

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
General Administration Department  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu**

**Subject: Constitution of UT Level Monitoring Committee, Sub-Divisional Level Committee(s) and District Level Committee(s) for implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006.**

**Government Order No:1080-JK (GAD) of 2020**

**Dated:01.12.2020**

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of UT Level Monitoring Committee, District Level Committee(s) and Sub-Divisional Level Committee(s) for implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir:

**A. UT Level Monitoring Committee:**

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| 1. | Chief Secretary, J&K.   | Chairperson      |
| 2. | Administrative Secretary, Revenue Department.   | Member           |
| 3. | Administrative Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.   | Member Secretary |
| 4. | Administrative Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department.  | Member           |
| 5. | Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department.  | Member           |
| 6. | Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.   | Member           |
| 7. | Three Schedule tribe members of the Tribes Advisory Council to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Tribes Advisory Council and where there is no Tribes Advisory Council, three Scheduled Tribes Members to be nominated by the UT Government. | Member(s)        |
| 8. | Commissioner, Tribal Welfare or equivalent.   | Member           |

**Terms and reference:-**

- (a) To devise criteria and indicators for monitoring the process of recognition and vesting of forest rights;
- (b) To monitor the process of recognition, verification and vesting of forest rights in the UT;
- (c) To meet at least once in three months to monitor the process of recognition, verification and vesting of forest rights, consider and address the field level problems, and furnish a quarterly report in the format appended as Annexure V to these rules, to the Central Government on their assessment regarding the status of claims, the compliance with the steps required under the Act, details of claims approved, reasons for rejection, if any and the status of pending claims;
- (d) To take appropriate actions on receipt of a notice against the concerned authorities, in terms of Section 8 of the Act;



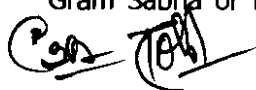
- (e) To monitor resettlement under sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Act.
- (f) To specifically monitor compliance of the provisions contained in clause (m) of sub-section (1) of Section 3 and sub-section (8) of Section 4.

**B. District Level Committee(s):**

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| 1. | Deputy Commissioner.   | Chairperson |
| 2. | Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) Headquarter.   | Member      |
| 3. | Three members of the Block or Tehsil Level Panchayats to be nominated by District Panchayat of whom at least two shall be Scheduled Tribes preferably who are forest dwellers or belong to the primitive tribal groups and where there are no Scheduled Tribes, two members who are preferably other traditional forest dwellers, and one shall be a woman member. | Member(s)   |
| 4. | District Panchayat Officer.  | Member      |

**Terms and reference:-**

- (a) To ensure that the requisite information under clause (b) of Rule 6 has been provided to Gram Sabha or Forest Rights Committee;
- (b) To examine whether all claims, especially those of primitive tribal groups, pastoralists and nomadic tribes, have been addressed keeping in mind the objectives of the Act;
- (c) To consider and finally approve the claims and record of forest rights prepared by the Sub-Divisional Level Committee;
- (d) To hear petitions from persons aggrieved by the orders of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee;
- (e) To co-ordinate with other districts regarding inter-district claims;
- (f) To issue directions for incorporation of the forest rights in the relevant government records including Record of Rights;
- (g) To ensure publication of the record of forest rights as may be finalized.
- (h) To ensure that a certified copy of the record of forest rights and title under the Act, as specified in Annexures II & III to these rules, is provided to the concerned claimant and the Gram Sabha respectively and
- (i) To ensure that a certified copy of the record of the right to community forest resource and title under the Act, as specified in Annexure IV to these rules, is provided to the concerned Gram Sabha or the community whose rights over community



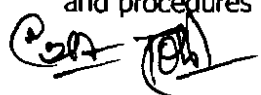
forest resource have been recognized under clause (i) of sub-section (1) of Section 3.

**C. Sub Divisional Level Committee(s):**

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| 1. | Sub Divisional Level Officer of Revenue Department (SDM/ADC).  | Chairperson |
| 2. | Range Officer Headquarters/ Concerned Range Officer.   | Member      |
| 3. | Three members of the Block or Tehsil Level Panchayats to be nominated by District Panchayat of whom at least two shall be Scheduled Tribes preferably who are forest dwellers or belong to the primitive tribal groups and where there are no Scheduled Tribes, two members who are preferably other traditional forest dwellers, and one shall be a woman member. | Member(s)   |
| 4. | Block Development Officer, concerned.  | Member      |

**Terms and reference:-**

- (a) To provide information to each Gram Sabha about their duties and duties of holder of forest rights and others towards protection of wildlife, forest and biodiversity with reference to critical flora and fauna which need to be conserved and protected;
- (b) To provide forest and revenue maps and electoral rolls to the Gram Sabha or the Forest Rights Committee;
- (c) To collate all the resolutions of the concerned Gram Sabhas;
- (d) To consolidate maps and details provided by the Gram Sabhas;
- (e) To examine the resolutions and the maps of the Gram Sabhas to ascertain the veracity of the claims;
- (f) To hear and adjudicate disputes between Gram Sabhas on the nature and extent of any forest rights;
- (g) To hear petitions from persons, including UT agencies, aggrieved by the resolutions of the Gram Sabhas;
- (h) To co-ordinate with other Sub-Divisional Level Committees for inter sub-divisional claims;
- (i) To prepare block or tehsil-wise draft record of proposed forest rights after reconciliation of government records;
- (j) To forward the claims with the draft record of proposed forest rights through the Sub-Divisional Officer to the District Level Committee for final decision;
- (k) To raise awareness among forest dwellers about the objectives and procedures laid down under the Act and in the rules;



- (l) To ensure easy and free availability of proforma of claims to the claimants as provided in Annexure-I (Forms A, B and C) of these rules;
- (m) To ensure that the Gram Sabha meetings are conducted in free, open and fair manner with requisite quorum.

**By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

Sd/-

**(Manoj Kumar Dwivedi)IAS**

Commissioner/ Secretary to the Government

No. GAD(Adm)163/2020-IV

Dated:01.12.2020

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2. Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor.
3. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
4. Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department. **(U.O file is also returned herewith).**
5. Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department.
6. Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department.
7. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K.
8. Divisional Commissioner Jammu/Kashmir.
9. Director, Information, J&K.
10. All Deputy Commissioners.
11. Director, Achieves, Archaeology & Museums, J&K.
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