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Subject: Procedure/guidelines for regulating felling of plantation and trees growing on institution lands including Defence lands.

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The various institutions including Defence establishment grow trees and plantations on the non-forest lands under their occupation. At times, these institutions require felling of these plantations in full or in part comprising a few trees, for various reasons including operational requirement and exigencies like developing existing infrastructure or removal of leaning and overgrown trees likely to fall, causing danger to the human life and property. Therefore, it was felt necessary;

To adopt uniform guidelines for dealing with such cases so that any confusion or any embarrassing situations are avoided. The following guide lines/procedure for regulating felling of plantations and trees on institutions lands including defence lands, the following procedure/guidelines are laid down:-

- In case the institution land is forest land diverted under the Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Conservation) Act-1997, the felling of plantation trees shall be allowed and regulated strictly under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Conservation) Act-1997.
  - In case of the institution land being non-forest land, the felling of plantation trees shall be governed and regulated under the provisions of the Circular No. 5 of 1998 dated 5.3.1998 issued by the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu and Kashmir.
  - In case of felling of plantation trees as per the provisions of Circular No. 5 of 1998 dated 5.3.1998, the issuance of transportation permission/Form-25 for the transportation of the out-turn shall be required as per the standing law/orders/instructions of the Competent Authority.
  - Felling of Royal, Reserved, Specified trees, and also those <sup>trees</sup> with restrictions under any order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court or the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, will not be allowed except under the specific permission as provided under law.
  - The institution shall endeavor to plant at least double the number of plants/trees felled in or around the Campus. For technical and logistical help in this regard, the institution may approach the nearest Social Forestry or Territorial Forest Division.
- By order of the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K.

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