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Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Van Bhavan, Jammu

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**Subject:** Felling of trees posing threat to life and property

Proposals are received from time to time for removal of trees that pose threat to life and property. In this context, the following guidelines are hereby issued:-

1. In forest areas, removal of trees posing threat to life and property shall be governed strictly in accordance with the Qualitative and Quantitative norms formulated pursuant to the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12.12.1996 in the case titled T.N. Godavarman V/s UOI & others.
2. If removal of trees raised by Forest Department on other State lands outside demarcated forests is required:
  - i. The application for felling of trees should be submitted by the concerned government department along with a certificate issued by a revenue officer not below the rank of Tehsildar having jurisdiction of the area that the trees pose threat to life and property.
  - ii. The DFO shall inspect the site and submit a report to the Conservator. The Conservator of Forests concerned shall accord the approval on the recommendation of the DFO concerned.
  - iii. The CF shall satisfy himself that the area in question is not a "Forest" as defined in the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12.12.1996 in case titled T.N. Godavarman V/s UOI & others.
3. The procedure to be adopted for felling and transportation of trees grown on private lands shall continue to be regulated in accordance with Circular No. 5 of 1998 dated 05.03.1998, issued under endorsement No. PCCF/Lease/90-1125 dated 05.03.1998.

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4. In case of removal of trees from the premises of institutions, the J&K SFC may be requested by the concerned institutions for felling of such trees after obtaining the approval of the competent authority of the institution for felling of the trees. However, in case the institute intends to transport the felled timber, the same shall be governed by the Circular 5 of 19<sup>th</sup> 8 dated 05-03-1998.
  5. The trees removed shall be replaced with ornamental shrubs or trees that do not grow very tall under appropriate scheme. Any attempt to encroach upon the land in question shall be reported to the appropriate authorities by staff concerned for necessary action under law.

Sd/  
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