



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: Constitution of Task Force for fodder development in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Ref: U.O No. ASHF-PLG/78/2021-03 of Agriculture Production Department.

Government Order No. 540-JK(GAD) of 2024
Dated: 30.01.2024

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of Task Force, comprising the following, for fodder development in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir:

1.	Administrative Secretary, Agriculture Production Department.	Chairperson
2.	Administrative Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment (or his representative, not below the rank of Additional Secretary).	Member
3.	Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.	Member
4.	Secretary/Special Secretary in the Agriculture Production Department	Member
5.	Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu/Kashmir.	Member(s) <i>(Senior most among the Officers shall be the Member Secretary)</i>
6.	Director, Sheep Husbandry Department, Jammu/Kashmir	Member(s)
7.	Director, Horticulture Department, Jammu/Kashmir	Member(s)
8.	Director, Agriculture Department, Jammu/Kashmir	Member(s)
9.	Director Research, SKUAST, Jammu/Kashmir	Member(s)

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Terms of Reference:-

- i. To assess the current status of fodder availability in the UT of J&K, including types of fodder, their yield, & quality and evaluate the reasons for huge (>40%) fodder deficiency in the UT.
- ii. To evaluate the existing sources of fodder, such as cultivated lands, community pasture lands (Gauthan), and degraded forest lands.

- iii. To explore strategies to promote the re-development/rejuvenation of community pasture lands (Gauthan) and degraded forest lands for fodder cultivation by involving local communities.
- iv. To evaluate the impact of implementation of the 'Fodder project under Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP)' as well as implementation of 'Sub-mission on Feed & Fodder Development' under CSS National Livestock Mission (NLM) on reducing the fodder deficit in the UT.
- v. To establish partnerships with Agricultural Universities, collaboration among all stake holders and environmental organizations to leverage expertise and resources to extend technical assistance, and undertake training of farmers to increase fodder productivity and area under fodder cultivation.
- vi. To explore the use of arable and non-arable land, wasteland, government farms, and grasslands in remote areas for fodder cultivation.
- vii. To promote afforestation and Agro-forestry practices to grow trees and shrubs that provide fodder while improving soil quality.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor.

Sd/-

(Sanjeev Verma) IAS

Commissioner/Secretary to the Government

No.:GAD-ADM0IV/183/2023-09-GAD

Dated:30.01.2024

Copy to the:-

1. Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.
2. Principal Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Production Department.
3. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
4. Joint Secretary (J&K) Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
5. Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.
6. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K.
7. Registrar, University of Jammu/Kashmir.
8. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
9. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, GAD.
10. Government Order/Stock file/Website, GAD. *"Hindi and Urdu versions shall follow".*


(Shakeeb Arsallan) JKAS
Under Secretary to the Government