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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

O/o Commissioner & Director
of Municipal Administration,
640, A.C. Guards, Hyderabad.

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Sub: Raising of Ornamental & Homestead plants for 2023 planting season and Avenue plants for 2024 planting season – Certain guidelines issued – Reg.

The attention of all MCs is invited to the sub. cited and are directed to commence Nursery activities in the month of October, such as procurement of bags, seeds, collection and preparation of potting mixture, bag filling and transplanting of seedlings in the poly bags duly following the ULB procedures such as Council Resolutions, preparation of estimates and calling of Tenders etc., and ensure commencement of works at the earliest possible in order to raise plantable saplings / seedlings fit for plantation in 2023 planting season.

2. Further, by taking up Nursery activities from October month, quality plants can be raised for next year, without giving scope for heavy mortality in transport and poor establishment.

3. In this connection, the following species shall be raised in the ULB Nurseries:

- i. Ornamental plants like local rose, jasmine, nandivardanam, acalypha, dhantha, tecomogaudichowdi, nerium (ganneru), Henna (Gorintaku), Mandara, Baugainvillia shall only be raised for homestead and plantation.
- ii. Fruit Bearing Plants like Jamun, Jack (panasa), Guava (Jama), Badam, Acidlime (Nimma), Pomegranate shall be raised for homestead distribution. The seeds of above seedlings have short viability. Hence, these seeds are to be sown within a week after extraction. The seeds shall be shade dried for 3-5 days and sow the seeds in the nursery beds / poly bags with proper irrigation. If seeds like jamun, jack seed is not available, the nursery seedlings may be procured from other nurseries and transplanted in to bags.
- iii. Avenue / ever green / flowering tree plants available in the nurseries shall be re-bagged in to bigger bags of size 12" X18" for taking up plantation in 2023.

4. For proposed plantation in Avenues / Tree Parks (PPVs) in the year 2024, the seeds of following plants shall be sown in the primary beds / small poly bags i.e., Dirshanam, Vepa, Peeda, Rela, Raavi, Nemalinara, Lagerstroemia, Ippa, Kadamalle, Kanuga, Nidraganneru, Neredu and other fruit species, etc., immediately without any delay, and later shift to bigger bags for proper growth and nutrients.

5. In view of the above, all MCs are directed to follow the above instructions and commence the Nursery activities without any delay in order to produce quality plant material in ULB nurseries for 2023. Further, as per Section 24(2) of Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019 "the cost of maintaining the nursery and taking up plantations and their survival shall be met from the "Green Budget" earmarked in the municipality budget". Any deviation in the production of quality plant material in nurseries, by the time of 2023 planting season will be viewed seriously.

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To

All MCs in the State (except GHMC).

Copy to:

1. The RDMA's of Warangal and Hyd for information and n/action.
2. The AC LBs of all Districts (except Hyderabad & Mulugu) to regularly monitor ULB Nursery activities and ensure compliance.