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Adopting uniform standard in sanctioning items of works for maintenance of trek paths.

On scrutinizing estimates sanctioned by different divisions for the maintenance of trek paths, it has been noticed that there is no uniformity with regard to the width of the trek path or regarding items for cleaning the jungle growth and sectioning the surface of the path. This has caused variations in unit cost per kilometer of trek paths in different divisions.

CCF Council dated 19.08.2017 discussed the matter and the following decisions were taken

- 1) The width of trek paths to be limited to 1.5m in grass land and 3m in heavy jungle growth area.
- 2) Only items FSR 100(a)2 & FSR 115 shall be allowed for cleaning vegetation depending upon site specific requirements.
- 3) The issue regarding the necessity of surface dressing / sectioning for trek paths will be examined further by PCCF (V&FI) and decision taken will be informed. Till then all DFOs are requested to exercise caution in sanctioning this item.

You are directed to comply with the above decisions and revise the estimate for the current year if already sanctioned.

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