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Sub: Constitution of Committees for strengthening the existing system of Forest and Wildlife protection through improved coordination between Forest Department, Forest Protection Force and Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K.

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Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of High-Level Coordination and Monitoring Committee (HLCMC), Regional Level Forest Protection Committees (RLFPC) and Circle Level Forest Protection Committees (CLFPC) for strengthening the existing system of Forests and Wildlife Protection with the greater involvement and coordination between Forest Department, Forest Protection Force and Department of Wildlife Protection.

A. High Level Coordination and Monitoring Committee (HLCMC)

1.	Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)	Chairman
2.	Chief Wildlife Warden	Member
3.	Director FPF	Member Secretary
4.	APCCF Central	Member
5.	APCCF Jammu	Member
6.	APCCF Kashmir	Member
7.	CCF/CF Vigilance	Member

Terms of reference: -

- To devise Strategy and Action Plan for monitoring and improving the coordination between the Forest Department, Forest Protection Force and Department of Wildlife Protection for strengthening of Forest and Wildlife protection in UT of J&K.
- The HLCM Committee may co-opt any officer/s as and when required.
- The HLCM committee shall meet at least two times a year to monitor and review the coordination on protection of Forests and Wildlife.
- To review the working of the RLFPCs or CLFPCs and pass on directives for further improvement of the system of protection.
- HLCM Committee shall also examine and recommend required budgetary provision under the Forest and Wildlife Protection and related Heads for proper functioning of the CLFPCs.
- HLCM Committee may send recommendations on policy matters to Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, Govt. of J&K.

B. Regional Level Forest Protection Committee (RLFPC).

1.	CCF Territorial	Chairman
2.	CF East/Srinagar	Member Secretary
3.	CF Territorials	Member
4.	Regional Wildlife Warden	Member
5.	Joint Director FPF	Member

Terms of reference: -

- a) The RLFPC committee shall meet at least once in three months to monitor and review the functioning of the CLFPCs.
- b) RLFPC Committee shall advise the CLFPCs on emergent issues of forests and wildlife protection.
- c) To approve area specific action plans on protection of forests & wildlife.
- d) To study and recommend the annual plans of the divisions/ district level units and recommend adequate budgetary provisions for protection.

C. Circle Level Forest Protection Committee (CLFPC).

1.	Conservator of Forests (Territorial)	Chairman
2.	DFO Head Quarter (Territorial)	Member Secretary
3.	All Divisional Forest Officers (Territorial) of concerned circle	Member
4.	Deputy Directors, FPF in concerned circle	Member
5.	Wildlife Wardens in concerned circle	Member


Terms and reference: -

- a) The committee shall meet at least once a month to review the forest & wildlife protection needs of all the Divisions of the Circle and take appropriate action. The committee may meet at short notice to deal with emergent situation.
- b) The committee shall approve the Division wise site-specific action plan for each division/district level unit depending on the threat/vulnerability of the area.
- c) Monitor the implementation of the site-specific protection measures in the Circle and address the forest & wildlife protection issues on real time basis.
- d) Rationalization of location of Check posts in view of protection requirement and recommend to CF for notification.
- e) Plan, operationalize and monitor Joint Control Rooms.
- f) Manpower deployment in vulnerable areas to ensure required preventive measures to avoid forest damage.
- g) Constitution, deployment, and monitoring of Flying Squads, Special Task Force, Intelligence Units, etc. for effective forest & wildlife protection.
- h) Monitor Inquiries, Complaints and working of the Authorized Officers.



- i) Carry out any other assignment given by the HLCMC or RLFC.

Issued following the discussions held and decisions made during the meetings held on the subject on 04-12-2021 and 02-08-2022 with the involvement of HoDs and senior officers from Forest Department, Forest Protection Force, Department of Wildlife Protection, and J&K Forest Development Corporation.


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2. Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K
3. Director Forest Protection Force, J&K
4. APCCF/ Managing Director, J&K Forest Development Corporation
5. APCCF Jammu /Kashmir
6. All Conservator of Forests (Territorial)
7. All DFOs (T)/ Dy. Directors, FPF/ Wildlife Wardens
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