

Tree Planting
Government of Maharashtra
Urban Development and Public Health Department
Sachivalaya, Bombay - 32.
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In Government letter No. PRT 1075/282 UD 4 is dated 15.5.1976 the municipalities have been given following targets for planting of trees, namely

- i) 'A' Class M.Cs. 5000 each
- ii) 'B' Class M.Cs. 2000 each
- iii) 'C' Class M.Cs. 500 each

2. Instructions have been issued to the respective establishments of forest department to supply saplings to municipalities in their area.

3. Apart from road-side tree planting, which has to be regularly undertaken by every municipality, Government would like the Municipalities to chalk out a programme of planting of trees over large compact areas especially those earmarked as open spaces or plant in the Development plans, Likewise planting can also be undertaken by the side of lakes, in large compounds of schools, colleges, co-op, housing societies and on hills, if any, in the municipal area. The area is to create mini forests or groves in the municipal areas.

4. Some of the municipalities have also imposed the condition of tree planting in granting building permissions. This is a practice which can be emulated by all the Municipal Council.

5. If the municipalities undertake tree planting on these lines it will not involve large expenditure for this,

6. Government is at present paying to the municipal councils a grant equal to 75% of the land revenue and M.A. assessment. Likewise the Corporate other than the Bombay Municipal Corporation are being paid grants equal to 75% of the N.A. assessments and 15% of the land revenue excluding N.A. assessment collected within the municipal area. The payment of these grants during the current year will be in proportion to the target in tree planting and preservation followed by the municipalities. Thus if a municipality achieves only a grant. The collector should not, therefore, revenue the land revenue grant without verifying the performance of the municipality or corporation in tree planting.

7. A copy of a folder issued by the Dir. General of Information and Public Relation, Bombay, in connection with vanamahotsava in Rural areas is enclosed. It gives valuable instructions about the types of trees to be planted and the M.Cs - precautions necessary for their maintaining. The instructions may be useful for M.Cs., also. The portions in the folder about grants etc. are not applicable.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra

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Deputy Secretary to Government