



**Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology  
Civil Secretariat, J&K Srinagar.**

**Subject:- Shortfall & poor quality in various works executed in Mahore Forest Division – enquiry and suspension of Incharge DFO Mahore, Forest Division thereof.**

**Ref: Letter No.CCF(WL)/2015/2579-80 dated 26.02.2015 from the Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Jammu.**

Government Order No: 134-FST of 2015  
D a t e d: 15 . 06 . 2015

Whereas, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu vide his letter No.CCF-J/Plan/1213-15 dated 21.07.2014, reported that the physical verification of closures of Mahore Forest Division were carried out and a preliminary report indicated shortfalls and poor quality in the works executed in the Mahore Forest Division. Subsequently an Inquiry Committee headed by Shri Roshan Jaggi, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, was constituted vide Government Order No.254-FST of 2014 dated 07.08.2014. This Inquiry Committee was tasked to conduct a detailed enquiry into the matter and verify the facts with reference to record as well as physical verification wherever required and submit its report to the Government;

2) Whereas, pending enquiry into the matter, Mr. Mohammad Rafi Khan, the then Incharge Divisional Forest Officer, Mahore Forest Division was placed under suspension vide Government Order No.255-FST of 2014 dated

07.08.2014. He was also attached with the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests till further orders;

3) Whereas, the Inquiry Committee headed by Shri Roshan Jaggi, IFS submitted its report vide letter No.CCF(WL)J/2015/2579-80 dated 26.02.2015.

The Committee came to the following findings in its report:-

- I. The survival percentage of 2012-13 plantations has been found between 93.18% to 57.60% and of 2013-14 between 91.36% to 46.81%. This is higher than the survival percentage recorded by NABCON Study of Mahore Forest Division for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12 years.

Similarly when total number of plants planted under different species and total plants found surviving in the units is computed, the cumulative survival for 2012-13 is 71.06% and for 2013-14 it is 63.86, which is much better as compared to the cumulative survival percentage evaluated in NABCON study of 10 Forest Divisions of East & West circles of Jammu Region which is 34.86% for 2010-11 & 33.59% for 2011-12.

- II. The overall quality of plantation & other works has been found either Good or Average in the scale of Good-Average-Poor.
- III. Based on the results of field verification exercise, it has been observed that the quality of works executed in Mahore Forest Division is not significantly different from the works of similar nature executed in other divisions if compared with the NABCON results. In fact it appears to be better than average on the whole.
- IV. Execution of works in Mahore Forest Division is relatively difficult because of constraints like difficult terrain, poor connectivity and large extent of area which is unevenly spread out.

4) Whereas, the report of the Committee was examined by the Administrative Department and, the department came to the conclusion that keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Committee, there seems nothing against Mr. Mohammad Rafi Khan, the then Divisional Forest Officer, Mahore Forest Division.

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5) Now, therefore, on the basis of the enquiry report, which has been accepted by the competent authority, the charges leveled against Mr. Mohammad Rafi Khan, the then Divisional Forest Officer, Mahore Forest Division are hereby dropped and the Officer is reinstated forthwith treating the period of suspension as on duty.

By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

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No.FST/Ser/27/2014

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