:	Hunse, Mango, Neral, Nelli, Hippe, Bevu, Honge, Seetaphal, Kadgeru, Bucnania, Cashew, Feronia, Seemaruba and other local NTFP Species. Halsu may also be taken up in better sites in Districts like Kolar, Tumkur, Bangalore.
Transitional zone	:	Sandal, Bamboo, Antwala, Nelli, Hippe, Mango, Nerale, Muttuga, Kadgeru, Bucnania, Harada, Cashew, Hunse, Halsu, Seege and other local NTFP Species.
Malnad & Western Ghats	:	Antawala, Murugal, Uppage, Dalchinni, Wate, Cashew, Halmaddi, Kaidhoopa, Harada, Nelli, Mango, Halsu, Sandal, Xanthoxylum ritsa, Bamboo, Canes and other local NTFP Species.
Coastal zone	:	Murugal, Vate, Jummanakai, Myristica, Uppage, Cashew, Suragi, Urhonne, Antawala, Halsu, Mango and other local NTFP Species.

3. Planting Technique:

1. Atleast 12 months old, 7-8 feet tall seedlings raised in 10"X16" polythene bags to be planted.
2. 0.75m³ pits excavated for planting. 275 plants per ha. planted at spacing of 6X6 mts and 1m³ pits excavated for planting Hunse, Mango, Halsu at 10x10m spacing raised in 14"X20" bags.
3. Protection to be provided by Barbed wire fencing.
4. Sowing of seeds of Prosopis, Glyrecidia, Planting of Agave suckers on the CPT mounds in open area and Duranta cuttings on the CPT mounds in partially shaded area in high forest locations.
5. F.Y.M. application 1 cm / 40 plants for first 2 years. D.A.P. fertilizer applied for 2 years.
6. Watering to be provided 5 times during 1st year and 3 times during 2nd year.
7. Maintenance up to 5 years. S.M.C. works from ridge to valley provided wherever necessary by standard SMC works with Gully checks and SMC trenches across the rills with spill ways and nala bunding wherever required only provided.
8. Other details as per Model estimate Model-08.

IV. MODEL FOR CREATION OF SANDAL ESTATES:

1. Area Description: Sandal was once very widely distributed in the Malnad and transition zone of the state. There is need to protect sandal regeneration areas as well as to create sandal on an estate management basis. Sandal can be planted in Malnad and transition zone extensively. The sites selected must be prepared by uprooting stumps and dozing with a dozer prepare like farm land for establishing estates.

2. Species : Sandal with planting of Teak / Bamboo along the boundaries.

3. Planting Technique:

A. Protection of Sandal Regeneration Model

- 1) A minimum of 200 ha area where the sandal regenerate profusely identified and the seedlings have attained 5-10 cms girth has to be selected with 200 plants/ha. minimum density.
- 2) The area is fenced with chain link mesh which is embedded in concrete foundation. For each such unit, 6 number of watch and ward are employed on 24/7 basis.
- 3) Requisite ration is provided to the watchers.
- 4) A temporary residential accommodation is constructed within the area.
- 5) Dibbling of sandal seeds and planting in open areas taken up.
- 6) Other details as per Model estimate. Model-09.

B. Creation of Sandal Estates with chain link mesh

- 1) The site selected shall be moderate to high fertility area in Transition and Malnad zone.
- 2) Preferably an old harvested Acacia / Eucalyptus plantation or encroachment evicted area is suitable.
- 3) Site preparation is done by uprooting the stumps and dozing the area, ripping done 5M apart.
- 4) Standard SMC works with Gully checks and SMC trenches across the rills with spill ways and nala bunding wherever required only provided.
- 5) Well grown sandal seedlings raised in 8"X12" polythene bags planted at 5X5M spacing.

- 6) The treated sandal seed should be shown on mounds of SMC, in the trenches.
- 7) For sustainable management of sandal estate, people participation should be encouraged by forming VFC or strengthening existing VFC. Sufficient seed money and corpus fund shall be made available to VFC.
- 8) In order to ensure sustainable financial resources for maintenance of the chain link mess, providing watch and ward and protection of sandalwood trees beyond 5th year fast growing species like Teak, Marihal bamboo, Burma bamboo, Shivane, Hebbevu, Hale, Acacia auriculiformis, Eucalyptus species including clones shall be planted all along the boundary inside the outer inspection path and also all along internal inspection paths and fire lines @ 200 plants per hectare. The revenue out of thinned material from fast growing species and also from sale of sandal seeds would be made available by VFC for keeping watch and ward and also to maintain a dog squad of local breeds.
- 9) Area is fenced by chain link mess fixed on steel anglers and maintained regularly.
- 10) Watering and FYM application cultural operations as per Model estimate. Model-10.
- 11) Where sufficient funds are available, construction of compound wall as protection measure can be taken up.

V. INSTITUTION AND SCHOOL PLANTING MODEL.

1. Area description : Vacant lands and the boundaries of Institutions, Government offices, Schools and Colleges.

2. Core Species :

Dry zone : Bevu, Honge, Kadbadam, Nerale, Mango, Seethaphal, Ala, Nelli, Mellingtonia, Seehunse, Singapur Cherry, Chakra Nelli, Arali, Bela and other suitable fruit & ornamental plants.

Transitional zone : Mango, Halsu, Nelli, Hunse, Nerale, Singapur Cherry, Chakra Nelli, Kadbadam, Sampige, Mahagony, Tabubia, Spathodia, Bela, Antuwala, Ala, Arali and other local native species.

Malnad and Western Ghats : Sampige, Mavu, Halsu, Nelli, Nerale, Ranjal, Kadbadam, Cashew, Murugal, Saldhoopa, Uruhonne Saludhupa and other local species.

3. Planting Technique.

- (1) At least 12 months old 7-8 feet tall plants raised in 10"X16" bags to be planted.
- (2) Block planting or Boundary planting at 5X5 m or 7X7m spacing, as the case may be. On an average 200 pits/ha.
- (3) If the area is not fenced or does not have a compound wall, staking and thorn fencing to be done, as provided for Road side planting.
- (4) Application of F.Y.M., watering, watch and ward as provided in Model Estimate-11.
- (5) Protection of such plantations shall also be the responsibility of concerned institutions.

VI. CITY AND TOWN PLANTING MODEL.

1. Area Description: Planting can be taken up along the roads within the city. Vacant lands meant for parks can also be taken up for planting. Care has to be taken to avoid electricity lines and telephone lines during alignment.

2. Core Species :

Dry zone : Bevu, Kadbadam, Arli, Bahaunia, Honge, Mellingtonia, Nelll, Thespesia, Peltophorum, Sissoo.

Transitional zone : Bevu, Arli, Sisso, Bahaunia, Kadbadam, Sampige, Tabubia, Mango, Halsu, Nerale, Spathodia, Peltophorum, Holedasawal, Mahagony, Honge.

Malnad & Western Ghat zone : Sampige, Mavu, Halsu, Nelli, Mango, Nerale, Saldhoopa, Mahagony, Kadamba Ranjal and other ornamental species.

Coastal zone : Sampige, Mango, Mahagony, Bahaunia, Uruhonne, Halsu, Spathodia, Ranjal, Tabubia.

Suitable ornamental species which provide flowers round the year may also be planted.

3. Planting Technique:

1. At least 12 months old 7 to 8 feet tall seedlings raised in 10" X 16" bags to be planted.
2. 75 cm³ pits excavated at a spacing of 10 mts along roads and 5X5 m or 7X7 mts for block planting.
3. Staking, Protection, application of F.Y.M. watering provided as per Model estimate. Model-12
4. Pretreated stakes are used for enhancing life of stakes.

VII. ROADSIDE PLANTING MODEL:

1. Area description : The Road margins available along NH, SH, MDR's and Village roads throughout the state. These margins are often encroached. The species along roadsides are required to be planted with species which should be compatible with agricultural crops, to avoid hostility from adjoining cultivators.

2. Core Species :

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| 1. Dry Zone | : | Bevu, Ala, Arali, Basri, Goni, Honge, Tapasi, Hunse, Sisso, Bage, Mango, Nerale, Seehunse and other suitable local species. |
| 2. Transition zone | : | Bevu, Ala, Arali, Basri, Hunse, Sisso, Bage, Honge, Mango, Nerale, Hippe, Tapsi and other suitable local species. |
| 3. Malnad and Western Ghats | : | Mango, Halsu, Nerale, Mahagony, Sampige, Veteria, Hippe Hole dasval and other suitable local species. |
| 4. Coastal Zone | : | Sampige, Holedasavala, Tare, Mahagony, Vateria, Mango, Halsu, Uruhonne and other suitable local species. |

Other suitable local species shall be personally decided by concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, after proper assessment with regard to the site, climatic and other local conditions.

3. Planting Technique:

1. At least 14-18 months old minimum 7-8 feet tall seedlings raised in 14"X20" bags to be planted.
2. Pits of 1X1X1 Mts at a spacing of 10 Mts on either side of the road, 200 plants/km
3. Application of F.Y.M. 1 cum / 40 plants during 1st year.
4. Protection with staking and tying of thorns every year for 3 years. Proper treatment of stakes for long life.
5. Watch & Ward for minimum of 5 years; the watcher will do replacements and maintain thorn fencing.
6. Watering in Dry zones and Transitional zones 5 times in first year and 3 times in the second year.
7. Other Cultural operations like weeding, Saucer Bharav, Fire tracing etc., as per model estimate. Model-13

XIII. CANAL BANK MODEL

1. **Area Description** : Planting can be taken up along canals of irrigation projects. Since water is available for part of the year these sites are suitable for raising fruit yielding and NTFP species. If the site along Canals is very poor due to dumped soil, the pits can be filled with imported soil.

2. Core Species :

Dry zone : Bevu, Honge, Mango, Nerale, Seemaruba, Sissoo, Bage, and other suitable local species. Cassia siamea and Glyricidia in poorer sites

Transitional zone : Bevu, Honge, Sissoo, Cashew, Seemaruba, Mango, Hippe, Hunse, Halasu, Nerale, Nelli and other suitable local species.

3. Planting Technique :

1. Atleast 12 months old 7-8 feet tall seedlings raised in 10" X 16" bags to be planted at 10 m apart in pits of 0.75 m³.
2. C.siamea, Sissoo, Glyricidia are raised in 5"X8" Polythene Bags and planted in trenches of 4X0.5X0.5 mts in poorer sites.
3. Seed sowing is taken up on mounds with C.siamea and Glyricidia.
4. Miscellaneous plants provided with staking, protection, F.Y.M. application, watering on par with Road side plantations.
5. Barbed wire fencing may be taken up, if sufficient width strip is available.
6. Watch and ward provided for 5 years.
7. Other details as per Road side planting model estimate, Model-13.

FARM FORESTRY

Karnataka Forest Department has realized that the task of bringing 33% of geographical area cannot be achieved without facilitating voluntary tree planting by people outside the forest areas. Various schemes, especially the externally aided projects have tried to implement ambitious Farm Forestry components in the past.

The present status of farm forestry envisages that the seedlings raised for farm forestry in departmental nurseries and priced at subsidized rates will be purchased by interested farmers and they will take care of such assets.

However in view of the magnitude of the programme and the shortage of staff, lack of extension expertise, lack of mechanism to ascertain species preference of people, lack of proper distribution network, it is suggested that a comprehensive policy for farm forestry with following components be put in place.

- 1) The species preference of farmers is mandatorily assessed by a systematic demand survey, well in advance of nursery season.
- 2) The seedlings raised for farm forestry should be from known, superior seed source.
- 3) Wherever feasible clonal / grafted seedlings to be made available to farmers.
- 4) A stable policy on pricing of seedling supplied to farmers for planting, to be put in place after wider consultations. This is pertinent in view of pricing of seedling in plan schemes, where as the seedlings are not only given free but the planting costs are also paid under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- 5) Krishi Aranya Protsaha Yojane, A scheme to incentivize for farmers @ Rs.10, 15, and 20 at the end of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year for each surviving seedling is a good initiative in encouraging Farm Forestry.
- 6) Well organized network of distribution centre using the existing infrastructure like the Forest Department offices, Panchayat Office premises, Temples, Schools etc., where the required number of seedlings are stocked and replenished as and when the seedlings are lifted by the public. Any person interested in buying seedling should be able to pay and carry the required number of seedlings from the centers. The cost involved in creating distribution centers should be budgeted and made available to field officers.
- 7) About 5000 Village Forest Committees and around 6000 self help groups, created under various programmes and NGOs may be involved in demand survey, raising of seedlings and establishing and running distribution centers. Suitable remuneration and incentives may be paid to those organizations and persons for this purpose.

- 8) Tree felling and transportation rules have to be made farmers friendly to facilitate farm forestry on large scale.

Species proposed: The species list is only indicative. The assessment may be done by a systematic demand survey.

Dry zone: Teak, Silver oak, Sandal, Neem, Tamarind, Mango, Nelli, Bamboo, Feronia, Drumstick, Karibevu, Kadbadam, Honge, Seemaruba, Hebbevu, Ailanthus excelsa, Sissoo etc.

Transitional zone: Teak, Silver oak, Hebbevu, Sandal, Cashew, Nelli, Mango, Halsu, Marihal, Bamboo, Neem, Tamarind, Drumstick, Karibevu, Red sanders, Honge, Seemaruba, Shivani, Sissoo etc.

Malnad, Western Ghats and Coastal zone: Teak, Sandal, Beete, Silver oak, Hebbevu, Cashew, Mango, Halsu, Nelli, Acacia auriculiformis, Casurina equisitifolia, Murugal, Uppage, Wate, Antawala, Dalchinni, Shivani, Ber Halsu, Marihal Bamboo and Burma Bamboo etc.

Eucalyptus has been traditionally preferred species in southern dry and transitional zones of the state, because of its fast growing, high yielding, coppicing and non-browsing qualities. There is a perception about not encouraging the planting of Eucalyptus. There is no conclusive evidence substantiating labelling of Eucalyptus as an ecological disaster. Similarly Acacia auriculiformis and Casurina are also in high demand in Malnad and Coastal areas. At present Eucalyptus, Acacia, Casurina are not covered under Krishi Aranya Protsaha Yojane. However **Government may take a final view on promoting these species based on wider consultations.**

NURSERY PRACTICES

Raising of successful plantation has 3 critical components (1) Selection of right species for the site (2) Raising right planting material (3) Following right planting technique and practices.

Nursery practices should aim at raising right planting material. The seed for raising planting material should come from known superior quality source. The seedling should be of the right age, sturdiness, attain critical height, so that within the period of normal plantation maintenance (3-5 years), the plantation is established beyond damaging factors. This is all the more important when native, slow growing species form the core of our planting programme. These species not only need to be raised in bigger containers, they need to be nursed for sufficient period in nursery, so that they attain status of right planting material. This is the most important critical factor that has direct bearing on raising successful native species plantations.

The following points are very important to streamline the nursery practices:

- 1) A list of core species have to be prepared for various models at planting in the department and Farm Forestry to assess the species wise seedling targets, seed requirement etc.,
- 2) All the seed source for planting programme should come from identified seed source only, either from plus trees, seed stands, clonal orchards and facilities for seed processing and certification upgraded to achieve this target in next 3-5 years.
- 3) To begin with all seedlings for distribution to public should come from known sources. In case of fruit yielding species like Mango, Hunse, Nelli, Nerale, and Halsu etc grafted seedlings can also be supplied to public.
- 4) For raising quality and healthy seedlings, the seeds should not be directly shown in to the bags and they should be first shown in the mother seed beds. In order to ensure genetically superior quality of seedling , it is essential to sow the genuine quality seeds in the beds at least 3 times the number of required of seed beds. The seeds can be sown in staggered period of 3 days each – $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ number of seed beds are sown at the beginning, another $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ number of seed beds are sown after three days and remaining $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ number of seed beds are sown after six days. The sprouts of seeds as soon as they are germinated from first, $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ set of seed beds shall be transplanted to polythene bags at first stage ($\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$) , the sprouts of second $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ set of seed beds shall be transplanted in to another set of polythene bags($\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$) and the sprouts of germinated seeds from third, $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ set of seed beds can be transplanted to 3^{rd} set of polythene bags ($\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$). Seedlings which sprout within 3 days of emergence of first sprouts only have to be transplanted and sprouts which emerge after 3 days should be discarded. To enhance further quality of seedlings, rigorous culling of weak seedlings in the polythene bags should be done within one month by pulling out such seedlings The empty

bags should be separated and shall be used for transplanting earliest germinated quality sprouts as explained above. This method shall be followed meticulously for most of the species which do not exhibit 'root shock' after transplanting of sprouts. For species which exhibit 'root shock', the seeds can be shown smaller polythene bags as in case of raising tall seedlings as explained below.

For raising tall seedlings, sufficient number of seedlings should be raised to take care of rigorous culling at early stage. For re-bagging, seedlings in 4"x6" should be raised in large number, at least thrice the number of required number of seedlings for the species which are difficult to survive after transplanting of spourt seedlings or which do not with stand root shock or which can not be transplanted due to unfavorable weather conditions like continuous rainy season. After germination in the 4"x6" polythene bags, the earliest germinated vigorous seedlings should be retained and late germinated weak seeding should be mercilessly pulled out from the polythene bags and the empty bags can be used subsequently for other species or for next round of sowing. The culling out shall be done within one month. The selected seedlings in polythene bags shall be maintained and they shall be transplanted to bigger bag within two to three months before root coiling. For bigger seed species like mango, vateria etc. 5"x8" polythene bags can be used by following above explained procedure.

The cost of raising such seedlings for transplanting has to be provided for. At the time of re-bagging the selected and retained seedlings should be at least 2 months old.

- 5) Good quality, vigorous seedlings of Teak, Bamboo and sandal can be raised by proper precautions detailed below:
 - I. For teak seeds from known source should be used for sowing. From standard seed bed, stumps of thumb thickness, maximum 400 per bed only should be used. Rest of the stumps which are thinner in size and come up later should not be used and they should be discarded.
 - II. **Bamboo** : Bamboo seeds must be sown in seed beds first. Then 4-6 week old bamboo seedlings should be transplanted in to ridges and forrows Transplant beds. The seedlings should be allowed to grow in transplant beds for about 10-12 months. The seedlings which have well developed rhizome only should be transplanted in to 10"x16" bags and maintained for about 6 months. Thus raising proper bamboo seedlings will have 3 stages and require about 18 months of planning prior to planting.
 - III. **Sandal** : Sandal seeds have large proportion of immature seeds, which produce weak seedlings and they die after transplanting in to Polythene Bags or remain yellowish and weak throughout. It is very important to segregate well matured seeds and select only vigorous / dormant seedlings from seed beds. Seedlings which sprout within 3 days of the emergence of first

sprouting only should be used. Seeds should be treated with G.A (Gibberillic Acid) 500 PPM for 16 hours for better germination and periodic, regular plant protection should be done using DithaneM-45 (0.25%) and Ekalnx (0.02%) sprayed at monthly intervals.

- 6) The **nursery calendar** for raising right planting material is tabled below:

Sl. No.	Size of Polythene Bags/HDP E Bags.	Right age for planting	Month of sowing or Re-bagging	Month of raising 4"X6" , 5"X8", seed beds for Re-bagging / transplanting
1.	5"X8"	Not less than 6 months	Before end of November	TPs from seed bed / Direct Sowing in the thrice the number of bags.
2.	6"X9"	Not less than 8 months	Before end of October	Direct sowing from teak beds.
3.	8"X12"	Not less than 10 months	Before end of July	Before end of April.
4.	10"X16"	Not less than 12 months	Before end of May	Before end of February
5.	14"X20"	Not less than 12 months	Before end of April	Before end of January

- 7) There should be a strict mechanism to monitor collection of seed and the timely raising of seedlings. The nursery infrastructure has to be suitably developed. This has to be personally monitored / ensured by Deputy Conservators of Forests / Chief Conservators of Forests of the circle.
- 8) Quality seeds should be procured from research and seed units of the department. Only if the requirement exceeds their capacity, that such seeds should be procured from elsewhere under proper certification about area of collection, viability, germination percentage and other relevant information.
- 9) The quality of ingredients viz., sand, good quality FYM and red earth should be ensured. Stringent action including disallowance of expenditure should be done for using poor quality ingredients.
- 10) All Nurseries should have proper records, Registers, display boards, name boards and proper layout, water tanks and pipelines for watering and sanitation to be maintained.