

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL FORESTRY

***Sub: Claims of Proprietorship over Village Woodlots on private/
community and other lands.***

C I R C U L A R

It has been noticed that the cases of individuals/private parties regarding claims of proprietorship over Village Woodlots and other areas falling under plantations of Social Forestry are being submitted to Direction Office without due scrutiny at Divisional/Regional Levels.

As such, I am directed to circulate following directions for strict adherence by all the officers in the Department: -

1. Before forwarding the cases, the concerned DFOs (SF) will ensure that the cases are scrutinized by them and following authenticated documents are available in each case:-
 - a. *Copies of initial agreement/resolution signed between individual proprietor/(VPMC/VPPC/VFC), if any, and concerned field officers/officials.*
 - b. *Revenue record (Fardi Intikhab/Jama Bandi etc.) alongwith status of land of the time of agreement /resolution when Village Woodlot/planation unit was established by the Department.*
 - c. *Plantation Journal at the time of establishment of Village Woodlot/Plantation Unit alongwith updated entries in fresh plantation journal.*
2. Thereafter, the cases are to be dealt in terms of SRO-143 of 2011 (till finalization of Social Forestry Rules) and only after cases are cleared by the Committee under said SRO, the cases are to be submitted to concerned Regional Director for further scrutiny in terms of relevant SRO.

3. Thereafter, the concerned Regional Director will submit the cases to Direction Office with specific and clear-cut recommendations proposing therein about the disposal of final harvest on such Village Woodlot/Plantation Unit and its future use, for obtaining further directions to proceed in the matter in light of SRO-143 of 2011.


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2. Regional Director, Department of Social Forestry, Jammu.
3. Regional Director, Department of Social Forestry, Kashmir.
4. All Divisional Forest Officer (s), Department of Social Forestry, J&K.
5. I/C Website, Direction Office for placing the Circular on official website for public interest.