Government of Tripura
Forest Department

NOTIFICATION

The Governor of Tripura is pleased to notify the revised Operational Guidelines of "Roadside Beautification and Plantation in Tripura" (RBPT), which is annexed herewith as Annexure - I.

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Roadside Beautification and Plantation in Tripura (RBPT) - A new approach towards "Sundar Tripura"

Operational Guidelines

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
FOREST DEPARTMENT
1. Introduction:

Roads are acknowledged as the growth engine of economic development. They are an integral part of the physical environment and socio-economic milieu. It is required to develop green corridor along roads / highways for beautification along with an additional objective of income generation by the private citizens residing beside the roads.

The National Highways / State Highways / District Roads / Village Roads in the state have been partly covered under tree plantation programmes in the past by Forest Department / other agencies. Renewed emphasis is required for convergence of efforts of various agencies. The scheme of Roadside Beautification and Plantation in Tripura is, therefore, launched as a scheme, based on convergence of efforts, and with a holistic purpose of beautification and income generation of the persons residing along the roadside.

Forest Department shall be the nodal department for implementation of the scheme.

2. Objectives of the scheme:

- To improve the aesthetic environment.
- To enable the private citizens residing beside the roads / highways to generate income by protections and conservation.
- To promote ecological balance and thereby reducing global warming.
- To provide much needed shade on glaring hot roads during summer.
- To reduce impact of noise and air pollution and dust as trees & shrubs are known to be natural sink for air pollutants.
- To make driving a pleasurable experience.
- To provide employment to the local people.
- To encourage investment from outside.

3. Coverage of roads under the scheme:

Both sides of the roads as demarcated by the road authority will be considered for planting under the scheme. Priority will be given to stretches along the National Highway under the scheme. Due care will also be given to cultural and heritage importance of the area while selecting the site. Ornamental, fruit bearing, spices, medicinal dwarf plants shall be preferred and plants shall not be allowed to grow taller than five meters, so that they do not cause damage to roads or electric wires. Plantations may be in patches and not continuous.

4. Funding for the scheme:

The scheme will be implemented in convergence under schemes like MGNREGA, TUEP, ULB, CAMPA, CSR etc.
a) Funding pattern:

RBPT scheme shall be implemented under MGNREGA in rural areas and funded under TUEP / ULB / CSR / CAMPA / State fund in the urban / municipal areas.

For plantation creation***:

Mature seedlings of two years old shall be preferred for better survival. The seedlings may be raised separately under some other scheme.

A. 1st Year of Plantation:
   i. Manday Component :- 20% of total annual outlay
   ii. Material Component :- 80% of total annual outlay

B. 2nd Year (for maintenance & gap filling):
   i. Manday Component :- 70% of total annual outlay
   ii. Material Component :- 30% of total annual outlay
   iii. If private individuals maintain and protect the plantation then wage for maintenance work to beneficiaries @ 1 manday as based on Schedule of Rates (SoR) of Forest Dept and MGNREGA / TUEP wage rate for 10 plants to each beneficiary (Job Card holder) per month.

C. 3rd Year
   i. If private individuals maintain and protect the plantation then wage for maintenance work to beneficiaries @ 1 manday as based on Schedule of Rates (SoR) of Forest Dept and MGNREGA / TUEP wage rate for 10 plants to each beneficiary (Job Card holder) per month.
   ii. 2nd Year and 3rd Year (for maintenance) as based on Schedule of Rates (SoR) of Forest Dept and MGNREGA / TUEP wage rate for 10 plants to each beneficiary (Job Card holder) per month.

If the plantation is handed over to the beneficiary in 2nd year, then maintenance as per wage for maintenance work to beneficiaries @ 1 manday as based on Schedule of Rates (SoR) of Forest Dept and MGNREGA / TUEP wage rate for 10 plants to each beneficiary (Job Card holder) per month will be admissible. No expenditure will be incurred by the Implementing Agency for maintenance in such case.

*** Percentage of Component may vary as per approved Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project to be implemented.

The Schedule of Rates (SORs) of the concerned Department should be adhered to while preparing the DPR.
5. Project Approvals under the Scheme:

i. District Level Executive Committee (DLEC):

DLEC will be responsible for proper planning, implementation and monitoring of each project of RBPT Scheme sanctioned under respective district. It will also ensure that RBPT project/activities do not create any duplication or overlap of assistance/area coverage vis-à-vis others schemes/programs of state/central government. The committee will also communicate the progress of the project under the scheme being implemented to the nodal department for further action. DLEC will be responsible for screening and approval of DPRs submitted under the scheme. DLEC will screen all DPRs for ensuring conformity with schematic guidelines and consistency with technical requirements/standards & financial norms (cost norms and pattern of assistance) etc. in respect of components that have been specified in relevant central government/state government scheme. Before approving projects for implementation, the DLEC will further examine and ensure that funds are available under state government and/or government of India for the proposed projects.

The DLEC will comprise of the following:

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<td>Representative of NHIDCL (for National Highway)</td>
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<td>Member Secretary</td>
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Stretch of plantation will be divided among Implementing Agencies by DLEC.

ii. The following timelines will be followed under the scheme:

- Invitation for proposals – November-December
- DLEC approval – within January.
- Advance work and creation – April-July.
6. Maintenance:

Maintenance work during the 1st year of creation would be the responsibility of the Implementing Agency.

In case the plantation is handed over to beneficiary in the second year, then the maintenance will be undertaken by them in second and third year otherwise the Implementing Agency will continue to maintain the plantation.

Plantations can also be adopted by any corporate / PSU under CSR with branding benefit. Such adoption should involve either providing the funding for creation / maintenance or implementation/maintenance by the corporate / PSU itself with technical help from Forest / Horticulture Department.

Since the plantations under the scheme may be in front of the households, the Implementing Agencies can take consent of private individuals to involve them in protection of the seedlings. If the land holder near the seedling is unwilling then the task of protection can be given to other person belonging to the same village or the neighboring villages. Such selection may be done by the local Gram Panchayat / Village Council. If there is dispute in front of whose land the tree is, the same will be resolved by the PRI / VC bodies. Lifelong usufruct rights on fruit, flower, fallen leaves, dead twigs etc. will be received by the person who has been tasked to do the maintenance of the seedling. However, the right will not be transferable and they shall not have any right on timber.

Payment for incentive to be done by the Implementing Agencies following DBT and MGNREGA / TUEP etc. guidelines. However, priority under RBPT shall be in areas where people are willing to take part in the task of maintenance or protection.

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7. Community involvement and role of Private Citizens:

The Urban Bodies / PRI Bodies will approve the selection of beneficiaries to whom the plantation stretches will be entrusted for maintenance and conservation. Private citizens residing beside the roads / highways may be involved by the implementing agency in all phases of the plantation. A stretch of upto 50 meters can be entrusted to private citizens who have agreed to take up the plantation conservation as per the consent form. One member of each private citizen family residing beside the road / highway may be awarded a minimum wage for maintenance work. These charges may be extended only for two years per household beyond the creation year.
During post plantation maintenance period, the private citizens will supplement the efforts for maintenance of the plantations by the Implementing Agency. They will enjoy usufruct right for sustainable harvest of the products from the plantations in their respective boundary areas.

In case of death or absence of the beneficiary, the senior most legal heir / successor shall be eligible for receiving the payment on the basis of supporting documents / No Objection Certificate from other legal successors.

8. Modalities for payment to the private citizens:

The cost of protection and maintenance will be paid, after assessing survival at six months interval, as per table given below, in two installments in a year and payment will be transferred as per MGNREGA guidelines to households having MGNREGA Job Cards through DBT. The percentage of survival will be decided jointly by the Block Development Officer and Range Officer.

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<th>Survival Rate</th>
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<td>Above 90 % of the total planted saplings</td>
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<td>From 75 % to 90 % of the total saplings planted</td>
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In case the beneficiary fails to maintain the plantation, then the maintenance will be taken up by the implementing agency.

9. Role of elected Urban Bodies / PRI Bodies:

In addition to selection of beneficiaries ULB / PRIs have roles to play in maintenance also. Maintenance during the post plantation phase period shall be executed by the Implementing Agency and the representatives from AMC / MC / NP / GP / VC shall be involved in the audit of the plantation.

If, there is dispute in front of whose land the tree is, the same will be resolved by the PRI / VC bodies.

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