

Government of Manipur
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force
Forest Department: Manipur

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

646 Imphal, the 26th July, 2019

No. 5/12/2016/ Forests (Pt): The undersigned is to inform that there are reports of illegal extraction and transportation of Polygonatum and other similar forest wild plant species for commercial purposes in various Forest Divisions particularly Hill Divisions in violation of provisions under Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. It has also come to the notice that the extraction and commercial trade of such species is being run in the guise of farm cultivated items.

2. For the regularization of such activities and also to prevent commercial exploitation of forest by illegal traders, all the Territorial DFOs are directed to take following actions immediately in their respective Divisions:

- a) Register all the Farmers/Villagers cultivating the wild plant species in their farmlands with the DFO office. List the names and addresses of Farmers/Villagers, along with details of their farmland including area, wild species being grown, annual quantity produced etc.
- b) List the names and addresses of traders involved in the Division for such wild plant species along with their registration number and validity period.
- c) The species-wise annual quantities of Polygonatum and other forest species being received/handled by each trader.
- d) The rate at which each trader is receiving Polygonatum and other forest species and the rates at which they are marketing them and the details of end-use and consumer.

3. The collection of Polygonatum and similar other species from the Forests for bonafide purposes should be under the supervision of the DFO as per Working Plan prescriptions and through JFMCs only.

4. **Hence, all the DFOs are directed to submit the Action Taken Report (ATR) in this regard latest by 31-08-2019.** Till this exercise is over, the DFOs are directed to stop collection of Polygonatum and other such wild species from the forest and not to issue Transit Passes till further orders.


(Kereilhouyi Angami) 26/7/19

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To

All Territorial Divisional Forest Officers.....

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