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### **Green Sri Lanka - “One Person – One Plant” National Programme – 2022**

According to the Government Policy Statement *Vistas of Prosperity*, Rs. 2000 million has been allocated in the 2022 Budget Proposals to take specific measures to increase forest cover of Sri Lanka to 30% by 2025.

02. Under the guidance of Hon. R.M.C.B. Ratnayake, Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation, the Green Sri Lanka National Program has been launched under the theme 'One Person - One Plant' to achieve the objectives of maintaining environmental balance and increasing forest cover.

03. This Ministry has issued Circular No. 01/2022 and I am enclosing a copy of it to provide the necessary guidance to implement the relevant projects.

04. Accordingly, I kindly look forward to your support in making the Green Sri Lanka National Program, one of Sri Lanka's foremost state programs, a success in the coming decade.

Sgd./

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### Green Sri Lanka - “One Person - One Plant” National Programme – 2022

#### Background

Sri Lanka is a scenic island in the tropics. It is also a country with a high biodiversity, rich in ecosystems and a large number of unique species. Sri Lanka is one of the 36 most important biodiversity hotspots in the world. However, Sri Lanka has also been identified as a country with a tendency to endanger its biodiversity due to various human activities. Also, in the year 2020, Sri Lanka has been ranked 6th in the world according to the Climate Change Vulnerability Index. Therefore, it is clear that Sri Lanka is a country situated in a highly ecologically sensitive region.

#### Objective

As per the “Vistas of Prosperity” Government Policy Statement, to increase the forest cover in Sri Lanka to 30% by 2025, in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on conserving water catchment areas and to fixed atmospheric carbondioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) it has been decided to take specific measures to properly identify suitable areas for the promotion of afforestation. To control global warming, which affects the climate of the entire planet, His Excellency the President has pledged to the International Community to expand the forest cover to 32% of the total land area of Sri Lanka by the year 2030.

Also, the trees planted under this project will determine the amount of carbon credit for domestic and international carbon market demand through the amount of carbon that can be assimilated through photosynthesis. The carbon credit fund is bolstered by the proceeds from the sale of the excess carbon that is being assimilated. Encouraging tree planting reduces greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbondioxide, and strengthens the CO<sub>2</sub> fixation process.

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Accordingly, the increase in forest cover by the tree planting project will accelerate the fixation of excess carbondioxide from the atmosphere and there is a possibility of recouping the capital expenditure on the project from the carbon credit fund established for this purpose.

## **Targeted specific objectives**

Aiming to increase the forest cover in Sri Lanka to maintain the ecological balance, the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation has decided to commence the tree planting project under the guidance of Hon. R.M.C.B. Ratnayake, Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation under Green Sri Lanka National Program with the theme “One Person one Plant”.

It is imperative that under the Green Sri Lanka “One Person One Plant” National Program to achieve the target of planting 75 million seedlings by 2030. Also, the Ministry of Home Affairs, in coordination with all other Ministries and Government Institutions, has organized a series of special events to plant 7.5 million saplings to mark the Diamond Jubilee 75th Independence Day, which is expected to be celebrated in February 2023. It is expected to achieve the above objective by planting 7.5 million seedlings annually in the next decade. Launched this year by the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation, this program will mark the beginning of achieving those unique goals.

## **Projects to be implemented**

Rs.2000 million has been allocated to the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation through the 2022 Budget Proposals. It is planned to implement the following projects to achieve the above objectives through those provisions.

- I. Establishment of 200 forest villages in Sri Lanka
- II. Implementing tree planting programs in schools and national educational institutions in Sri Lanka
- III. Establishment of island wide herbal gardens
- IV. Implementing tree planting programs in religious places
- V. Implementation of tree planting programs in watersheds of reservoirs, irrigation reserves and catchment areas
- VI. Implementation of Tree Planting Programs on both sides of Highways, Main Roads, Provincial Roads and Rural Roads
- VII. Implementation of Tree Planting Programs on Existing Lands Owned by Government Institutions, Semi Government Institutions, Corporations, Boards and Statutory Institutions
- VIII. Implementation of tree planting programs on lands owned by plantation companies and on privately owned lands
- IX. Establishment of island wide nurseries

### **01. Establishment of 200 “Forest Villages” in Sri Lanka**

#### **1.1. Introduction**

Bounded by highly sensitive forest zones such as Forests, National Reserves, Protected Forests, Sanctuaries and Watershed Reserves, the villages that are designed to create an eco-friendly community which may reduce the damage caused to the forest by the villages, the forest can be protected and whilst improving the living standards of the people living in those villages are known as "forest villages".

With the growth of the population, the impact of human activities, the complication of livelihood requirements, urbanization and the high demand for resources have led to a sharp increase in unlawful and illegal activities in the forests. Due to the fact that not every village has a buffer zone in the area where villages and forest boundaries are clearly demarcated, the public is tempted to meet their needs directly through the forest. As a result, deforestation is increasing day by day led to decrease in forest density and the declining supply of drinking water due to the loss of watershed reserves. Therefore, this can be termed as an eco-friendly project which is expected to be implemented with the objective of making sustainable use of forests for the community living closer to the reserve.

## **1.2. Objectives of establishing “Forest Villages”**

- 1.2.2. Development of Green Canopy in Sri Lanka
- 1.2.3. Development of livelihoods of low-income groups living in forest villages
- 1.2.4. Increasing the national income of the country by providing new opportunities for eco-tourism
- 1.2.5. Improving the existing market for indigenous industries (honey, cane, jaggery, medicines etc.)
- 1.2.6. Creating a sensitive community that protects forests and ecosystems
- 1.2.7. Providing adequate drinking water to the people and water for agriculture by securing the identified water catchment areas.

## **1.3. Methodology for selecting a "Forest Village"**

The selection of these villages should basically be done according to the following criteria.

- 1.3.1. Villages within the district should be villages bordering highly sensitive forest zones such as National Reserves, Protected Forests, Sanctuaries and Watershed Reserves.
- 1.3.2. The number of families should be more than 10, as at least 10 beneficiary families will be selected for a "Forest Village".

## **1.4. Identify the beneficiary families**

It is advisable to identify these beneficiaries under the chairmanship of the Divisional Secretary by the Village Committee and the relevant community-based organization. It is essential to appoint the following officers as additional committee members to the Rural Committees already established.

- I. Beat Forest Officer / Forest Extension Officer
- II. Environmental Officer

When there is less land area for afforestation in the selected village, the whole village can be considered as a single project unit and the project proposal can be prepared accordingly. In such a case the responsibility of concluding an agreement and implementing the project can be generally delegated to the community-based organizations in the relevant village.

## **02. Implementation of Tree Planting Programs in Schools and National Colleges of Education, Sri Lanka**

### **2.1. Introduction**

It would also be appropriate to inspire children to plant trees with the primary objective of producing an eco-friendly child, every newcomer to the first and sixth year of school and all the children present in the school should be involved in planting a sapling in their name and after planting the plant, to take steps to install an eco-friendly name plate mention the name of the child and also by launching a program to celebrate children's birthdays under the concept of "one plant for every birthday". The Ministry intends to implement a tree planting program in schools in Sri Lanka to achieve the objectives of minimizing the health problems caused by environmental pollution causing environmental pollution through developing attitudes and producing responsible children, thereby, contribute to the conservation of the environment. It traps atmospheric carbon dioxide and increases the percentage of oxygen that can protect the entire ecosystem. The "Carbon Fixation and Ecosystem Financial Provident Fund" is also expected to provide some financial relief to children depending on the growth of the plant over a period of time, which will enable children to awaken to tree planting.

Also, students enrolled in National Colleges of Education can participate and contribute to the tree planting process. Here the students who are admitted for training can plant a plant and assign them the responsibility of caring for and maintaining the plant during their training period.

### **2.2. Objectives**

- 2.2.1.Development of Green Canopy in Sri Lanka
- 2.2.2.Minimize the health problems of children
- 2.2.3.Minimize environmental damage in schools and national educational institutions
- 2.2.4.Making the maximum use of the lands owned by schools and national educational institutions
- 2.2.5.Minimize the high cost of cooling
- 2.2.6.To inculcate eco-friendliness in children from an early age

### **2.3. Selection Methodology**

Schools and National Colleges of Education should be selected from all over the island to cover all education zones under the auspices of the Ministry of Education. It is advisable to select the relevant locations and the plant species to be planted in them, taking into account the environmental factors such as the area of the lands of each school and the National Colleges of Education as well as the availability of water.

## **03. Establishment of island wide herbal gardens**

### **3.1. Introduction**

This is a program to create 09 herbal gardens covering all the provinces in Sri Lanka with the objective of developing local Ayurvedic plant cultivations and in parallel creating herbal gardens island wide and thereby promoting the tourism industry.

The main objective of this is to cultivate the medicinal plants required for Ayurveda and thereby to enhance the forest canopy in Sri Lanka for the restoration of our indigenous Ayurvedic system which is disappearing with the advancement of Western medicine. This is also a great help to increase the forest density in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, this is an eco-friendly project which is expected to select suitable places to cover 09 provinces and develop those places as exhibition parks as well.

### **3.2. Objectives of establishing herbal gardens island wide**

- 3.2.1. Development of Green Canopy in Sri Lanka
- 3.2.2. Facilitate easy access to local Ayurvedic treatments
- 3.2.3. Leading educational research
- 3.2.4. Development of fitness tourism business
- 3.2.5. Development of pharmaceutical products for tourists

### **3.3. Selection Methodology**

The establishment of 09 Herbal Gardens in 09 Provinces Island wide will be done under the supervision of the State Ministry of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospital Development and Community Health.

## **04. Implementation of tree planting programs in religious places**

### **4.1. Introduction**

Also, the trees planted under this project will determine the amount of carbon credit for domestic and international carbon market demand through the amount of carbon that can be assimilated through photosynthesis. The carbon loan fund is bolstered by the proceeds from the sale of the excess carbon that is being assimilated. Encouraging tree planting reduces greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon dioxide, and strengthens the assimilation process.

### **4.2. Objectives**

- 4.2.1. Development of Green Canopy in Sri Lanka
- 4.2.2. Further strengthening the relationship between the people and the religious leaders of the area
- 4.2.3. Creating a pleasing environment in religious places
- 4.2.4. To develop the mental freedom required to perform religious activities
- 4.2.5. Creating an environment conducive to spiritual growth

### **4.3. Selection Methodology**

Places of worship representing all religions should be selected by the Divisional Secretariats through the District Secretariats with the initial intervention of the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs covering the entire island.

## **05. Implementation of tree planting programs in tank watersheds, irrigation reserves and catchment areas.**

### **5.1. Introduction**

Conservation of the catchment area around the lake is expected to provide a continuous supply of water to the lake during the dry season as it is able to retain a high level of ground water. Also, planting trees around the lake can reduce the evaporation process in the lake as well as enrich the habitats of birds and other species living around the lake. The program also involves the planting of trees in association with reservoirs and irrigation reserves to minimize environmental damage and to ensure the survival and sustainable use of catchment areas in ancient tank systems.

### **5.2. Objectives**

- 5.2.1. Development of Green Canopy in Sri Lanka
- 5.2.2. Enrichment of forest cover in catchment areas of old tank systems
- 5.2.3. Protection of groundwater level associated with tanks
- 5.2.4. Promoting the breeding of species living in watershed areas
- 5.2.5. Improving the natural beauty of the lakes

### **5.3. Selection methodology**

Suitable sites should be selected under the supervision of the Regional Irrigation Engineering Offices under the auspices of the Ministry of Irrigation.

## **06. Implementation of tree planting programs on both side highways, main roads, provincial roads and rural roads.**

### **6.1. Introduction**

Tree planting will be done to create green cover on both side highways, main roads, provincial roads and rural roads covering the entire island. The program can provide a number of benefits such as providing shade to road users and reducing air and noise pollution while it will also be possible to use these lands more efficiently and effectively to increase forest cover. It is also expected to establish a road network adorned with a canopy throughout Sri Lanka.

### **6.2. Objectives**

- 6.2.1. Development of Green Canopy in Sri Lanka
- 6.2.2. Planting species of plants that can bring economic benefits to the people on both sides of the road except the expressways and thereby providing benefits to the people in those areas.
- 6.2.3. Road beautification
- 6.2.4. Providing shade on both sides of the road
- 6.2.5. Minimize air pollution and noise pollution

### **6.3. Selection Methodology**

The Ministry of Highways and all the Provincial Councils should pay close attention to the roads within their jurisdiction and prepare two separate lists of ways in which the canopy can be introduced on both sides of the road under this tree planting program and handed over to the relevant Divisional Secretary.

## **07. Implementation of Tree Planting Programs on Existing Lands Owned by Government Institutions, Semi Government Institutions, Corporations, Boards and Statutory Institutions**

### **7.1. Introduction**

It is expected to utilize all existing government, semi-government, corporations, boards and statutory bodies to develop the forest canopy in Sri Lanka. With the contribution of their own staff, these tree planting programs positively develop the attitudes of the officers towards the environment and also contribute to the growth of the forest canopy in Sri Lanka.

Also, officials from governmental and non-governmental organizations can be effectively used to increase forest cover, which is rapidly declining. Under the theme "A Plant for Birthdays", the tree planting program can be introduced by giving a plant to all the officers on their birthdays by the Heads of Offices. Necessary quantity of seedlings can be obtained without delay by requesting and keeping a nursery at the beginning of the year.

### **7.2. Objectives**

- 7.2.1. Development of Green Canopy in Sri Lanka
- 7.2.2. Landscaping of Institutions
- 7.2.3. Creating a shady environment around institutions
- 7.2.4. Develop positive attitudes towards the environment among relevant officers

### **7.3. Selection Methodology**

Selections should be made from Government, Semi-Government, Corporations, Boards and Statutory Institutions with the initial intervention of the Divisional Secretariats covering the whole island.

## **08. Implementation of tree planting programs on lands owned by plantation companies and on privately owned lands**

### **8.1. Introduction**

Carrying out tree planting programs on lands of tea, coconut, rubber and other where such plantations operated under plantation companies as well as on spacious private lands but cannot be established above crops and located However, It is advisable to implement these tree planting programs especially in the steep and landslide prone areas of the above lands.

### **8.2. Objectives**

- 8.2.1. Development of Green Canopy in Sri Lanka
- 8.2.2. Carrying out environmental beautification on private lands and lands owned by plantation companies
- 8.2.3. Raising the ground water level in those lands
- 8.2.4. Management of estate lands with maximum efficiency
- 8.2.5. Prevention of land damage

### **8.3. Selection Methodology**

At the request of the landowners, the Divisional Secretariats should select suitable sites for lands owned by plantation companies and privately owned lands covering the whole island.

## **09. Island wide nursery establishment program**

### **9.1. Introduction**

The project is called "Island-wide Nursery Establishment Program" which aims to provide quality and high-quality plants required for afforestation and horticulture to be established to increase the forest coverage of Sri Lanka.

Relevant applications were called for the registration of the above nurseries in the daily newspapers 'Dinamina' and 'Thinakaran' on 08.11.2021 to provide the required seedlings for the long-term program to increase the forest cover to 32% in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, the relevant applications are being registered and steps should be taken by the Divisional Secretaries to register at least 05 nurseries in each Divisional Secretariat as the existing registered nurseries are not sufficient to supply the required seedlings for the tree planting programs to be carried out in due course.

Arrangements for the installation of island-wide nurseries will be sent to you in due course.

### **9.2. Objectives**

- 9.2.1 Providing plants required by the government for the development of green canopy in Sri Lanka
- 9.2.2 Establishment of facilities for procurement of seedlings required for planting locally
- 9.2.3 Improving the economic status of the low-income people
- 9.2.4 Strengthening the National Economy

## **10. Submitting Project proposals**

Proposals on behalf of the relevant Ministries, Government Institutions, Religious places, Plantation Companies and Private Land Owners should be properly identified by the projects and action should be taken to submit those requests through the following procedure.

- 10.1. Action should be taken to submit the relevant proposals to the Divisional Secretary through the Rural Committees as per Form No. 01.
- 10.2. Relevant principals should submit the list of schools selected for tree planting to the Divisional Secretary of their area.
- 10.3. Technical Officers should prepare the Estimates Forms Nos. 02 and 2A applicable to the above proposals as directed by the Beat Forest Officer / Forest Extension Officer and submit to the Divisional Secretary or the Heads of the relevant Institutions.
- 10.4. Project Proposals and Estimates should be submitted to the District Secretaries / Secretaries to the Ministries through Form No. 03.

- 10.5. All the information related to the project proposals with the formal approval of the District Secretary should be sent to the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation, No. 1090, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Rajagiriya before 15.02.2022 with a cover letter in Form No. 04.
- 10.6. It is also essential to send all progress related documents and updated forms to mowfcgreenlanka@gmail.com.

## **11. Implementation of Projects**

These projects should be implemented by locally established community based organizations. In this regard, action should be taken in accordance with the Circular No. PFD / PMD / Cir / 2021/01 of the Ministry of Finance dated 29.09.2021 entitled “Direct Contract Assignment Scheme for Community Based Organizations” - 2022.

## **12. Release of Provisions and Payments**

Payment for all projects will be made as follows.

- 12.1. Less than 20% of the total value of the project can be paid as an initial advance as per the recommendation of the relevant Beat Forest Officer / Forest Extension Officer. However, in order to obtain this payment, it is imperative that at least the land be prepared and that it is an NGO with some interest in the implementation of the project and that the relevant agreement be signed (After completion of Item Nos. 01 and 02 of the Estimates in Form No. 02).
- 12.2. Payment of 40% of the project value will be made on the recommendation of the Beat Forest Officer / Forest Extension Officer for the initial activities related to the purchase of seedlings and planting (to fulfill items No. 03 to 06 of the Estimates in Form No. 02).
- 12.3. Payment of 20% of the total project value as the third installment can be made after obtaining a certificate from the Beat Officer / Forest Extension Officer that the plants have grown fertile in the relevant area 4 months after the second installment has been paid.
- 12.4. The remaining 20% can be paid 6 months after the payment of the third installment after certifying by the Beet Forest Officer / Extension Officer that all the relevant plants have grown in fertile ground and all the requirements for healthy growth of those plants have been met. (10 months after planting).
- 12.5. Also, 3% of the money allocated for projects can be allocated for administrative expenses. When preparing estimates for projects, the relevant administrative expenses can be included in that estimate. 1% of the administrative expenses thus allocated should be allocated to the District Secretariat and 2% to the Divisional Secretariats. Also, 5% of the estimated amount can be set aside as indefinite expenses and that amount can be paid as required with the approval of the Divisional Secretary.

## **13. Seedling Selection and Seedling Quality**

When selecting plants, the endemic plants should be selected and all these plants should be perennials and those plants should be edible plants / fruit plants (jack, breadfruit, divul, durian, mangosteen, tamarind, nelly, throat, gaduguda, rambutan etc.) Plants of timber value (Teak, Kaya, Nedun, Black, Palu, Weera, Mahogany, Mee, Na, Satin, Milla, Palu, Weera etc.) and plants of commercial value (such as Areca nut, Kitul) must be selected.

### **13.1. Obtaining Required Seedlings**

- 13.1.1. It is advisable to give priority to obtaining seedlings from registered nurseries of this Ministry.
- 13.1.2. It is advisable to obtain seedlings from nurseries owned by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Forest Conservation or from government registered nurseries approved by a government agency.
- 13.1.3. Whenever possible the above selection should be done but in such cases the seedlings should be procured from the indoor nurseries on the recommendation of the Beat Forest Officer / Extension Officer and with the approval of the Divisional Secretary.

### **14. Providing Necessary Instructions for Planting**

Necessary advice should be sought from the Beat Forest Officer / Forest Extension Officer and Agriculture Instructor in the relevant area and it is advisable to seek the advice of the teachers in charge of the subject of Agriculture and the Occasional advice from Agricultural Production Research Assistants

### **15. Monitoring and Reviewing Progress**

The National Tree Planting Programs implemented under the Green Sri Lanka National Program are expected to enhance Sri Lanka's Forest cover and thereby accelerate the release of excess carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. That carbon dioxide fixation is expected to be used to calculate the carbon credit that can be sold across the domestic and international markets. In order to do that, the fund must be guaranteed the stability and well-being of each plant planted under the project, as well as their healthy growth.

Therefore, arrangements have been made to inspect all the seedlings planted by this project using the latest technology and to calculate the annual growth of those seedlings. Accordingly, the Green Sri Lanka National Program is expected to review progress under the coordination and supervision of all parties.

It is imperative that you pay special attention to overseeing this program, especially as it aims to provide financial assistance to school children who are involved in the program.

The Planning Division of the District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats is responsible for reviewing the progress of the project and reporting it to the Ministry without delay. The Divisional Secretary should also take steps to assign the responsibility of coordinating the project progress review work with the Planning Division to the Environmental Officer or any other suitable officer working in the Divisional Secretariats.

The following Committees have already been established to review and monitor the progress of National Environmental Programs with the Cabinet approval dated 20/1576/321/003 and dated 02.11.2020.

1. Inter-Ministry Steering Committee
2. District Committee
3. Regional Committee

All projects of this Green Sri Lanka National Program will be subject to the supervision and progress review of the above 3 Committees. Accordingly, the Regional Committees should have a special role in counting all the plants planted and ensuring the safety and longevity of those plants. It is hoped to obtain the assistance of the Sri Lanka Police and the Armed Forces to facilitate the role of these Divisional Committees. Relevant committees should be set up to seek the direct involvement of the Community Police Services / Environmental Police Units in particular.

## **General Points**

1. Any Divisional Secretary has the power to carry out tree planting programs within the appropriate lands within his jurisdiction with the formal permission of the institutions that own them.
2. If water supply is a problem during the implementation of the project, with the approval of the Village Committee, it is possible to allocate funds under this project for the construction of agricultural wells in a public place covering 30 families for the benefit of all beneficiaries.
3. I would also like to emphasize that the instructions given in the following circulars should be taken into consideration and implemented in applicable circumstances in the implementation of this program.
  - i. Circular No. MF / NPD 2021 issued by the Ministry of Finance under the title “Conversation with the Village” - 2022 dated 15.12.2021.
  - ii. Letter No. PTF / 01 / IBP-2022 / RDP dated 19.12.2021 from the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation entitled “Budget - 2022 Regional Development Program”.

If you need any further clarification on this, please contact the following officials of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation.

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It is my belief that the above projects can be carried out efficiently and without any hindrance by appointing a suitable Coordinating Officer representing your organization. I kindly request you to nominate a suitable senior officer and send it to us with the following information.

Name of the designated officer :

Position :

Tel. No. :

Email :

The **Green Sri Lanka National Program** is an active program aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of Sustainable Use of Geographical Ecosystems, Sustainable Forest Management, Action Against Desertification, Stopping Land Degradation, Rehabilitation and Prevention of Biodiversity Destruction. I sincerely look forward to the support and support of all of you in making this Green Sri Lanka program a success, as it is one of the foremost national initiatives to unite the entire Sri Lankan community in the coming decade.

Sgd./

**Somarathne Vidanapathirana**  
**Secretary**  
**Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation**

**Copies:**

1. Chairpersons of District Coordinating Committees
2. Chairpersons of Regional Coordinating Committees
3. Secretary to the President
4. Secretary to the Prime Minister
5. Secretary to the Cabinet
6. Auditor General
7. Director General, Department of National Planning
8. Director General, Department of National Budget
9. Director General, Department of Development Finance
10. Director General, Department of Treasury Operations
11. Director General, Department of Project Management and Supervision
12. Director General, Department of Fiscal Policy
13. Forest Conservation General, Department of Forest Conservation - To be implemented by  
the Provincial/ District/  
Regional Officers  
under your supervision

# **Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation Project Identification Application**

## Proposed projects

- 1) Establishment of 200 forest villages in Sri Lanka
  - 2) Implementing tree planting programs in schools and national educational institutions in Sri Lanka
  - 3) Establishment of island wide herbal gardens
  - 4) Implementing tree planting programs in religious places
  - 5) Implementation of tree planting programs in tank catchments, irrigation reserves and watersheds
  - 6) Implementation of tree planting programs on roadsides of highways, main roads, provincial roads and rural roads.
  - 7) Implementation of tree planting programs on lands owned by government agencies, semi-government institutions, corporations and statutory bodies.
  - 8) Implementation of tree planting programs on lands owned by plantation companies and on privately owned lands.

1. Selected project .....
  2. District .....
  3. Divisional Secretariat .....
  4. Grama Niladhari Division .....
  5. Village / Village where the project to be implemented .....
  6. Number of families covered / Number of schools / Number of places of worship / Government-semi-government institutions / Private sector lands .....
  7. Name and address of the community organization implementing the project .....
  8. Extent of land that can be used for the project - -  
(Roughly) Acres ..... Roodes ..... Perches .....
  9. Required Plants / and Plant Size - Plant Type ..... number .....  
(Please submit an additional list of required plant species and amount)
  10. How to obtain water - spring water / tank water / river water / well water / pipe water / other. ....
  11. Briefly explain the project- .....

## **Deputy / Asst. Director (Planning),**

With the implementation of the above project, with the cultivation of an extent of .....acres.....Rude.....perches of land belonging to families / schools / religious places / government-semi-government institutions / private estate companies in the above village, as benefits can be received / forest cover can be increased / as it is a suitable project to increase livelihood in the long run, we offer to implement.

## Village committee / Principal

Divisional Secretary,

The above project proposal was evaluated by the Beat Forest Officer / Forest Extension Officer / Environmental Officer and it is estimated to cost approximately Rs ..... Accordingly, I recommend referring to the Technical Officer to prepare a formal estimate.

### **Deputy / Asst. Director (Planning),**

Approved,

.....  
**Divisional Secretary**

**Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation**  
**Estimation related to the establishment of a forest plantation**

(Should be adjusted according to the prices of the District Pricing Committee)

**Land preparation and planting**

\* Submit details of whole plants by Form No. 2A.

	Activity	Unit	Amount	Cost per unit (Rs.)	Price (Rs.)	
01	To cut the bushes and remove the roots and lay along the contour lines of the section	m <sup>2</sup>				
02	In cases where mana grass is abundant, remove them and lay them along the contour lines	m <sup>2</sup>				
03	Line up and mark at 2.5 m x 2.5 m spacing to clear plots with a diameter of 1 m	m <sup>2</sup>				
04	Cut holes for potted seedlings with a spacing of 2.5 m x 2.5 cm and 30 cm x 30 cm x 30 cm in size	units				
05	To distribute seedlings in the field	units				
06	After planting, construction and maintenance of 120 cm (height) x 60 cm x 60 cm size safety fence using wooden sticks/ lathes around the plant.	units				
<b>Sub total</b>						
07	Number of seedlings expected to be planted and their value *	plants				
<b>Sub total</b>						
08	Administrative Expenditure 3%					
09	Uncertain expenses 5%					
<b>Total expenditure</b>						

Prepared by:

Recommended

Approved

.....  
Technical / Assistant

.....  
Technical Officer

.....  
Divisional Secretary

## Summary report on plants

Serial Number	Plant Type		Amount	Unit price (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)
	Grafted seedlings	General			
<b>Total</b>					

I guarantee the above plants and their amounts are correct.

.....  
Beat Forest Officer / Forest Extension Officer

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### Obtaining Allocations for Project Proposals

District Secretary,

.....

Among the proposals submitted to the Divisional Secretariat, I will submit the following project proposals and relevant estimates.

Project Name	Number of Projects	Number of Plants	Amount (Rs.)	Expenditure on Other Requirements (Rs.) *	Total Estimated Amount (Rs.)
1) Establishment of 200 forest villages in Sri Lanka					
2) Implementing tree planting programs in schools and national educational institutions in Sri Lanka					
3) Establishment of herbal gardens island wide					
4) Implementing tree planting programs in religious places					
5) Implementation of tree planting programs in tank catchments, irrigation reserves and watersheds					
6) Implementation of tree planting programs on sides highways, main roads, provincial roads and rural roads.					
7) Implementation of planting programs on lands owned by government agencies, semi-government institutions, corporations and statutory bodies.					
8) Implementation of tree planting programs on lands owned by plantation companies and on privately owned lands.					
Total					
<b>Total estimated amount</b>					

\* **Expenditure on cultivation wells or other such requirements (Specify requirement)**

It is appropriate to implement the above projects submitted to the ..... Divisional Secretariat. I recommend directing to obtain the allocations the required Rs. ..... from the District Secretary.

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Deputy / Asst. Director (Planning)

For the above projects submitted to the ..... Divisional Secretariat provision of Rs. ..... is required. Above provisions are recommended and submit for approval.

.....

Divisional Secretary

## Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation

## Submitting project estimate amount

District: .....

Serial No.	Name of the Divisional Secretariat	Number of projects submitted	Number of village forest projects	Number of projects implemented in schools and national educational institutions	Number of herbal gardens	Number of projects implemented in religious places	Implementation of tree planting programs in tank catchments, irrigation reserves and watersheds	Number of projects being implemented on sides of highways, main roads, provincial roads and rural roads.	Number of projects Implemented on lands owned by Government agencies, semi-government agencies,	Number of projects Number of projects being implemented on plantation lands and <del>mined lands</del>	Total plant requirement	Estimated total cost of all projects (Rs.)
1												
2												
3												
4												
5												
Total number of projects in the district												
Total Allocation Required												

(Enter information separately for each Divisional Secretariat.)

As per the estimate submitted by the Divisional Secretaries for the above projects in the district of ..... I recommend allocations of Rs. ..... to send to the District Secretary.

.....  
Director (Planning).....  
District Secretary / Government Agent

P.T.O.

## **Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation**

For internal control

Secretary  
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation

Project Proposals in the above District of ..... has been submitted. Out of those proposals, it is not possible to recommend ..... proposals and possible to recommend ..... proposals.

Accordingly, I recommend to release of provision of Rs. ..... for the recommended projects..... .

.....  
Recommendation Committee.

Chief Financial Officer,

I approve to release of provision of Rs. ..... for the recommended projects in ..... District.

.....  
Secretary  
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation