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MONSOON TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGN 2011 IN PUNJAB by Punjab Forest Department



Rana Muhammad Iqbal, Speaker Punjab Assembly planting a sapling at Changa Manga Rest House, on 15.08.2011



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ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS

Malik Ahmad Ali Olakh, Minister for Forests chaired a high level meeting to discuss the reply of various Assembly Questions. M. Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF, CZ, Lahore explained the answers to Questions adjourned and privatize motions submitted by public representative in Punjab Assembly. The representatives of Wildlife, Fisheries departments were also present. Maj. Retd. Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T was also there.



Muhammad Mehbub-e-Rehman CCF, CZ briefing to Malik Ahmad Ali Olakh Minister for Forests and Maj. Retd. Shahnawaz Badar on Assembly Questions

MONSOON TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN 2011 IN FULL SWING

Punjab Forest Department's concern with the protection of its environment is evident from the fact that it has embarked on a Monsoon tree planting spree to achieve a greener skyline and to combat deforestation. Various activities conducted in this context are given below;

A tree planting ceremony was arranged by Mr. Bashir Ahmad, EDO Agriculture, Kasur with collaboration of Publicity Forest Division, Lahore and was duly inaugurated by Mohatarma Zakia Shah Nawaz, Advisor to CM Punjab, Haji Malik Muhammad Feroze Joyia, MPA PP 46, Tehsil Piplan, Muhammad Irshah Hussain Shah, DCO Kasur, Syed Khuram Ali, DPO, Kasur alongwith Forest Officers, at DCO office Kasur. The tree planting campaign also aimed at getting the public to be more aware of and appreciate the need for trees in the environment by setting up stalls displaying publicity and awareness material in the form of booklets, pamphlets, brochures and display cards. The DCO requested the Publicity Forest Division to keep the colorful banners and streamers hoisted for one week

SPEAKER PUNJAB ASSEMBLY IN CHANGA MANGA

Likewise, Malik Saleem, DFO Changa Manga, arranged a colorful function at the Rest House at Changa Manga, where Speaker Punjab Assembly Rana Muhammad Iqbal inaugurated the tree planting campaign Monsoon 2011 in District Kasur. Rana Muhammad Ishaq, MPA, M. Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF CZ, Rao Khalid Mahmood, CF Lahore, Muhammad Yusuf, CF Extension & Publicity, Lahore also graced the occasion. In his speech, the CCF CZ, Lahore praised the services of the honourable Speaker for the very old, World's first man-made plantation, the Changa Manga Forest. Similar views were expressed by Rao Khalid Mahmood, CF Lahore. He further told that the development of Forest Park at Changa Manga has been fully supported by the Speaker who not only took personal interest but strived hard for the improvement and development of Forest Park at Changa Manga.



Rana Muhammad Ishaq Khan MNA planting a sapling at Changa Manga Rest House, Kasur



Barrister Rana Javeed Iqbal Khan planting a sapling at Changa Manga Rest House, Kasur

Another successful Monsoon tree planting campaign was mobilized in Okara by Mr. Siddique Dogar, DFO Okara with joint efforts of Publicity Forest Division in the DCO Complex Okara, where DCO Mr. Saif Anjum inaugurated the event by planting a sapling (Bottle Palm) in district Okara along with the other dignitaries.



Saif Anjum DCO Okara planting a sapling in his Office



Siddique Dogar DFO Okara planting a sapling in his Office

A committee was constellated by Chief Minister Punjab headed by Sardar Saif Ullah Khosa, MNA. On the basic of decision take by committee for "Massive Afforestation" a series of briefing, have

been arranged by the Administrative Department. Syed Rizwan Mahboob, Add. Secretary FWF&T Deptt. chaired the briefing along with Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF, CZ and Dr. Muhammad Arshad, CCF SZ. The objectives of the briefings were to prepare a comprehensive plan to present to the honorable Chief Minister, Punjab regarding the improvement of current status of the Punjab Forest Department. Dr. Muhammad Rafique, CF Gujranwala briefed the house regarding how to improve the Revenue of PFD. Mr. Shabbear Ahmad Rana, CF Range Mgt. Circle, Lahore appraised the house about revenue while Rao Khalid Mahmood CF Lahore informed about the possible ways the officials and officers could be facilitated regarding mobility training and how the Human Resource Development could be enhanced. The interesting topic about raising nurseries was covered comprehensively by Iftikhar Ahmad Qureshi, CF Rawalpindi. The most important and vital role of the Extension & Publicity was under taken by Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha and a briefing was given by Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity who emphasized the role of forest management in Private Sector, Public Sector and Community Forest areas, which have lately been given low priority by the PFD due to lack of funds and budget. Due to constraint of water, it is not possible in near future that forest sector would get the sanctioned water from Irrigation and Power Department. The only alternative to raise the tree cover is through Agro-Forestry, because Punjab Province possesses Agriculture oriented economy. He further emphasized that since the closure of the Punjab Forest Sector Development Project, the target of raising of nurseries abruptly decreased during last ten years, and requires a boost if we wish to enhance the tree cover of the Province. Mr. Rizwan Mahboob appreciated the efforts, of Speakers/Teams/Groups/Committee who prepared such informative and wonderful briefings with sound facts and figures, along with current suggestions and recommendations that were supported by Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF CZ and Dr. Muhammad Arshad, CCF SZ, who also contributed valuable suggestions which were duly appreciated by the house. Almost all the committee members were present on the occasion.



Senior Forest Officers participated in various briefings arranged by Administrative Department to prepare the comprehensive provincial Afforestation plan on the direction of Chief Minister Punjab



Syed Rizwan Mahboob, AS, FWF&T Deptt.



Shahid Rashid Awan, DS, Planning



Faisal Farid, DS, Administration



Mehmood Latif, Director B&A, Forests



Dr. Jahangir Ghauri, Project Director / CCF



Saddat Ali Khan, CF, D&WP Rawalpindi

NEWLY DEVELOPED FOREST PARK AT RAVI ROAD, LAHORE

A briefing was arranged by Mr. Hayat Hassan, DFO Lahore/Sheikhupura at 108-Ravi Road, Lahore regarding development of new park at Forest Colony Ravi Road, Lahore. Mr. Kamran Lashari, Secretary and Major (R) Shah Nawaz Badar, Secretary Forests were briefed by Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF Central Zone about the progress of the establishment of the Forest Park. Rao Khalid Mahmood, CF Lahore was also present. Both Secretaries contributed their vision and suggested new options and designs to further improve the newly development Park. They appreciated the speed and quantity of work and the efforts made by Mr. Hayat Hassan, DFO Lahore/Sheikhupura and his dynamic team in a very short time span.

OUT STANDING PERFORMANCE

Divisional Forest Officer Extension Div. Lahore reported that Mr. Sharafat, RFO Sheikhupura has put up his best performance by arranging sixteen ceremonies regarding Monsoon tree plantation campaign 2011, in District Sheikhupura. Mr. Sharafat, RFO Sheikhupura deserves appreciation from the Administrative Department for his commendable performance in context with the tree planting initiative. A visible show of his commitment is evident from the manner in which he implemented the directions of AD by distributing/selling the tree saplings outside a mosque at the time of Juma prayers.



Teacher Beacon House School Sheikhupura planting a sapling



Javid Ahmad Nagra Principal Govt. College Commerce Sheikhupura planting a sapling



Principal Government Primary School for Girls Sheikhupura planting a sapling.



Sharafat Ali, RFO Sheikhupura Extension who gave outstanding performance in



Dr. Ali Umar Mansoor Incharge Rural Health Centre planting a sapling Khariwala, Sheikhupura



After saying prayer of Juma-tul-Mubarik man purchasing a plant from Forest Deptt.

AGROFORESTRY - A FUTURE HOPE

The concept of trees on farmlands actually originated from the realization that trees played a very important productive and protective role in safe-guarding the vital interests of farmlands and their produce. In Pakistan, trees on farmlands have since long been making a very handsome contribution to supplement the production from the state forests. Ever since the development of irrigation system in Indus Basin, people have been planting trees of various species. Agroforestry assumed new directions and significance in Pakistan when barren land was brought under irrigation in the Thal desert. The new settlers, with the help of the Forest Department planted trees on their watercourses, farm roads, around the fields for protection against desiccating winds. Agro-forestry is very common in many countries like Pakistan, India, Nepal, and in most of the countries of Africa. The multiple land use concept is vital for conservation of water and for obtaining maximum productivity from a piece of land. In early sixties the multiple land use concept was adopted and applied in many plantations of Punjab on experimental basis and achieved positive results. The Forest Land was used for the purpose of agro-forestry, but later on this concept was discouraged due to some administrative reasons. With the course of time, this concept was strengthened and keeping the advantages of the agroforestry in mind, it was not discontinued permanently. This multiple land use concept has many advantages and is especially very feasible economically and very helpful to the poor farmers having low land holdings. The results of survey of 257 farm plantations of Punjab Province conducted by Rahim M. Akmal and others which is published in *African Journal of Environment and Technology, 2010* revealed that 99% agrofarmers have their own land while only 1% were lessee. Out of 257 farm plantations 86% have land holding up to 10 acres, 09% possessed 21 to 40 acres while 12% have land holding 41 to 141 acres. As for designs of Agroforestry are concerned 48% adopted linear design, 40% did planting as compact plantation while 31% adopted mixed design i.e. linear and compact together. The most common species adopted by the farmers was *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, especially in compact plantation (87%), the other species were Kikar and Shishum along with *Eucalyptus* (13%). 44% agrofarmers preferred spacing 5x5 feet spacing, 22% 10x10, 21% did planting on 10x6 spacing, while rest of 13% adopted 15x15 feet spacing. In Punjab the trend was also studied during survey, out of 257 farm plantations 5% were raised during 1985-90, 38% during 1991-95, 65% were established during 1996-2000 during which a world bank aided project, PFSDP was undergoing. This trend was decreased during 2001-2005 when only 38% farm plantations were raised. The future of raising of trees on private land is linked with Agroforestry, and outstanding support, guidance and technical help of Extension wing of Punjab Forest Department.

GLIMPSES OF MONSOON TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGN 2011 IN PUNJAB



Miss Zakia Shah Nawaz, Advisor to CM Punjab getting beifeing from DFO Mianwali



Muhammad Asif Qureshi DCO Bhakkar planting a sapling of Ashok at Bhakkar



Nasarullah Khan Laghari DCO Vehari planting a sapling of Chir Pine in his Office



M. Akbar Khan Formar Nazim Bhakkar planting a sapling of Ficus at Bhakkar



Qazi Muhammad Ashraf Commissioner Sahiwal offering prayer after planting in his office with DFO Sahiwal



Gohar Sultana EDO Education (Female) planting a sapling of Ficus at Bhakkar

TRANFER/POSTINGS

Mr. Faisal Farid took over the charge of the Deputy Secretary Administration FWF&T Deptt. Lahore.

Dr. Zahid Javaid has been posted as Conservator of Forests, Bahawalpur Circle while Mr. Muhammad Azam Sheikh has been attached with Administrative Department.

Liaqat Gill, DFO DWP Lahore has been assigned the additional charge of Jhang Forest Division, whereas Mushtaq Gohar, DFO Jhang is assigned the duty of demarcation of boundary of Murree Forest Division.

NOTIFICATIONS

The Administrative Department notified two Working Plans of Changa Manga and Kundian Plantations written by Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha. The Administrative Department acknowledged the efforts made by Syed M. Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha and staff of Working Plan Circle, Lahore. The four draft working plans are in the pipeline and need approval of Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, Lahore. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF, CZ and Syed Rizwan Mahboob played a very vital role to rehabilitate the working plan circles. Administrative Department is soon expected to issue the notification of Working Plans of Pipli Pahar, Shorkot, Daphar, Kamalia Plantations, which are pending as they require an approval from Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, Lahore.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MOSQUE

A new mosque has been constructed in the vicinity of Forest Complex, Sargodha, and presents an extra ordinary example in Punjab Forest Department for providing such good quality services to the residents of Forest People. The role of staff/officials/officer of Sargodha Circle under the command of Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha Circle, deserve appreciation. The residents of Forest Complex and surrounding area paid great tribute to the Forest Department for providing such wonderful mosque with all the necessary facilities. The mosque has been named, "Rahim Mosque". The formal inauguration will be conducted by Honorable Secretary Forests very soon.

RADIO SPEECHES

A series of Radio speeches were organized by DFO Publicity at Lahore Radio Station and DFO Multan at Multan Radio Station. The purpose of these speeches were to educate the tree farmers, agrofarmers and general public about growing various suited Forest Tree species on their land and management and marketing of the trees on private land.

FIELD TOURS

Maj (R) Shah Nawaz Badar, Secretary, FWF&T Deptt. inspected the Jallo Park along with Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF Central Zone and Rao Khalid Mahmood, CF Lahore. He issued various instructions to Mr. Hayat Hassan, DFO Lahore/Skp regarding the proper maintenance of Jallo Forest Park.

During Eid Holidays, Maj (R) Shah Nawaz Badar, Secretary FWF&T Deptt. inspected the Forest Park at Changa Manga along with CCF Central Zone and CF Lahore, where he directed the DFO Changa Manga to ensure all the measures for the safety and security of the visitors in Park. He further directed the staff for regular maintenance of all bridges, tracks and gadgets installed, in Park for the amusement of the visitors in order to avoid any accident in future.

BROCHURES

The honorable Secretary, Forest, Wildlife Fisheries and Tourism Department expressed the need to prepare the brochure of each Forest Division, so that the general public could be made aware about the activities of the concerned divisions. The standard format of the brochures is being prepared and all DFO's in Punjab would follow this pattern, once it is finalized.