WHEREAS, it was decided in a meeting with the Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Department, and all Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal, that for assessment of the failure & the success of plantation, there is a need of undertaking regular monitoring of plantations till the 10th year of the plantation; and,

WHEREAS, at present, the Monitoring Wing of the Directorate is undertaking monitoring of plantations for 1st year, 3rd year and 5th year; and,

WHEREAS, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Monitoring & Development, West Bengal, vide his Memo Nos. 1835-40/PCCF-RMD/2M-7, dated 31.10.2018, and 1848/PCCF-RMD/2M-4, dated 01.11.2018, has submitted the criteria, which will be followed for 10th year monitoring of the plantations.

SO, now, it is ordered that starting from the year 2019 all the plantations raised in the Directorate under different schemes and from different funding sources, should be monitored for 10th year also in case of North Bengal Districts of Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, Coochbehahr, Darjeeling & Kalimpong and in rest of the Districts for 9th year also.

It is also hereby ordered that the following parameters should be included for the monitoring purpose:-

1. Height of the trees (measured using Abney’s level).
2. Girth at breast height [GBH] of the trees.
3. Survival percentage (on the basis of total stem count) of the plantations excluding natural regeneration.
4. Plantation quality (damage, patch, good, very good, excellent etc.).
5. Density of the tree-cover of the entire plantations.

This Order will come into force with immediate effect.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
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1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Department, West Bengal.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, West Bengal.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Monitoring & Development, West Bengal.
5. The Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
6. All Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Directorate of Forests, West Bengal.
7. The Chief Project Director, West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project.
8. The Managing Director, West Bengal Wasteland Development Corporation Ltd.
9. All Chief Conservator of Forests, Directorate of Forests, West Bengal.
10. All Conservator of Forests, Directorate of Forests, West Bengal.
11. All DFOs/DCFs/DFDs/Director of FT Schools, Directorate of Forests, West Bengal.

—All concerned are requested to collect the data related to the 9th year & 10th year plantations of their respective units and provide the same to the Monitoring Wing for the monitoring purpose.

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