

THE J&K STATE FOREST CORPORATION

Subject: Re-organization of J&K State Forest Corporation (SFC).
Reference: 68th SFC Board of Directors meeting held on 28th November, 2018.

SFC Order No. 61 of 2019

D a t e d: 13-02-2019

Whereas, the Corporation used to extract around 100 lakh cft annually till 1990, and SFC Extraction Divisions to handle the operations were established accordingly.

2) Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in 1996, banned the felling of green trees in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and allowed only removal of dry/fallen trees which reduced the availability of markings significantly.

3) Whereas, in view of reduced workload, it was felt that there is a need for reducing the number of Divisions and Circles and redefining their functions. Accordingly, a comprehensive proposal for re-organization of the Divisions and Circles of the State Forest Corporation was placed before the Board of Directors for approval in the 61st meeting held on 3rd June 2009.

4) Whereas, the proposal was further examined by the Forest Department (Secretariat) and submitted to the Hon'ble Chairman for approval as per the Board decision. After receiving the approval, formal orders with regard to the re-organization of SFC were issued, vide SFC Order No. 415 of 2010 dated 17.06.2010;

5) Whereas, among other decisions, merger of Extraction Division Handwara with Baramula Extraction Division, Kehmil Extraction Division with Zangli Extraction Division, and Kishtwar East and Kishtwar West Extraction Divisions into one Division was also approved. However, the merger of these Divisions was deferred and the Divisions continued to function as such;

6) Whereas, 1051 employees have retired between 2010 to 2018 and another 176 shall be retiring in 2019-20;

7) Whereas, due to regular retirement of SFC employees, there is shortage of manpower in the Corporation across all cadres, particularly at senior levels;

8) Whereas, in view of the above facts, and to optimize manpower deployment, the matter was again placed before the Board in its 68th meeting held on 28.11.2018, for implementation of the decisions already taken in the 61st meeting and the Board approved implementation of the deferred decisions;

9) Now therefore, as approved by the Board in its 68th meeting held on 28th November 2018, it is hereby ordered that with effect from 1st April 2019:-

a) Kishtwar East and Kishtwar West SFC Extraction Divisions shall be merged to form one Division named as "Kishtwar SFC Extraction Division" with headquarter at Kishtwar.

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- b) Handwara SFC Extraction Division shall be merged with Baramulla Extraction Division with headquarters at Baramulla.
- c) Kehmil Extraction Division shall be merged with Zangli Extraction Division with headquarters at Zangli (Kupwara) Division.
- 10) It is further ordered that the drawing and disbursing powers vested with the following Divisional Heads shall be withdrawn w.e.f. 30.03.2019:-
- Kishtwar West Extraction Division
 - Handwara Extraction Division
 - Kehmil Extraction Division
- 11) Consequent upon the above, the salary of the staff posted in the above Divisions shall be disbursed through the DDOs of Kishtwar, Baramulla and Zangli Extraction Divisions respectively.
- 12) The DDOs whose powers will cease on 30th March 2019, shall furnish the last pay certificate alongwith all service records in respect of employees under their administrative control to the DDOs mentioned at para-11 by 10th March 2019, after disbursing the salary of staff for the month of February, 2019.
- 13) The DDOs of Kishtwar West, Handwara and Kehmil Extraction Divisions shall square up their books of accounts by 30th March 2019 after which their accounts shall be closed.
- 14) Quarterly returns for last quarter of 2018-19 and annual returns of 2018-19 in respect of Income Tax, GST etc. shall be filed on behalf of the DDOs listed in para-10 by DDOs listed in para 11.
- 15) Orders regarding transfer of staff, wherever required, shall be issued separately.

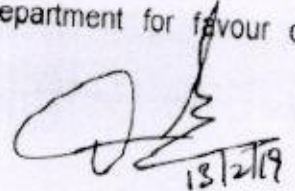
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No: 457-502/Bix/SFC

Dated: 13.02.2019

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7. OSD with the Hon'ble Advisor (K)/ Chairman J&K SFC, for favour of information of the Hon'ble Chairman, SFC.
8. Personnel Officer J&K SFC.
9. Deputy Financial Advisor SFC Srinagar/Jammu.
10. PS to Commissioner/Secretary to Government Forest Department for favour of information of the Commissioner.
11. All Divisional Managers J&K SFC.
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Managing Director
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