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Organization

During the past two decades of militancy in the state of J&K, forests have been subjected to excessive pressures of smuggling of timber, poaching and encroachments etc. The territorial forest staff was ill-equipped to handle the situation and therefore, **Forest Protection Force** was set up vide Govt. order no:129-PD of 1996 dated 04-12-1996 in pursuance of a cabinet decision no: 12/7 dated: 2nd Dec. 1996. After enactment of Forest (Protection) Force, Act 2001, this Force, which was so created, for all practical purposes, shall deemed to have been created under Section 3 of J&K Forest (Protection) Force, Act 2001.

Vission/Mission

The state government accords high priority to protection of state forests and in view of the same has raised Forest Protection Force creating 2257 posts in pursuance to cabinet decision No.12/7 dated 2.12.1996, by establishing protection Gamma Units in each of the 26 territorial forest divisions covering the state excluding Ladakh region. Subsequently the "J&K Forest (Protection) Act 2001" was enacted to provide legal support to the Force envisaging that Forest Protection Force shall be an Armed Force of the State on the pattern of Police Department. The working of Forest Protection Force is regulated through J&K FPF Rules 2012 issued vide SRO-264 dated 9th-Aug-2012.

Objective/Purpose

The members of the Force are trained in arms/ammunition and basic forestry .They are equipped with mobility and communication facilities and perform duties as per the mandate of the J&K Forest Act, FPF Act, J&K Wildlife Protection Act & other Acts. The Force is available to the territorial staff of Forest Department & other sister departments for the protection of forest property so as to stop encroachment of Forest land, to evict the encroachers, to stop illicit removal of timber and non-timber forest produce, to protect the forest from fire, to stop poaching of wild life and illegal trade in forest produce or wildlife produce. The Forest Protection Force in this way is the law enforcing agency of the state for the enforcement of forest and wildlife protection laws.

Duties

- a) Promptly to obey and execute all orders lawfully issued by superior authority.
- b) Protect and safeguard forest property.
- c) Assist, on requisition, a forest officer or an officer of the Wildlife Protection Department or an officer of the Soil Conservation Department or an officer of sister department having territorial jurisdiction when such requisition is for the protection of forest property.
- d) Perform patrolling in the vulnerable areas on systematically drawn plans and to take such necessary steps required to protect the forest property with the help of territorial staff of its own depending upon the exigencies of the situation.
- e) Detect and to bring offenders to justice and to apprehend all persons; who are legally authorized to be apprehended and for whose apprehension sufficient grounds exist; provided that territorial staff not below the rank of Range Officer is informed; and
- f) To take up such special assignment as may be entrusted to the Force by the Government from time to time.

Main activities/functions

Forest Protection Force deploys its manpower in an organized manner by performing on-road patrolling, off-road jungle gasht, laying of nakas besides establishing jungle observation posts in every Forest Range for gathering intelligence, and in order to ensure the operational capability of each Gamma Unit is maintained at optimum level. Monthly targets for each Gamma Unit have been fixed. Besides Force plays pivotal role in assisting the forest territorial staff to curb the menace of timber smuggling, forest fires and other allied activities and also assists the Wildlife Protection Department in protection of wild flora and fauna and in crisis of man-animal conflict situations.

List of services being provided :

Activity	Duties Assigned	Monthly Target
Naka	Checking of vehicles, animals and headload transport for checking of forest produce.	16 Nakas/month
On-Road Patrolling:	To conduct patrolling for control and interception of forest offences in vulnerable areas.	Kashmir: 30/month Jammu: 15/month
Off-Road Jungle Gasht:	To detect forest damage in vulnerable areas.	18/month
Jungle Observation Party (JOP):	To gather intelligence on forest offences.	3 reports from I/c JOP to Deputy Director concerned on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 10.30 AM

The Department expects from public

Public authority expects underground as well as upper ground support from the public by way of informing the Force about the forest offences and helping in tackling the incidences of forest fires and man-animal conflicts.

Grievance Redressal Mechanism

The Deputy Directors at Divisional/District level of the Department can be visited/approached to get any technical guidance & services.

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Name of the Public Authority: - Forest Protection Force

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