

## BRIEF NOTE ON ANANTAPUR FOREST DIVISION

### INTRODUCTION :

Anantapur District is having Geographical area of 19134.91 Sq.kms. It is drought prone District with an average rainfall of 520mm per annum. This area falls in the rain shadow zone of the peninsular India and the number of rainy days are only 20 to 35 per annum. The District is having the second lowest rain fall in the country.

### The following schemes were implemented in Anantapur division during 2009-10

1. FDA-II
2. RIDF XII Bio-Diesel
3. RIDF XIII Bio-Diesel
4. 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission ( FDA )
5. RIDF X SMC
6. C.A.

### Further, the following schemes are under implementation during 2010-11

1. FDA-II (XIth Five year plan)
2. RIDF XII Bio-Diesel (Maintenance of plantations)
3. RIDF XIII Bio-Diesel (Maintenance of plantations)
4. CAMPA - NPV
5. CAMPA - C.A

### OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEMES :

The main objectives of the programme are as follows.

- ❖ To improve Soil and Moisture Conservation Works in Forests lands.
- ❖ To arrest Forest Soil Erosion and preventing forest fires arresting encroachments and percolating rain water to provide water source to wild animals and
- ❖ To improve of Forest cover.
- ❖ To provide employment to local people

### The scheme wise targets fixed and achieved during 2009-10 & 2010-11 (upto August, 2010) is furnished below :-

#### I. 2009-10:

Scheme	Target Fixed during 2009-10		Amount Released ( Rs. in lakhs)	Achievement During 2009-10	
	Phy (in Ha.)	Fin Rs. in lakhs		Phy (in Ha.)	Fin Rs. in lakhs
FDA-II	400 Ha	82.57	59.000	388	46.293
RIDF XII Bio-Diesel	4 Ha	15.760	4.810	4	4.410
RIDF XIII Bio-Diesel	213 Ha	50.000	20.000	213	20.206
12 <sup>th</sup> Finance Commission ( FDA )	35.5 Ha	6.500	6.000	35.5	5.640
RIDF X SMC	1.38 (Vol. in lakh cum)	12.13	0.000	--	0.00
C.A.	55 Ha	25.00	7.383	55	6.137
CAMPA	--	44.217	44.217	--	23.699
Intensification of Forest Management	--	1.470	1.470	--	1.432
NREGS	--	154.75	20.00	--	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>707.5</b>	<b>392.397</b>	<b>162.88</b>	<b>695.5</b>	<b>107.817</b>

## II. 2010-11:

Scheme	Target Fixed during 2010-11		Amount Released /O.B. (Rs. in lakhs)	Achievement During 2010-11 (upto August, 2010)	
	Phy (in Ha.)	Fin Rs. in lakhs		Phy (in Ha.)	Fin Rs. in lakhs
FDA	204 Ha	45.910	20.910	205 Ha.	13.898
RIDF XII Bio-Diesel (Maintenance of plantations)	4 Ha	0.204	0.045	Maint.	--
RIDF XIII Bio-Diesel (Maintenance of plantations)	213 Ha	13.779	2.70	Maint.	1.222
CAMPA - CA	61.50	62.287	34.379	71.5 Ha.	22.783
CAMPA - NPV	100 Ha.	283.32	21.88	--	11.353
NREGS	--	293.25	--	--	28.458
<b>Total</b>	<b>582.5</b>	<b>698.75</b>	<b>79.914</b>	<b>276.5</b>	<b>77.714</b>

### COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT :-

In Anantapur District the major success of improvement of Natural Forest is through people's participation only i.e. the Community Forest Management concept. There are 284 Vana Samrakshana Samithis ( VSS ) in the District with more than 82922 Ha of Reserve Forest area allotted to people for protection and management. This concept is well established now with a total of about 75290 members. More than 37082 Ha area already treated.

### IMPORTANT TOURISM LOCATIONS IN ANANTAPUR FOREST DIVISION

#### 1. THIMMAMMA MARRIMANU :-

The great Banyan Tree, Ficus bengalensis is located in Gutiblylu village of N.P. Kunta Mandal in Anantapur District which is about 26 kms East of Kadiri town on Rayachoty Road. The tree is located at the foothills of Eswaramala Reserve Forests of Kadiri Range. Thimmamma Marrimanu, has the widest crown spread over 2.1 Ha ( 5.2 acres ) area and is aged about 568 years. The tree has the unique distinction of world record, being entered in page 49 of the 1989 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records.

#### 2. T. VEERAPURAM MIGRATORY BIRDS :-

This village is in Chilamathur Mandal. Various birds like Painted Stork migrate to this place during December to July season. The tourists can enjoy the aesthetic view of beautiful migratory birds.

#### 3. BATREPALLI WATER FALLS :-

Located nearer to Kadiri town in Nigidi Reserve Forests.

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