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Sub: Cleanliness Drive: Polythene & single use plastic free forests and forest establishments.

In continuation to this office circular No. 12 – PCCF J&K of 2021 dated 11.09.2021, it is to reiterate for keeping our forests and forest premises free of polythene. The polythene and single use plastic is a menace and causes harm to human beings and forest ecosystems.

The clean India Drive is also essentially focused on dealing with single use plastics. These plastics and polythene after single use is thrown away. Since they are non-biodegradable which makes them more detrimental to environment. The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his vision for 2021 shares that our country must phase out the single use plastic by 2022 to help environment thrive better.

Further, in light of latest directions of Hon'ble Court, Government and Pollution Control Committee of UT of J&K, the J&K Forest Department shall launch a special cleanliness drive with major focus on cleaning of existing polythene garbage in forest areas and ban on use of single use plastics as per prevailing rules in this regard. From 2nd October, 2021 onwards, the Forest Department shall not use single use plastics like disposable water bottles, plastic glasses, etc in any of its premises.

In view of the above, it is impressed upon all the officers/officials and field functionaries of Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department to refrain from use of polythene and single use plastics within the office premises, periphery, forest areas and keep the entire surroundings free of polythene and single use plastic garbage. Further, all the forest establishments to keep their office premises very neat and clean in the spirit of cleanliness drive.

It shall be the 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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