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Subject: Polythene free forests of Jammu and Kashmir.

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In our day to day life Polythene and Polythene trash has become curse of modern living. Its use poses threats to environment and leading to a number of catastrophic problems like pollution of land, air and water. It has also adverse impacts on forest ecosystems including wildlife.


As you are aware of the fact that efforts are always being made to clear our office complexes and other establishments from polythene including one time use of plastic. However, it is still not ingrained in our system. We are thinking of launching a UT level drive to clear all forest areas of J&K including establishments free of polythene.

In light of latest directions of Hon'ble court, Government and Pollution Control Committee, the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department intends to launch a drive for clearing of existing polythene garbage in the Forests/Establishments, ban on use of polythene in forest areas (except poly bags for nursery raising only). Further regular cleaning and picking up of polythene by the frontline staff, placing of garbage bins at suitable places, no use of polythene in day-to-day activities of the forest department is also called for. The department is also actively considering a UT level drive for polythene free forest on "Ozone Day" i.e. 16th September 2021.

In view of the above, it is impressed upon all the Officers, Officials and field functionaries of Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department to refrain from using of polythene within the Office premises/periphery, forest areas and keep entire surroundings free of polythene garbage henceforth.

It shall be prime responsibility of concerned Officers to monitor the effective compliance of the directions.

Issued with the approval of Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF.


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