



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: WP (C) No.202 of 1995 titled "TN Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs. Union of India & Ors." read with W.P (C) No.1164/2023 titled "Ashok Kumar Sharma, IFS (Retired) and Others Vs. Union of India and another" - Constitution of Expert Committee thereof.

Ref.: U.O. No.: FST-Lit/74/2021-02- Forest department of the Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.

Government Order No: 857-JK(GAD) of 2024
Dated:16.03.2024

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of an Expert Committee, comprising the following, for preparation of comprehensive records of Forest lands in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir, in pursuance of order dated 12-12-1996 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (C) No.202 of 1995 titled "TN Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs. Union of India & Ors." read with order dated 19-02-2024 passed in W.P (C) No.1164/2023 titled "Ashok Kumar Sharma, IFS (Retired) and Others Vs. Union of India and Anr.":

1.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), J&K	Chairman
2.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Director, Social Forestry J&K	Member
3.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K	Member
4.	Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu	Member
5.	Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir	Member
6.	Commissioner, Survey & Land Records, J&K Government	Member

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Terms of reference:

- i. To identify areas which are 'forests' irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognized or classified under any law, and irrespective of the ownership of such forest land(s);
- ii. To identify areas which were earlier forests but stand degraded, denuded or cleared; and
- iii. To identify areas covered by plantation trees belonging to the Government as also areas belonging to private persons.

The Expert Committee shall prepare an exhaustive report detailing all categories of forests, for its onward submission to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Sanjeev Verma) IAS

Commissioner/Secretary to the Government

No.GAD-ADM0IV/21/2024-08-GAD

Dated:16.03.2024

Copy to the:

1. Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K.
3. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
4. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
5. Administrative Secretary, Revenue Department.
6. All concerned Officers.
7. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
8. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to the Government General Administration Department.
9. Government Order file(w.2.s.c)/Stock File/I/c Website, GAD.

(Shakeeb Arsallan) JKAS

Under Secretary to the Government