

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF  
MANIPUR:IMPHAL**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**  
**Imphal, the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

**PROTECTION OF FORESTS & FOREST PRODUCTS**

**Memo No. 1/62/2018/Forests:** The matter regarding protection of forests and plantations from illicit felling, encroachment, forest fire, grazing etc. are being discussed at various levels for quite some time. In view of the on- going instances of illicit/illegal fellings & transportation of timbers, illicit/illegal removal of earth, encroachments in the forests RFs, PFs, Unclassed Forests, PAN areas, forest fires, grazing in plantations etc. it is of utmost necessity for all the employees of the Forest Department at all levels to realise the serious consequences of rapid depletion of forests and wildlife and the importance of protection of the same. Everyone is responsible and should be sincere in his/her efforts in protecting the Nation & State wealth. **These issues have been discussed again recently with the Hon'ble Minister (Forests & Env't.) along-with the Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests & Env't) on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 and also at different times.** To ensure intensive patrolling and strengthen the patrolling parties, the following instructions are issued for **strict compliance:** =


1. All the Forest employees wherever they are posted are primarily responsible for protection of the forests & plantations from illicit/illegal felling & transportation of timbers, illicit/illegal removal of earth, encroachment, grazing, forest fire etc and also for protection of other Department's properties.

The **Beat Office or the Officer-in-charge** of a particular centre along-with his staff is solely responsible for protection of forests & plantations and Department's properties within his/her jurisdiction. It is his primary duty. He is answerable for any illicit feeling & transportation of timbers, illicit removal of earth, encroachment or any damage to forests in his area.

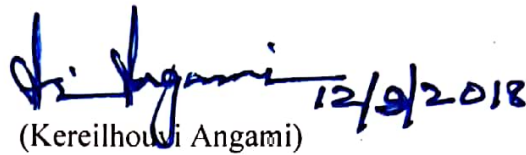
The **Range Officer along-with his staff** is again primarily responsible for the protection of forests & plantations and Department's properties within his/her jurisdictions. They are answerable for any illicit feeling & transportation of timbers, illicit removal of earth, encroachment or any damage to forests in his area.

The **D.F.O.** in turn is responsible for the same within his/her Divisional jurisdiction.

2. The **concerned Divisional Forest Officer** shall ensure that regular patrolling is carried by the Beat and Range officers & staff within their jurisdictions. The Patrol parties shall take all necessary actions to prevent & stop any illegal activities and expeditiously report to the DFO for further necessary actions deem fit. Additional vehicles have already been allotted to some of the Divisions and the same should be utilised by the Range Officers & teams for patrolling of the RFs, PFs, Plantations and checking of Wood based Industrial units. Such patrol vehicles will be provided for other Divisional Protection Parties in course of time but pending that, work should continue as usual.
3. **Each Patrol Party** will have to maintain all records and registers regarding forest offences, cases drawn up etc. No separate Cash book should be maintained by the Patrol Party. The

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4. realisation of money will be made through, the concerned Beat Officers, Range Officers and DFOs as per the existing system.
5. For violation of Rules and Acts and for any illicit feeling, illicit transportation of timbers, wood-based industries, encroachments and any forest offences, prompt action should be taken by all concerned. Offence Reports (O. Rs) should be drawn up immediately on detection.
6. The concerned Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests shall take immediate needful action in this connection and should exercise complete check and control. They will take effective steps towards protection of forests & plantations, efficient patrolling and appropriate follow up action in detection of cases and disposal of the same. They shall also periodically review the progress of actions taken up by the DFOs in this regard.

  
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1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister (Forest & Eamt) Govt. of Manipur.
2. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests & Eamt.), Govt. of Manipur.
3. PCCF (Wildlife)/ PCCF(CC & FCA)
4. All APCCFs
5. All Territorial Chief Conservator of Forests /CCF(Wildlife) for information & n/action.
6. All Territorial Conservator of Forests to ensure implementation of directions.
7. All DFOs/DCFs/Directors for information and necessary compliance on PRIORITY