## Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu

## CIRCULAR

It has been reported that wide spread felling of trees is being done by the Forest wood smugglers in District Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and Rajouri of Jammu Division. The smugglers have been resorting in indiscriminate cutting of forest trees, extracting the wood and selling it as fuel wood to some unscrupulous Brick Kiln owners and other establishments

All the Deputy Commissioners are directed to constitute 'Joint Inspection Committees' comprising of officers of Revenue, Police and Forest Department in their respective districts to conduct surprise inspections in this regard of such establishments and seize any smuggled or unaccounted for fuel wood from there and initiate necessary action under relevant Forest Act/Laws against these defaulters.

The concerned Divisional Forest Officers/Range officers should be held personally responsible if cutting of trees and smuggling is reported from their areas of jurisdiction and strict disciplinary action should be recommended against them to their higher authorities through this office.

The concerned Lambardars /Chowkidars should also be held personally responsible, if any, illegal felling of forest trees is reported from their areas.

All the Deputy Commissioners are also directed to adhere to these instructions in letter and spirit on the ground level. Any lapse on this account would be viewed seriously.

Action-Taken Report in the matter should be sent to this office every week.

(Pawan Kotwal) IAS

Divisional Commissioner,

Jammu.

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Copy to the:-

1 Chief Secretary, J&K Government, Civil Sectt. Sring

Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. Forest Deptt. Civil Srinagar.

3. Inspector General of Police, Jammu Range, Jammu.

4 Chief Conservator of Forest, Jammu.

5. DIG Jammu-Kathua Range, Jammu/ Udhampur-Range, Udhampur

6. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Samba, Udhampur and Rajouri.

7. Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Samba, Ka Udhampur and Rajouri.

8. Special Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Industrie Commerce, Civil Sectt, Srinagar.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST

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- 2. Copy to all Dros(T) for information action.

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