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Subject: Entry of Forest department in the Revenue Records.

Sir,

During the visit of Hon'ble Minister of Forest, Environment and Ecology in village Keran for selection of site for IIT, Jammu on 23.04.2015 alongwith Divisional Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, it was observed that State land with forest cover was recorded as JDA land in Revenue Records. Whereas, state land with forest cover is to be recorded in the name of forest department as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Not only in district Jammu but this lacuna has been observed in other districts of Jammu Division also. This has resulted into encroachments of state land/forest land with forest cover and non entry of forest department in revenue records creates problems while proceeding against the encroachers under Forest Conservation Act. The diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose is strictly prohibited under forest and conservation Act and as per Supreme Court rulings.

In this regard, circular instructions have been issued from time to time by the Government as well as by this office to get all state land with forest cover entered as forest land

I am directed to request you to pass strict directions to all Tahsildars/Girdawars to make entry of forest department over state land with forest cover and under the possession of forest department to check encroachments.

Yours faithfully,

(Sachin Dev Singh) KAS
Asstt. Commissioner (Central)
With Divisional Commissioner,
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