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**APPEAL**

The State of Jammu and Kashmir entrusts the responsibility to manage its 20194 Sq. Km. forests to the Forest Department. This constitutes about 48% of geographical area in the Jammu and Kashmir provinces where 97% of the State population lives.

The J&K State Forest Policy-2011 sets objectives for the forestry sector. It lays emphasis on protection and conservation of its forests along with addressing livelihood concerns of forest dependent communities for poverty alleviation.

Livelihood needs and forest conservation occupies major space of public perception. Some of the related issues are flagged herewith. To invite a broad based participation a workshop is proposed to be held on 18-12-2013 at Jammu.

I appeal everybody to give his/her suggestions in this regard in writing by 16-12-2013 to Mr. Vijay Kumar, ACF, Projects and Planning PCCF Office. I assure that your suggestion will be considered and the Organizing Committee may invite you to present your views in the workshop.

You may mail your suggestion on [papccfjk@gmail.com](mailto:papccfjk@gmail.com), fax-01912547276.

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### **Forest Resources & Value**

- Forest area of the J&K State 20230Sq. Km. - priceless for humanity
- However, if one were to attach value to the benefits that they provide, the amount is staggering:
- Market value of commercial timber from growing stock at current prices.
  - Approximately Rs. 75,000 crores
- Net Present Value of J & K Forests (Environmental)
  - Rs. 1,92,629.2 Crores (Down to Earth, July 2005)

### **Jammu and Kashmir State Forest Policy 2010**

- **Poverty alleviation by meeting livelihood needs of forest dependent communities.**
- **Sustainable supply of forest produces by improving productivity of existing forests, and through forestry activities, schemes and programmes.**

### **Jammu and Kashmir State Forest Policy 2010**

- **Utilisation of natural resources using best management practices.**
- **Development of non-timber forest produce and institutionalization and**
- **Operationalization of concepts of eco-tourism and nature tourism.**

### **Forest Policy Strategies**

- **Non-timber Forest Produce**
- **Package of practices for cultivation of medicinal plants.**
- **Value addition and processing of non-timber forest produce**

### STRATEGY

- Livelihood opportunities for forest dependent communities.
- Employment generation through implementation of forestry activities, schemes and programmes.

### EXPECTATIONS

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • <u>Livelihood support needs</u> | • <u>Industrial needs</u> |
| • Grasses and Fodder              | • Timber for construction |
| • Grazing need                    | • Plywood ply board       |
| • Energy need (Firewood)          | • Katha                   |
| • Housing (Timber)                | • Activated carbon.       |
| • NTFP to generate livelihood     | • Resin product           |
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### EXPECTATIONS

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| • Other sector needs | • Environmental services             |
| • Tourism            | • Water                              |
| • Power              | • Carbon sink and climate moderation |
| • Industry           | • -----                              |
| • Agriculture        |                                      |
| • Horticulture       |                                      |
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### CONFLICTING PERCEPTION OF DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| • Need of society        | • Conservation need |
| • Over exploitation      | • Sustainability    |
| • Feeling of deprivation | • -----             |
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