

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
General Administration Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K.**

Subject: Constitution of a committee for creation of land bank of suitable non-forest land and revenue forest land for compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for non-forest purposes under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980.

Reference: U.O No. FST-Land/69/2021-02 of Forest Department

**Government Order No.:1001-JK(GAD) of 2024
Dated:02.05.2024**

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of committee, comprising the following, for creation of land bank of suitable non-forest land and revenue forest land for compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for non-forest purposes under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir:-

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| 1 | Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K | Chairman |
| 2 | PCCF/Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K | Member |
| 3 | Director, Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, J&K | Member |
| 4 | Additional Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department (dealing with land matters) | Member |
| 5 | Representative of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu (not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner) | Member(s) |
| 6 | Administrative Officer in the office of Financial Commissioner, Revenue, J&K | Member |
| 7 | Special Secretary (Technical), Forest, Ecology & Environment Department | Member |

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Terms of Reference:

1. To identify the following forest/non-forest lands/wastelands and all other such categories of non-forest lands/wastelands not under the management and/or administrative control of the J&K Forest Department on which the provisions of the *Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980* and *Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023* are applicable, for inclusion in the proposed land bank for compensatory afforestation:
 - i. Revenue lands/*Gair Mumkin Jhaad/ Gair Mumkin Jungle/ Gair Mumkin Pahar/ Banjar Kadim/ Gair Mumkin Khad* etc., and any other waste lands and non-forest lands which are under undisputed possession of the Revenue Department.

- ii. Areas falling in wildlife corridors to improve connectivity between habitats.
 - iii. Areas falling in and around the Protected Areas (PAs) and Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) of Protected Areas to ensure consolidation of such areas.
 - iv. Habitat of rare, threatened and endangered species of flora and fauna located in the areas not under direct administrative and management control of the J&K Forest and J&K Wildlife Protection Departments to ensure long term conservation of such habitats.
 - v. Areas falling in catchment areas of important rivers, water supply schemes, irrigation projects, hydro-electric projects, etc.
 - vi. Private lands recorded as GM Jhaar, Khad, Phat etc. which are in the possession of private persons, also needs to be seen in its legal perspective, while creating land bank.
2. To give preference to such lands, during identification, as are abutting forest, those with potential for city forest/ green spaces, and valuable land susceptible to encroachment which should be preserved as green lungs for the habitation.
 3. To devise a mechanism for dealing with requisitions of land from the Revenue Department.
 4. To furnish monthly reports to Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment and Revenue Department, as also development of software for the purpose with access-based updation and report generation and a dashboard for the same.

By Order of Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

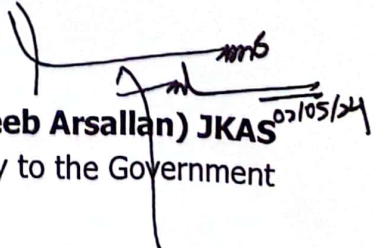
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(Sanjeev Verma) IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to the Government

No. GAD-ADM0IV/61/2022-09-GAD

Dated:02.05.2024

Copy to the:-

1. Financial Commissioner, Revenue, J&K.
2. Financial Commissioner, (Additional Chief Secretary), Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.
3. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
4. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
5. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu.
6. Administrative Secretary, Revenue Department.
7. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums.
8. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
9. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, GAD.
10. Government Order/Stock file/Website, GAD. **"Hindi and Urdu versions shall follow".**


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