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Shri. Chiranjiv Singh
addressing the
Hasiru Habba
gathering,
Kabbigere
(Koratagere)



Decentralised Nurseries (DCN): During 2003, 2.48 lakh seedlings were raised in 4 DCNs involving 125 women belonging to 15 self-help groups in Koratagere cluster, along with Forest Department. During 2004, women self-help groups in all the project villages were trained to raise nursery to provide seedlings for planting on farm lands. 419 women belonging to 61 women SHGs participated in this programme during 2004 and raised 8.31 lakh seedlings in 22 village nurseries along with forest department.



Decentralised nursery, Haldodderi (Sira)

During 2003, 50 % of the seedlings were raised by women with Forest Department raising the balance 50%. The share of seedlings raised by women increased to 67% in 2004, indicating the improved capacity and confidence of women. In four DCNs, women were able to raise all the seedlings on their own, with only periodic supervision and technical support from forest department. Apart from meeting the entire requirement of seedlings for TBF, the nurseries also provided very good quality seedlings for planting on common and forest lands. The women groups in the project area are now in a position to raise seedlings for planting under other Government programmes.

For raising seedlings, the groups received a total income of Rs.4.67 lakh, the average income per woman being Rs.1136, for having worked for 1-2 hours per day for a period of 5 months. It is also heartening to note the unstinted cooperation of menfolk, who took up the task of watering of the plants, when women were busy in tamarind processing activity during the month of April, 2004.



Watering by men in DCN, Dasarahalli (Sira)

Afforestation of common land and forest land:

During 2004 rains, a total extent of 684 hectares of forest and government lands have been planted. This includes 410 hectares of Energy forests, 262 hectares of Assisted Natural Regeneration, 10 kms of avenue plantations and 2 hectares of high productivity clonal plantations. This is in addition to 371 hectares of land planted during 2003 rains, where survival rate is more than 75%, despite the severe drought of last year.



View of 2003 energy plantation, Obenahaly (Koratagere)

The proposal for taking on lease 340 acres of vacant land belonging to the State Horticulture Farm in Koratagere taluka for raising biomass is under active consideration of the State Government.



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2002 Clonal
Plantation,
Chikkonahally
(Tumkur)