

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Civil Secretariat, Revenue Department

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

"This house resolves that Chowkidars and Lambardars in the state should be regularized as permanent and their salaries should be enhanced forthwith."

Reply

Lambardars

Lambardar is called "**Village Headman**", whose appointment and duties are prescribed under Lambardari Act, 1972 and the rules framed there-under.


One of the eligibility conditions for appointment of a Lambardar is that for being appointed as a Lambardar, he should not be employed in Government or any local body. Accordingly, since the Lambardar as per Lambardari Act is not to be a Government employee, he cannot be regularized. Normally the appointment of a Lambardar is made through general elections, however during exigencies, the Lambardar is appointed with the approval of respective Deputy Commissioner. The enhancement in their honorarium will be looked into as proposed in Budget by the Hon'ble Finance Minister.

Chowkidars

Chowkidar is called "**Village Guard**", whose appointment and duties are prescribed under Chowkidari Act, 1956, and the rules framed there-under.

One of the eligibility conditions for appointment of a Chowkidar is that for being appointed as a Chowkidar, he should not be employed in Government or any local body. Accordingly, since the Chowkidar as per Chowkidari Act is not to be a Government employee, he cannot be regularized. The appointment of Chowkidar is made by the Tehsildar with the approval of the District Collector, however, before appointing a Chowkidar, the agreement/ consent of the majority of the Zamindars is one of the pre-requisites. The enhancement in their honorarium will be looked into as proposed in Budget by the Hon'ble Finance Minister.

**Sd/-
MINISTER FOR REVENUE**


**Under Secretary to Government
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