

1. Forestry:

Out of an outlay of Rs. 64.45 lakhs, an expenditure of Rs. 11.77 lakh was incurred upto September '99, which was 18.26%. The DCF (HQ) stated that the expenditure figures regarding development of minor forest produce were awaited from the Forestry Division, Campbell Bay. The DFO was reminded to send the progress of expenditure immediately. As soon as the expenditure figures are received the shortfall in achievement will be made up. However, he pointed out that an amount of Rs. 6.50 lakhs was provided for procurement of a truck could not be utilised as as per the economy instructions of the GOI there is a ban on purchase of vehicles, so it will not be possible to purchase a truck until the economy instructions are in force.

With regard to construction of staging posts, one each, at Jirkatang No. 2, Middle Strait and Bamboo Tekri (Near Kadamtala), the Secretary (TW) asked the DCF to send the drawings and the estimates immediately for approval of the competent authority. Further he desired to know if an estimate for Rs. 65,000/- reportedly submitted by Range Officer, Kadamtala for raising dispersed fruit plantation at Patthar Tekri (Near Kadamtala) have been cleared as it was reported during his tour to Lakra Lungta and Patthar Tekri on 18.9.99 that approval of the estimate of the Chief Wild Life Warden, Conservator of Forest (North) was awaited. Consequently, they could not go ahead with the planting of the fruit seedlings. Therefore, the DCF (HQ) was requested to look into the matter and get approval of the estimate expedited at the earliest.

*(Action- DCF (HQ) CWLW, C F (North))*