

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

Private Members Resolution tabled by Mr. Sham Lal Bhagat, Hon'ble MLC.

"This House resolves that in order to save the precious wealth of green Gold in the state, Panches and Sarpanches should be empowered and involved in the security of forests".

Reply:-

In order to empower the Panchayati Raj Institution's (PRIs) in the State, the General Administration Department vide Government Order No. 1126-GAD of 2011 dated 22.09.2011 ordered devolution of funds, functions and functionaries (3Fs) to PRIs, that was based on the Cabinet Decision Nos. 40/3/2011 dated 09.02.2011 and 170/21/2011 dated 21.09.2011. Among others Forest Department also issued instructions in this behalf vide Govt. order No. 259-F of 2012 dated 04.06.2012, part F(ii) of the said Government Order is produced as under:-

Reporting cases of illicit felling/poaching and keeping vigil over controlling of Forest Guards:-

"Halqa Panchayat after getting report(s) of illicit felling/poaching in the area of its jurisdiction from any person(s) shall, after checking its authenticity, report the same to the Divisional Forest Officer concerned. During his movement in the area of jurisdiction, the Forest Guard concerned shall remain in touch with the Halqa Panchayat".

Sd/-
Minister Incharge



Under Secretary to Government
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