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Circular No. 18 of 2021 Dated: 23-12-2021

Subject: Directions issued by the Chief Secretary, Government of J&K during the review meeting of Department of Forests, Ecology & Environment on 20th December, 2021 at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Worthy Chief Secretary, in the review meeting of Department of Forests, Ecology & Environment held on 20th December, 2021 issued following directions for J&K Forest Department and other allied departments:

- 1) People should perceive a 'Forester' as a Friend and not as an 'Inspector', such a change of mindset in forest officials and in overall working of the Department be there.
- 2) Department of Forests, Ecology & Environment shall hugely enhance its role in convergence and generate 5 crore mandays by submitting proposals for convergence of forestry works under MGNREGA.
- 3) Retrieved non-forest lands by the Government may also be taken up by Forest Department for afforestation.
- 4) Create an Eco-trek helpline and popularize all the Trek Routes, Ecoparks, camping sites and other ecotourism activities of the department enabling the visitor to enjoy the mystique of Forests.
- 5) Forest wetlands be created as Tourists sites.
- 6) Forest Department should strive for convergence of multiple grassroot institutions like Village Panchayats, BMCs, JFMCs, VPPCs, etc.
- 7) A joint committee of officers from Forest, Industry & Revenue be constituted for improvement of Willow Bat manufacturing in Kashmir.
- 8) Forest Department to take maximum advantage of Centrally Sponsored Schemes like Green India Mission, Forest Fire Protection and

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Management and focus on increasing the pace of expenditure and achieve its targets.

9) Forest Department to explore livelihood creation through utilization of lantana, chirpine needles, etc. into useful products having market potential.

Issued with the approval of Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF).

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