

CITIZEN'S CHARTER

Organization

During the past two decades of militancy in the erstwhile state of J&K, forests have been subjected to excessive pressures on account 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 deem to have been created under Section 3 of J&K Forest (Protection) Force, Act 2001.

Vision/Mission

The UT of J&K government accords high priority to protection of its 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 UT of J&K 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 Indian Forest Act, FPF Act, 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 is an organization for the enforcement of forest and wildlife protection laws in the UT of J&K.

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 Reporting Centres in strategic locations to ensure that the operational capability of each Gamma Unit is maintained at optimum level. Monthly targets for each Gamma Unit have been fixed. Besides, the 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-wild animal conflict situations.

List of Services being provided:

Activity	Duties Assigned	Monthly Target
Assistance to Forest (Territorial) & sister Departments	To assist Forest Department and other sister departments 24x7 in enforcing the Forest Laws on the ground and for better protection of Forests/Wildlife.	As per the requisitions made to Forest Protection Force
Naka	Checking of vehicles, animals and headload transport for checking of forest produce.	At Least 16 Nakas/month per Gamma Unit
On-Road Patrolling:	To conduct patrolling for control and interception of forest offences in vulnerable areas.	At least 30/month per Gamma Unit
Off-Road Jungle Gasht:	To detect forest damage in vulnerable areas.	At least 18/month per Gamma Unit

The Departmental Expectations from Public:

Public authority expects Overt and Covert support from the public by way of informing the Force about the forest offences and helping in tackling the incidences of forest fires, man-wild animal conflicts.

Grievance Redressal Mechanism:

The Director at state level, Joint Directors at regional level and Deputy Directors at Division/District level of the Department can be approached to get any technical guidance and services.

Important Email IDs:

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Joint Director Kashmir: JDFPFJMU@GMAIL.COM

Public Information Officers

S. No.	P.I.O.s Shri/Shmt.	Jurisdiction	Fax No.	Mobile
1.	Law Officer, Directorate of Forest Protection Force	Jammu and Kashmir State	0191-2450997(J) 0194-2490976(K)	9906909070
2.	Deputy Director, Hqrs, Joint Director, FPF Jammu	Jammu Province	0191-2437541	9906909121
3.	Deputy Director, K-01, Srinagar	Kashmir Province	0194-2465209	9906909230
4.	Deputy Director J-02, Sidhra, Jammu	District Jammu	0191-2662156	9906909062
5.	Deputy Director J-01, Flg Squad, Jammu	District Samba	0191-2437451	9906909056
6.	Deputy Director J-03, Kathua, Jammu	District Kathua	01922-236052	9906909152
7.	Deputy Director J-05, Udhampur, Jammu	District Udhampur	01992-270250	9906909065
8.	Deputy Director J-06, Rajouri, Jammu	District Rajouri	01962-263065	9906909067
9.	Deputy Director J-07, Poonch, Jammu	District Poonch	01965-220313	9906909061
10.	Deputy Director J-08, Doda, Jammu	District Doda	01996-234763	9906909068
11.	Deputy Director J-09, Batote, Jammu	District Ramban	01998-244493	9906909071
12.	Deputy Director J-10, Kishtwar, Jammu	District Kishtwar	01995-261330	9906909158
13.	Deputy Director J-11, Reasi, Jammu	District Reasi	01991-244084	9906909140
14.	Deputy Director K-01, Srinagar	District Srinagar	0194-2493256	9906909230
15.	Deputy Director K-02, Ganderbal	District Ganderbal	0194-2416524	9906909240
16.	Deputy Director K-03, Budgam	District Budgam.	01951-256458	9906909285

17.	Deputy Director K-04, Shopian/Pulwama	District Shopian/Pulwama.	01933-260841	9906909314
18.	Deputy Director K-05, Anantnag	District Anantnag.	01932-222428	9906909308
19.	Deputy Director K-06, Kupwara	District Kupwara.	01955-210270	9906909260
20.	Deputy Director K-07, Baramulla	District Baramulla.	01952-235009	9906909250
21.	Deputy Director K-08, Bandipora	District Bandipora.	01957-225510	9906909241
22.	Deputy Director K-11, Lidder	District Kulgam	01932-234213	9906909326

List of Assistant Public Information Officers

1.	Deputy Director, K-09, Kehmil	District Kupwara.	01955-252732	9906909312
2.	Deputy Director, K-10, Langate	District Baramulla	01932-262721	9906909309
3.	Deputy Director, K-12, Tangmarg	District Baramulla/ Budgam.	01954-254437	9906909275
4.	Deputy Director, J-04, Billawar	District Kathua	01921-222944	9906909156

List of First Appellate Authorities

S. No	First Appellate Authority	Jurisdiction	Fax No.	Mobile
1	Joint Director, Forest Protection Force, Jammu.	Jammu Province	0191-2437541	9906909208
2	Joint Director, Forest Protection Force, Kashmir.	Kashmir Province	0194-2431341	9906909066

S. No	Second Appellate Authority	Jurisdiction	Fax No.	Mobile
1	Director, Forest Protection Force	State of Jammu and Kashmir	0191-2450997 (J) 0194-2490976 (K)	9906909053

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