

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the number of plants required per acre for Eucalyptus and Casuarina?

The number of plants required per acre for Eucalyptus is 1000 and for Casuarina is 2000.

2. How can I enter into TNPL plantation programme?

You have to execute the Farm Forestry / Captive agreement with us to enroll as TNPL beneficiary farmer.

3. Am having 5 acres of land whether can I join in Captive Plantation scheme?

No. The minimum land requirement for captive plantation scheme is 25 acres in a single block.

4. What is the benefit from Farm Forestry scheme?

- TNPL will supply superior quality seedlings / clones to the farmers at subsidized price and deliver the plants at the farmer's land.
- TNPL will offer technical assistance for planting and advisory services for maintenance till harvest at free of cost.
- Buy back assurance by TNPL with minimum support price or the prevailing market price whichever is higher at the time of harvest.
- Harvesting and transport of pulpwood from the farmers' field to factory at TNPL cost.

5. What is the spacing for Eucalyptus / Casuarina?

The required spacing for Eucalyptus is 3m X 1.35m and for Casuarina is 1.5m X 1.5m.

6. What is the yield per acre of Eucalyptus / Casuarina?

The average yield from Eucalyptus clonal plantation is 50-75 MT per ha and for Casuarina is 75-100 MT per ha.

7. What is the rotation period for Eucalyptus and Casuarina?

The rotation period for Eucalyptus is 5 years and 3 years for Casuarina.

8. Is it true that *C. junghuhniana* coppice well?

No. As per reports *C. junghuhniana* species will coppice but it does not give economic benefit to the farmers.

9. What is a difference between seedlings and clones?

The seedlings are produced from seeds and the clones are producing from asexual parts like meristem. The seedlings are varying from each other but the clones are identical one. The yield from clonal plantation is higher than seedlings.

10. Having 10 acres of Eucalyptus plantation on my own, how to sell to TNPL?

You can contact our regional officer of your area and complete all formalities like application for felling, providing land ownership proof, etc. Based on this our regional officer will visit your farm and estimate the yield. He will arrange to issue the Purchase Order to you. Through this PO you can sell the pulp wood to TNPL and the payment will be made through banks directly into your account.