

13. As per the provisions of WALTA Act/Rules, applicant shall have to plant **double the number of trees felled** and in case he fails to plant and raise required number of plants, the Designated Officer/Divisional Forest Officer will raise the required number of plants at the cost of applicant. In order to comply with the above provisions under law, the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer will estimate and raise demand and obtain a Security Deposit towards cost of raising required number of plants from the Applicant. On receipt of Demand Notice from the Designated Officer/Divisional Forest Officer, the Applicant shall submit Security Deposit in the shape of a **Bank Guarantee or Demand Draft**. The Security Deposit furnished by the applicant will be refunded on raising the required number of plants and maintaining them for a minimum period of (3) years. In case of failure to raise required number of plants by the applicant, the

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Security Deposit will not be refunded and the Divisional Forest Officer shall arrange to plant the required number of plants from the Security Deposit available with him and inform the applicant accordingly. For this purpose, the office of Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) will prescribe the Unit rate per tree to be collected for raising and maintenance as required under WALTA. The cost of fencing for the plantation to be raised, will also be included in the cost of raising and maintenance of plantation, if the site is not well protected against biotic interference. For the year 2016-17, the security deposit shall be collected @ ₹.400/- per tree, which can be revised every year.

