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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR CIVIL SECRETARIATô FOREST, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

Srinagar, the 7th July, 2022.

S.O.-327.ô In exercise of powers conferred by Section 28 of the Indian Forest Act (Section 16 of Act, 1927), the Lieutenant Governor, hereby make the following rules: namely:ô

1. **Short title and commencement**.ô (1) These rules shqall be called the Jammu and Kashmir Social Forestry (Plantation) Rules, 2022.

- (2) These rules shall apply to the whole of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 3. these rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in Official Gazette.
- 2. **Definition**.ô (1) In these riles unless the context otherwise requires,ô
 - (a) "Act" means the Indian Forest Act, 1927(Section 16 of 1927).
 - (b) "Administration Secretarty" means the officer holding the Administration charge of Forest Ecology and Enviorment Deopartment, J&K.;
 - (c) "Block Officer" means offcer incharge of the concerned block of the Social Forestry Department;
 - (d) "Chairperson" means Ex-officio \head of the Executive Committee (VPPC);
 - (e) "Director" means an officer holding the charge of the Department of Social Forestry, J&K. ;
 - (f) "Divisional Forest Officer" means an officer holding the charge of the Social, forestry Division concerned;
 - (g) "Executive Committee" means Committee constituted under these rules ;
 - (h) "Farm Forestry" means practice of growing trees on Faarm lands for commercial/non-commercial purpose;
 - (i) "General Body" mean Gram Sabha of concerned Panchayat;
 - (j) "Government" means the Government of Union Terrorory of the Jammu and Kashmir;
 - (k) "Range" means Officer incharge of the range of the Social Forestry Range concerned;
 - (l) "Register" means the documets used to record the proceedings of Executive Committee or General body or any

- - (m) "Regional Director" means an officer holding the charge as Regional Director, Jammu or Kashmir of Department of Social Forestry;
 - (n) "Village Woodlot(VWL)" means plantation unit raised by the VPPC/SFD on non forest land as a comman property resource of Gram Panchayat;
 - (o) "VPPC" means Village Panchayaat (Plantation) Committee consituted at Panchayat level under these rules;
 - (p) "Union Territory' means Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir;
 - (q) "Rules and norms" means rules within the ambit of this Act and norms as prescribed by Govt. from time to time;
 - (r) "Terms" means terms of VPPC, EC, GB/Gram Sabha (it shall be in consonance with Panchayat body of the concerned Halqa Panchayat;
- (2) Words and express and used herein and not defined shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them under section 16 of Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- 3. Composition of Committees.—(1) There sall be constituted Villasge Panchayat (Plantation) Committee (hereinafter called as VPPC) for each Panchayat for the purpose of creation, protection and management of plantation on all types of non-forest lands within the jurisdiction of concerned Panchayat excluding farm forestry lands established under these rules.
- (2) The VPPC will function with a two-tier system, consisting of an ∴Executive Committee (EC) and the \∴General Body (GB) (GB) (GB)
- (3) The Gram Sabha of the concerned Panchayat shall be General Body of the VPPC with representation of one adult male/female member of each independent household of Panchayat, within which plantation units is located.
 - (4) Executive Committee, VPPC shall have 11 members, headed

- S. Category Nos. Designation

No.

- 1. Chairperson (Ex-pfficio) 1 Sarpanch
- 2. Women Mwmber 2 Member
- 3. SC/ST/OSC/OBC Member 3 Member (at least one female member).
- 4. Member of Panchayat 2 Member (to be nominated by Gram Sabha).
 - 5. Ex-officio Member 1 Concerned Patwar
 - 6. Member Secretary 1 Officer in-charge S. F. Block
- 7. Treasurer (Exofficio) 1 Concerned Panchayat Secretary (RDD).

Total 11

- (5) The member of Executive Committee shall be nominated/elected simultaneously with the election of Gram Panchayat.
- (6) The 50% presence of General Body (Gram Sabha) members including Chairperson shall be minimum quorum to take any decision with adequate presence of female members.
- (7) The Gram Sabha will elect Executive Committee of VPPC as per the composition given at rule 3 (iv). A resolution to this effect be placed on record register.
- (8) The Block Officer (Social Forestry) concerned shall act as Member-Secretary and shall be responsible for assisting the VPPC to co-ordinate its activities with other Government Deopartment and shall also be responsible for the maintenance of records in close liaison with Panchayat Secretary.
 - (9) If any inclusion or change in the member constituent of VPPC

- **Meeting and Proceedure.**—(1) The VPPC (EC) shall meet at such a place as may be convenient to members or in such village where such plantations are to be raised or have been raised on the dates that may be notified by the Chairperson, at least seven (7) days in advance.
- (2) At-least four meetings of the VPPC (EC) and two meetings of the VPPC(GB), shall be held in a calendar year.
- (3) The VPPC (EC) shal maintain record of the proceedings of the meetings held from timeto time under the signature of the Chairperson of the Committee in the record register and a copy of the same/minutes of such meetings duly attested shall be sent to the concerned Range Officer aspect :ô
 - a. Description of Boundaries of the area to be covered/already covered under plantation/afforestation programmes.
 - b. The produce to be removed by the villagers and method of sharing.
 - c. Actions that are prohibited.
 - d. Regulation on allowing or closing of grazing.
 - e. Any other matter specific to the village/plantation unit.
- (5) In case of any point of disagreement between villagers, the objectios, claims and rights thereof will be heard by the VPPC (EC) and proceedings theref shall be recorded. The decision by the majority vote of the Members of the Committee, shall be binding upon and fnal.
- 5. Village woodlots (VWL).—Village woodlots should be established as plantation uniits on available village comman Lands/State/Revenue Lands etc. The sites for afforestation works to establish a village woodlot within its Gram Panchayat shall be identified by VPPC (EC) in consultation with Social Forestry Department. The concerned Range Officer Social Forestry Department shall, participate in the Gram Panchayat Development Plan formulation process and inform the Gram Sabha about number of plantation units (along with financial imlication)

- (2) The afforestation and management plan of each plantation unit shall be approved by the VPPC (GB) viz. Gram Sabha concerned as part of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan and shall be technically vetted by the DFO/Regional Director concerned and accepted by the Director, Social Forestry for implementation in the next financial year within the permissible ceiling under the relevent scheme.
- (3) The VPPC (EC) shall carry out execution of approved works through e-tenders in accordance with directions/guidelines of Finance Department in vogue. The process shall be carried out by the Divisional Forest Officer in consultation with VPPC, in accordance with the laid down procedure. The VPPC (EC) may also get the work done through MGNREGA or through convergence under MGNREGS (if permissible under Scheme guidelines).
- (4) The Village wood Lot (s) (VWL) shall be handed-over to concerned VPPC (EC) for future management with proper handover/takeover to be made between the concerned Divisional Forest & Chairperson. VPPC within 3 to 5 years of establishment. The VPPC (GB) shall be solely responsible for maintenance of plantations of such units thereafter. However service of Social Forestry/Department shall remain available to VPPC (EC) for technical guidance whenever or wherever required under norms.
- (5) In case of any damage reported, the VPPC (EC) shall recover the cost of damage (as per latest rates issued by the Forest Department from the ofender. The amount recovered shall be recorded in the record register.
- (6) In case of failure of the VPPC (EC) in recovering the damage, the department shall have the right to proceed against the defaulter for legal action as warranted under rules.
- (7) Technical Sanctions/Administrative Approval of works to be executed under these rules shall be accorded in terms of delegation/ extent of powers to these officers of Forest Department under reverent rules in this regard.
 - (8) The VPPC (GB/EC)should encourage establishment of wood

- (9) The agreement for raising the Village Wood LOt shall be signed between the VPPC (EC) and the concerned Range Officerand duly countersigned by the Divisional Forest Officer as per the schedule appended at Annexure

 Bøø and agreement there under
- (10) The VPPC (GB/EC) shall enforce the rules framed for the protection of the village woodlots, regulation of concessions, benefits and grazing as approved in the resolution.
- 6. Executive of works.—(1) After the approval of the annual plan by the VPPC (GB), and its acceptance by Director (SF), the VPPC shall be informed by the Block Officer) Member Secretary, VPPC (EC) accordingly. The Department of Social Forestry shall issue bthe administrative approval/technical sanctions and place the funds for raising the palantation as per the technical sanction so issued at the disposal of concerned VPPC (EC). The VPPC (EC) shall take up the execution of works by engaging the local labour from within the concerne Gram Panchayat. In case sufficient labour are nt aailable, it shall be managed from adjoining gram Panchayat. The proceedure for execution of work is given at clause 5 (3).
- (2) Once the execution of work is completed, the joint inspection shall be carried out by VPPC (EC) and representative of Department of Social Forestry not below the rank of Range Officer. In case the works are executed, the representative of contactor shall also be present. On receipt of satisfactory work done certificate, the Divisional Forest Officer (SF) shall release the payment in favour of the bonafide labour or contractor as the case may be.
- (3) When the VPPC takes up the execution of work out of fund from Village Panchayat Fund, these funds shall be released by joint Account Holders of VPPC (EC) i.e. Chairperson. Member Secretary and the Treasurer on receipt of Satisfactory work done certificate.

- (4) The department shall follow GFR-2017 in execution of works under these rules.
 - (5) The works shall be alloted through e-tendering.
- 7. **Monitoring.**—The Director, Department of Social Forestry shall monitor implimentation of rules and other connected issues and submit comprehensive reports to Government on the implimention/progress made as and when required by the Government and shall establish a comprehensive monitoring mechanism for regular monitoring of the execution of works.
- (2) The Administrative Secretary, Department of Forest Ecology and Environment shall make overall review of the implimentation of the rules especially swith respect of devolution of powers to the panchayats and the issues connected thereto.
- 8. **Interim unsufructs**.ô The plantation assets normally start yielding inetrim benefit from 2nd year onwards in the form or grass/leaf fodder, which gets enhanced in the form as fuelwood, small timber, other MFPs once planting gets established. Each plantation unit shall be managed as per prescritions of its Management plan.
- 9. **Sharing of Interim Usufructs**.ô (1) The interim benefits like grass /leaf fodder, fuel wood small timber and other MFPs shall be shared with householdsof the VPPC (GB) on equable basis. The distribution process shall be recorded in the record Department of Social Forestry and the proceedings thereof shall be recorded in the record register.
- (2) VPPC (EC) may take acecisions to auction/dispose of the surplus interim produce, if any, as per the descriptions given in Annexure B-Schedule-II.
- (3) The VPPC members shall be duty bound to assist in protecting the plantations and to become eligible for availing usufructs free of cost from such plantations units.
- (4) The usufructs shall be removed in cut and carry method and area shal remain colosed for grazzing till it gets fully established. Any

- (5) Any individual/household whose membershiop stands terminated by VPPC (GB) for any of the reason, which may include damage to plantation and non-adherence to rules and regulations on protection of plantations, shall be debarred to avail benefits/usufructs sharing which shall be in addition to any other action/penalties imposed on such defaulters/offenders.
- 10. **Final Harvest of Plantation**.ô (1) The decision on final harvest of plants in plantation units (VWL) shall be taken by VPPC 9EC0 in accordance with the Management plan and on advance of the Department of Socil Forestry. The sanction to fell the trees shall be accorded by the competent authority following the laid down procedure as per the existing rules/guidlines of Goivernment in this regard.
- (2) The produce shall be disposed of in open auction/e-auction after completing the procedure and financial proceeds (75% of the total revenue realized) shall be deposited in the joint accounts which would constitute the Village Panchayat Fund. 25% of the proceeds shall be deposited by Department of Social Forestry in Treasury as part of Govt. revenue.
- (3) The plantations raised on road side/canalbanks/wetlands and within the Govt. institutions shall also be raised/managed by VPPC with the assistance of Department of Social Forestry and concerned Department/Institution. These plantations shall be managed as per the prescriptions of Management Plan and Final harvest shall be shared in the ratio of 1.3 between the Department of Social Forestry and VPPC respectively. However, the 50% of VPPC share realizex from the institutes like school shall be earmarked for taking up ndevelopment activities within the same institute.
- (4) The Village Panchayat Fund shall be established by each VPPC for proper management of funds earned from such plantation assets. Each join account shall be mantained. Member Secretary and Treasurer of the VPPC.

- 11. **Operationalisation of Village Panchayat Funds**.ô The Village Panchayat Funds shall receive funds (75%) from sale of interim usufructs, the final harvest and from other sources, if any hich VPPC may manage to earn. The utilization of funds shall be proposed by VPPC 9EC0 by-afforestation on felled units, minor public utility works as per needs of the inhabitants of Grom Panchayat. It would be as per procedure prescribed in Clause-8 of Annexure-B. The account shall be operated jontly by Chairperson, Member Secretary and Treasurer of vpp (EC).
- 12. **Termination and appeal.**—(1) The VPPC 9GB0 may take action including termination of the membership of any member, who fails to perform his functions under these rules.
- (2) Any person aggrieved by te order of termination, may prefer an appeal within a period of 15 days to the Gram Sabha concerned.
- (3) Any person causing damage to the plantation assests and violating rules may be treated as offender/defaulter and shall be booked under law with the consent of VPPC (EC).
- 13, **Maintenance of Records**.ô The record of the proceedings of the VPPC shall be maintained in three registers as follows :ô
 - a. Register No. 1 shall contain the proceedings of the Executive Committee under section (A) constitution of the Comittee and section (B) Record of resolutions and meetings held by the Committee.
 - b. **Register No. 2** will record the busisness/proceedings of the General Body and shall records resolution and meetings held by General Body (Gram Sabha).
 - c. Register No. 3 shall contain the information about usufruct sharing details and its records such as grass guel wood, fodder, fruits, fallen/dry trees etc. given to members of VPPC and revenue realized thereof alongwith expenditure if any.

(the formats for these registers shall be notified by the Director, Social Forestry).

- 14. Village Woodlots on Private land/BirathariLand/Trust Land or of similar type of land.—(1) The existing cases regarding claims of proprietorship on Village woodlots established by the Department on private or on similar nature of lands which may belong to other departments/organization,trusts etc. shall be looked into/disposed off on case to case basis on grounds of their merit in light of authentic Lands Revenue Records at District level in a Coordination Committee, consisting of following which will meet once in two months:ô
 - 1. Deputy Commissioner Concerned Chairma/Chairperson
 - 2. Divisional Forest Officer (Social Member Secretary Forestry) Concerned
 - 3. Tehsildar Concerned Member
 - 4. Representative of VPPC Member Concerned
- (2) Provided that plantation raised on suuch land/area will vest with Social Forestry Department till the crop attains maturity and thereafter the benefits of final harvest whall be shared in the ratio of 3:1 between land owner/trust/birathari, and Department of Social Forestry respectively. However, the land oiwners shall have liberty for deciding future land use of the areas.
- 15. Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest (RDF).ô Under the component of Rehabilitation of degraded forest areas (RDF), the area shall be taken up as per the provisions of the working plan and with the conset of Territorial Forest Department. The plantation in given area will be done through the Department of Social Forestry following the standard norms and procedures under the existing and new schemes of the Department of SF. However, the VPPC (EC) will be involved for protection of plantation and would be alloed to cut and carry graqsses/leaf fodder from such RDF units under supervision of concerned Range Officer (SF) and subject to working plan prescriptions and guidelines of the scheme(s). The VPPCs shall be duty bound to offer their services of protection of such plantations including protectionfrom fire.
- (2) The Social Forestry plantations raised over degraded area in demarcated forests shall remain free from all encumbrances exceptingas

- (3) The RDF units raised by the Department of Social Forestry shall be handed over to the Forest (Territorrial Department) with proper handover/takeover alongwith record/inventories to be made between the concerned DFOs with the approval of concerned Regional Director (SF) and Conservator of Forests (T).
- 16. **Strip Plantation**.ô The plantation raised on road sides/cana lbanks/wetlands under strip plantation component shall be raised/managed byVPPC with the assistance of Department of Social Forestry and concerned Department/Organization owining the land. These plantations shall be managed as per the prescriptions of Management Plan.
- 17. **Institutional Plantation.**—(1) Under this component, the areas available with Government Institutions like School, Colleges, Universities, Government Offices, Army, PRIs and Police Camps shall be used for plantations of suitable ornamental and other useful species.
- (2) Village Panchayat (plantation)Committee (EC) will renderhelp to identify the Institutions for plantation under this component.. The institutions will be done by involving the members of VPPC/Members of Institutions/Students representatives of civbil society. The plantations shall be managed by concerned institution, and Departent of Social Forestry shall render technical guidance/assistance required if any in this regard, In case of anydamage to such plantation works VPPC may take appropriate action in consultation with concerned institution.
- (3) Whenever such plantations are required to be felled for use of land by the concerned institution/or removal due to threat to life and property, the Department of Social Forestry shall dispose of plantations as per laid down standard procedure of e-auction/open auction on the recomendations of VVPC (FC). The revenue realized on this account shall be shared between VVPC and Department in the ratio of 3:1. The VPPC may earmark 50% of such share for taking up Development works/activities in the said institution on the request of the head of the said institute.

- 18. Farm Forestry.ô (1) It would primarily include farmers interested to take up plantations on their farm lands, the saplings may als be made available to NGOs/VA (Volunteer Associations), Trust(s) individual households and other interested groups of society by Department of Social Forestry in consultation with VPPCs of concerned Gram Panchayats. The VPPC (EC), however, shall assess the viability and potential of successful raising and managing plantations berfore distribution of saplings.
- (2) The distribution of plants under Farm Forestry shall be made as per prevailing rates sanctioned by the Department of Social Forestry under the farm forestry component and render their services in generating awareness to raise and protect plantations.
- (3) The VPPC (FC) shall be involved to ensure that plants taken under farm forestry compinent are planted by the beneficiaries at right time and proper maintenance thereof is ensured.
- 19. Outreach and Capacity Building Programme.ô (1) The plantation drives shall out by the Department of Social Forestry by involving VPPCs and the general public/institutions through outreach programmes. The distribution of pamphlets, booklets and success stories of fields work shall be shared with VVPC members to increase outreach and acceptability of the plantation initiative.
- (2) The Department shall organize capacity building measures to enhance the knowledge and skills of the VPPC (EC) to strengthen their role and affectiveness in afforestation programmes.
- (3) Best performing VPPC at Province Level/District Level would be identified in an objective manner and incentivized with awards to sustain their interest.
- 20 Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme (CSR).ô The VPPC/Department of Social Forestry would be authorized to receive the funding under corporate social responsibility component other sources adopting the procedure laid down by the Government in this regard. so that financial resources under Village Panchayat Fund could be augmented. These funds shall be properly budgeted utilized and audited in consultationwith VPPC (EC) under existing norms.
- 21. **Grievance Cell.**ô A grievance cell shall be established in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Regional Director and Director

- 22. **Repeal and saving**.ô (1)All previous rules and orders corresponding to Jammu and Kashmir (Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest and illage Plantation) rules, are hereby repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the aforesaid rules so repealed any action taken or done or orders issued shall be deemed to have been issued under the corresponding provisions of these rules

By order of the Lieutenant Governor.

(Sd.) SANJEEV VERMA, IAS,

Commissioner/Secretary to Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL FORESTRY, J&K.

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Constitution of Village Panchayat (Plantation	on) Committee (VPPC)
Name of Halqa Panchayat	District
ID of Halqa Panchayat	Police Station
Unit/Closure	Village
Name of Sarpanch	Blockô ô ô ô ô ô
S. Name with particulars DesignationVPPC (EC) Signature No.	
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Rule 3(iv)

Annexure-"A"

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and executed atô ô ô ô ô ô ô , day of ô ô ô ô ô 20ô ô ô ô ô ô by and between :ô

Chairperson of Village Panchayat Plantation Committee (VPPC), ô ô ô ô ô ô hereinafter referred to as the party of first part which expression shall be deemed to include its successors.

AND

The Range Officer,———(S.F. Range———)
Social Forestry Divisionô ô ô ô ô ô hereinafter refreed to
as the party of second part which expression shall include its
successors in office and assigns.
WHEREAS the inhabitants of Mouzaunder Village
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PanchayatPolice Station and Districthereinafter
referred to as oThe beneficiaries. have requested the VPPC (EC) to
approach to the Range Officer to establish a plantation on wastelands/
khalsa sarkar/ village common land/community land etc. more particularly
described in Schedule-I hereto; hereinafter referred to as "the sair' 'ands'
and whereas the VPPC (EC) and the Range Officer have satisfied
themselves, after making such enquiries as are deemed adequate and
proper, that the beneficiaries are well and truly entitled and have
complete right to the said lands. and wnereas the Forest Officer (SF)
and the VPPC (for and on behalf of the beneficiaries) have agreed,
upon the mutual assurances and undertaking hereunder containcc.jo
erner into the contract. The papers pertaining to the title of S:l~Ji JaIDid
are part of this agreement.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT SHALL HAVE FOLLOWING TERMS & CONDITIONS WHICH SHALL @E BINDING ON BOTH THE PARTIES :ô

1. VPPC (EC) shall establish and manage plantation on the said land under the supervision of the Range Officer and in accordance with the Management plan described in clause (2) below:

- 2. After identification of sites farafforestation of Village Wood Lot (s) (VWL) in the area by the VPPC (EC), the DFO concerned shall prepare a management plan as per guidelines of the Department of Social Forestry and place the same for approval before the VPPC (GB) viz. Gram Sabha and submit the same to Director (SF) duly vetted by Regional Director (SF) fur acceptance by the Director (SF).
- 3. For a period of 5-10 years, or such length of time as may be mutually agreed upon between two parties. the VPPC shall arrange to manage and protect the plantation unit and shall assume full responsibility thereafter tor management, maintenance and protection on its own and bear the necessary expenditure in this regard out of its own resources! government funding or any other sources available with the VPPC.
- 4. The VPPC (EC) shall agree and undertake that the beneficiaries will ensure protection to A ~he said plantation with brush wood fencing or other means till the time j' is fully stablished as per assessment arrived at by the joint inspection of two parties.
- 5. For execution of plantation and other allied works, the VPPC (EC) shall. preferably utilize the services of the local residents, giving preference to landless agricultural labour and persons belonging to the traditionally backward segments of the population
- 6. To enhance employability of locals concerned Social Forestry wilt provide regular training to the willing villagers nominated by the (GB) ill order to develop skills enhance their capacity so that local people and members jointly manage the plantation assets on long term basis.
- 7. The concerned Social Forestry Officer (Block Officer Incharge)

shall maintain a plantation journal, as per approved **Format** (to be with these rules), reflecting details of plants by species, survival. man days generated and expenditures incurred. The plantation journal shall be presented so that proper record of the unit right from planting to its future management is maintained.

- - 8. Before the commencement of this agreement the parties hereto have prepared a scheme more particularly set out in Schedule II here under which envisages as under:
 - a. Harvesting of the interim minor Forest Produce such as firewood, fooder, grass, fruits, small timber for agriculture tools, harvested medicinal plant parts, However, it will be the prerogative of the VPPC (1C) to prohibit such collection (in part or entirely) after discussion with the Range Officer (SF)lbeneficiaries if such prohibition is found necessary for improvement and proper management of the plantation.
 - b. The forest produce accruing at each thinning, cutting or interim harvesting of minor forest produce shall be distributed or sold to the beneficiaries or persons other than the beneficiaries, as per the decision of the VPCC (Et,'). All such interim proceeds shall be deposited in the Village Panchayat Fund Account and shall be utilized as per clause 8(c) of this agreement. The VPPC shall maintain objectivity & transparency for equitable & judicious distribution/use of interim usufructs. by all members of 'who are beneficiaries of the plantation asset.
 - In consonance with Management Plan of unit, at each major harvest Department of Social Forestry will retain 25% share from the total receipts as Government rev ertue and 75% of cash balance will be transferred to Village Panchayat Fund as per provisions of the Agreement. The Village Panchayat Fund shall be maintained in a joint account of Chairperson of VPPC, Member-Secretary Block Office of Social Forestry) and Treasurer. The account shall be maintained in a Nationalized Bank like J&K Bank in interest generating mode. The funds from Village Panchayat fund shall be taking up works within the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat like plantations, reafforestation of felled Village Woodlots and to take up other common utility works. The VPPC (EC) shall propose the annual plan of works which shall be placed in VPPC (GB) for deliberations and final approval as part of the general Gram Panchayt Development Plan. The works

- - d. The VPPC shall abide by rules and regulations of Department of Social Forestry/guidelines of the Government regarding utilization of financial resources, maintenance of accounts and following the rules and procedures executing the works and during future management thereof;
 - e. VPPC shall follow the rules and regulations in letter and spirit
 while taking up execution, management and harvesting of
 plantation assets;
 - f. During the operation of this agreement the Range Officer or his authorized representative shall be entitled to enter upon the said lands for inspection, supervision and other works conected with or incidental to the creation, maintenance and harvesting said plantation such scientific snd technical studies as may be concidered by the concerned Forest Officer appropriate and relevant;
 - g. This agreement shall remain in force for a period of thirty (30) days after distribution and/or receipt of net income from the sale of forest produce from final felling unless earlier determined by mutual consent of the parties after consultation with the beneficiaries.
 - h. After approval from concerned Regional Director (SF), shall handover the plantation units (VW Lots) to the concerned VPPC (GB) after three to five years of its establishment with proper inventory and agreement for record and reference. The VPPC will take all necssary measures to safeguard and protect plantation and ensure its judicious sustained use for the benefits of the inhabitants of the Gram Panchayat in fair and equitable manner. VPPC will take appropriate action against any person found violating/non-adhering the rules and regulations concerning the protection and management of plantation asset;

- - i. In the event of any disagreement between the parties hereto about the interpretation of the agreement or of any of its term, either party may refer the matter to the Director, Department of Social Forestry, J&K whose decision shall be final binding on the parties.

IN THE WITNESSES WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have put their respective signatures on the day and date mentioned above.

WITNESSES	EXECUTANTS
1	Name
VPPC	Cahirperson VPPC,
Parentag	Party of 1st part
Address	-
Name	Range Officer
Parentage	Party of 2nd
Address	-
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Particular of Land to be used for raising plantation units

- 1. District
- 2. NES
- 3. Gram Panchayat
- 4. Ward No.
- 5. Geo Coordinates of piece of Land to be used
- 7. Khasra No.
- 8. Total area of the Land (in Ha.)

This schedule mentions the procedure to be followed for distribution of the interim forest produce/usufruct from the plantation units and the disposal of final mature plantation crop.

S. Particulars/produce Supervisory Body No.

A. Distribution of the interim Forest produce

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- 1. Leaf Fodder
- 1. Block Officer (SF) as Membe Secretary of VPPC
- 2. Two (2) repres mtatives of the VPPC{EC) including one female member.

- 2. Grasses
- 3. Small timber for Agricultural tools for bona-fide personal use by the bneficiaries (dry/fallen/poles only)
- 4. Fruits! Medicinal plants/ plants to be harvested

B. Disposal., the ft.al harvest from the plantation units

- Timber in the form of.
 Pole Ballies, Logs etc.
- 2. Standing mature trees.
- 1. Chairperson of VPPC
- Range Officer submit inventory of produce Standing mature trees for joint inspection along with the representative of VPPC DFO shall invite the process of e-auction.
- 3. The e-action committee shall include 2 representalives oiVPPC to be nominated by the Chairperson.