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MEETINGS, INSPECTIONS AND LECTURES

MINISTER'S VISIT

The Minister for Forests, Malik Ahmad Ali Olakh inaugurated the Resting Area, Chak No. 297/TSB in Constituency No. 262/PP along M.M Road near Tool Plaza Fatehpur and also planted a tree there. DFO Layyah was also present. The Minister Forest emphasized on the proper protection of the forests and he informed that the department would not bear the pilferage of wood, which has been reduced due to his great efforts and follow up. Minister for Forests was also of the view that Punjab is facing a deficient forest resource, which is due to increase in population, and hence a tremendous increase in the demand of fire wood and its products and thus the Forest Department has put in huge efforts to meet the supply and demand of the wood and products in near future.



Mr. Ahmad Ali Olakh Minister for Forests, planting a sapling at Resting area 9297/TSB newly established in Layyah Forest Division

ADPMEETING

Maj. (Retd.) Shah Nawaz Badar chaired an ADP meeting with all Chief Conservators of Forests of Punjab Forest Department and discussed the ongoing projects. The percentage of the utilization of most of the projects was satisfactory but few projects needed serious and personal attention of the Chiefs and Conservators of forests. The Secretary Forests also reviewed the instructions issued after his tour to various circles. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, Chief Conservator of Forests Central Zone, Lahore along with Dr. Muhammad Arshad CCF Southern Zone, Raja Khalid Hussain, Chief Conservator Forests Northern Zone and Dr. Zafar Iqbal Chief Conservator of Forests, PM&E Punjab explained the latest achievements of their projects.



Maj. (Retd.) Shah Nawaz Badar, Secretary Forests chairing a high level meeting

ASSEMBLY QUESTION DISCUSSING

The Minister for Forests chaired a high level meeting in the office of Chief Conservator of Forests Central Zone, Lahore, regarding Assembly Question of the Punjab Forest Department. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, Dr. Muhammad Arshad and all related conservators of Forests and DFOs were also present. Minister for Forests replied the assembly questions very gracefully in assembly session.



LECTURE



A lecture "Role of Forestry in the Economic of the country" was delivered by the Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim, Divisional Forest Officer Publicity, in Geography Department, Forman Christian College, Lahore (F.C College) and answered the questions of the students in detail. The Divisional Forest Officer was presented a souvenir and shield by the Head of the Department.

TRAINING OF
MINISTERIAL STAFF

Director Budget and Accounts Forests arranged a one -day training workshop regarding accounting practices in the committee room, 24 Cooper Road, Lahore for supporting the staff of the Forest Complex, Cooper Road and Forest Colony Ravi Road, Lahore. The workshop was presided by Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, Lahore and Mehmood Latif, Director Budget and Accounts Forests, Gulzar Ahmad Sheikh, Chief Internal Auditor, Bashir Ahmad, Accounts Officer and Syed Javaid Bukhari, Planning Officer, delivered the lectures to the participants. It was a good effort and it shall be continued in future. The Second day session was presided by Tariq Mahmood, Conservator of Forest, Extension and Publicity Circle, and the participants belonged to Forest Colony, Ravi Road, Lahore.

AGROFORESTRY TRAINING
PROGRAMM / WORKSHOP

Punjab Research Institute Gatwala arranged a training programme/workshop for farmers of Tehsil and Distt, Sheikhpura at Chak Jatri Kohna, where Tariq Mehmood, CF Extension and Publicity Circle, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director PFRI and Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity, delivered their lectures on *Afforestation and its scope, Importance of Forests and concept of Agroforestry and its importance*. More than 100 farmers were present in workshop organized by Rai Muhammad Rafique, Senior Research Officer, PFRI, Gatwala Faisalabad.

SURPRISE VISIT OF
SECRETARY FORESTS

Maj. (Retd.) Shah Nawaz Badar conducted a surprise visit of Forest Complex 24-Cooprt Road and inspected all rooms of the complex and got information about their works. He showed his deep interest in Publicity Block, especially old photographs of the dignitaries. He appreciated the newly constructed Publicity Block. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman briefed the Secretary about the forest complex and conditions of various stores. Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Chief Conservator of Forests, Planning Monitoring & Evaluation was also accompanied administrative Secretary.



VISIT OF EX-FOREST OFFICERS

Former Chief Conservator of Forests Punjab Ch. Riaz-ul-Hussain, Malik Muhammad Khan and Former Chief Conservator of Forests Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Maqbool Ahmad visited the various plantations in Sargodha circle. They imparted their knowledge and shared their experience with young forest officers working in these plantations. They appreciated the efforts of young field officers and guided them how to become a successful forest officer and dedicate workers. Syed M. Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha was present during the field visit. DFO Mianwali also shared his experience with the senior CCFs. They also visited the site of Kala Bag Dam and Haveli of the Nawab of Kala Bag state. After this they visited Changa Manga plantation along with former Chief Conservator of Forests Mian Ajmal and appreciated new trend of fixing of new sign/direction boards, and the efforts of the Muhammad Saleem Malik, Divisional Forest Officer, Changa Manga and Azam Gill, SDFO Changa Manga.



Senior Forest Officers in Mianwali



Senior Forest Officers in Changa Manga

ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ADP) MEETING / SECRETARY FOREST'S DIRECTION

Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, Lahore chaired a meeting regarding Annual Development Program (ADP) and instructions issued by the Administrative Department after field inspections. All Conservators of Forests i.e. Rao Khalid Mehmood, CF Lahore, Dr. Muhammad Rafique, CF Gujranwala, Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, CF Range Management, Naseer Ahmad Khan, CF Faisalabad, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director PFRI, were present and contributed their views. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, Lahore emphasized the implement instructions issued by the Administrative Secretary after field inspection of the various Forest Circles of Punjab Forest Department.



Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, Chief Conservator of Forests Central Zone chairing a meeting regarding ADP and instructions issued by the Administrative Secretary



TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

A Tree planting campaign was held by District Officer Forest Mianwali with the help of the Divisional Forest Officer Mianwal. Raja Khalid Hussain Chief Conservator of Forests North Zone, Rawalpindi, was the chief guest along with Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim Conservator of Forests Sargodha circle, and planted tree/sapling in Danish School Mianwali.



FIELD TOUR



Tariq Mehmood, Conservator of Forests, Extension and Publicity circle, conducted a comprehensive field tour of Sargodha circle, Dera Ghazi Khan circle and Bahawalpur circle and inspected model nurseries as well as woodlots raised under the project "Enhancing Tree Cover in Punjab" The conditions of model nurseries were satisfactory, but the disposal of the plants were not proper.



FORESTRY RESEARCH AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The forestry research underway and accomplishments to date have been of significant value to the forestry sector. There has been of course a major thrust during the last three decades to get some specific indications of practical use for the field foresters as well as farmers and to set guidelines for the future development of sound forestry programmes in the country. Significant breakthrough of acceptable standards has been possible in planting with multipurpose fast growing trees species in marginal and farm lands. Poplar, Willows and Eucalyptus are three important tree species which have been identified as fairly fast growing under the given conditions. Seed sources of several species have been identified for large scale collection and distribution. New varieties/species/clones of mulberry, willow and poplar have been developed and distributed. The seed exchange programme with different countries also been activated. Guidelines have been developed and disseminated for use by the field foresters for afforestation in the subtropical zone, moist temperate and dry temperate forests with species such as Chir pine, blue pine and Juniper. Yield and volume tables have been prepared for several broad leaved and coniferous species. Management studies have provided useful information to increase the biomass per unit area. Fertilizer has been used to improve the rate of growth of trees as well as production of grass from the rangeland. Reseeding with palatable and nutritious grasses has resulted in substantial increase of fodder and forage. Studies have indicated that with proper management of the watershed, silt load can be reduced and the flow of water can be regulated. It has been possible to find better uses of low quality wood, and usefulness of wood preservatives has been established. Better methods of felling timber, conversion and transportation have been identified reducing the losses by 10-20%. Wood of Chir pine and eucalypts has been found useful for pulp and paper. Poplar and eucalypt wood has proved suitable for new end uses such as furniture, cross arms, scaffolding, shuttering etc. It has been possible to raise the yield of resin from Chir pine from the existing 1.5 kg per tree to 3.5 kg on the average per tree by using the American Bark Hack method of conjunction with 40% sulfuric acid. The new method does not hurt the wood and infect saves the butt long from damage. (Continued).

By M.I. Sheikh farmer DG PFI and CCF central zone.

SURPRISED FIELD VISIT OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AT BHAKKAR FOREST DIVISION

Raja Khalid Hussain, Chief Conservator of Forests North Zone and Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, Conservator of Forests, Sargodha circle conducted a surprised visit of the Bhakkar Plantation, early in the morning 5.00 am and observed illegal grazing and other thefts. However Raja Khalid Mehmood showed his satisfaction on proper protections measures adopted by the Divisional Forest Officer Bhakkar, who was also reached there.

TRANSFERS AND POSTINGS

Following posting and transfer were made by the Administrative Department.

Mr. Saadat Ali Khan was posted as Conservator of Forests Bahawalpur, while Dr. Zahid Javaid has been attached with the Administrative Department, and Shahid Pervaiz Khan (Attached Officer) has been posted as Conservator of Forests, Development and Working Plan Circle, Rawalpindi.

Mr. Mian Fida Hussain, was posted as Divisional Forest Officer, Bahawalpur, while Mr. Gul Noor was transferred and posted as Divisional Forest Officer, Range Management Bhakkar, whereas Nawaz Sandela, Divisional Forest Officer, Bhakkar was posted as Divisional Forest Officer, Development and Working Plan, Lahore.

FAREWELL TO DFO LAHORE/SHEIKHUPURA



A farewell was organized by the staff of Lahore/Sheikhupura Forest Division on the transfer of Hayat Hassan DFO Lahore/Sheikhupura Forest Division and to well come his successor, Muhammad Saddique Dogaar. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman and Rao Khalid Mehmood paid great tribute on the performance of outstanding Hayat Hassan being younger and junior most forest officer during its 3 year tenure, as DFO Lahore/Sheikhupura and also earned appreciated from Chief Minister Punjab too.