SEMINAR ON INTENSIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT

(October 21, 1989, Peshawar)

A one day seminar on Intensive Forest Management was held on 21st of October, 1989 at the Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar. It was organized by the Forest Products Research Division/PFI in collaboration with the Pak-German Project for Silviculture, Forest Engineering and Forest Products.

The main objective of this seminar was to develop a common consensus about a proper definition of intensive management of a forest resource, and to identify essential pre-requisites for such an intensified management keeping in view different management objectives, forest types and ecological as well as socio-economic conditions.

In total about 30 officers from the Forest Departments of N.W.F.P. and Azad Kashmir, Forest Development Corporation, Pakistan Forest Institute, as well as foreign advisers from the University of Munich, FAO and GTZ participated in this seminar.

After a brief introduction by Dr. K.M. Siddiqui, Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute in which he outlined the needs for a more intensive management of Pakistan's existing forest resources, a group discussion moderated by Dr. M. Ayaz, Logging Officer/PFI on the following main issues was conducted:

- What is "Intensive Management of Forest Resources"
 - Clearly defined and ranked objectives of management
 - Pre-requisites of intensive management

The results of this discussion will be published in a separate article in one of the next issues of the Pakistan Journal of Forestry.

During the second part of the seminar, three papers were presented dealing with stand level planning, an improved approach for the preparation of forest management plans (Dr. M. Kleine, GTZ/PFI), Forest resource inventory and computer-aided data processing limitations as a modern planning tool in forestry (Prof. Dr. H. Loffler University of Munich).