

IMPORTANT & URGENT

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

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Imphal, the 3rd April, 2020

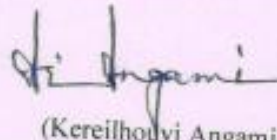
PREVENTION OF FOREST FIRES

Memo No. 1/62/2018/Forests: Colossal damage to forests, forest regeneration, plantations, wildlife etc. is caused due to fire. Every year instructions are issued to prevent fire damage by keeping constant watch, preparing fire lines around the younger plantations etc. Many a times, fire spread while doing control burning of fire lines. Jhum fires get wild and spread over the forests in the hills. There is also tendency to set fire intentionally to the forest floor for new flush of forest growth for grazing and hunting of wild animals by the local villagers.

Special and extensive campaign and drive is to be organised against serious damage due to fire and its other adverse effects on the weather and environmental conditions, soil, moisture, agricultural production etc. This issue should be repeatedly discussed in all FDA & JFMC meetings and help of JFMCs, Panchayats, Village Authorities and people should be sought for. Firefighting teams should be set up at the Divisional, Range and Beat Office level.

Occurrences of forest fires particularly in the Reserve Forests is on the rise this year. The forest are being deliberately set on fire by individuals with vested interests. In addition to above mentioned precautionary measures, all the concerned officials are to book the perpetrators under relevant provisions of the Acts & Rules AND also to file FIRs against the perpetrators of the forest fires.

The above instruction be strictly complied with.


(Kereilhouvi Angami) 3/4/2020

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF
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1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister (Forest & Env't) Govt. of Manipur.
2. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests & Env't.), Govt. of Manipur.
3. All Addl. PCCFs
4. All Chief Conservators of Forest for information & n/action.
5. All Territorial Conservator of Forests to ensure implementation of directions.
6. All DFOs/DCF/Directors for information and necessary compliance on PRIORITY.