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**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, Forest Department had engaged the Taungyadars (Plantation labourers) for carrying out plantation works in the Reserve Forests during the regime of Chogyal i. e prior to the enactment of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and those Taungyadars were settled inside the Reserve Forest since then.

And whereas, the guidelines under the Forest Conservation Act have provision for the regularization after fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed in the guidelines.

Now, therefore, Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Department has decided to take up the case for regularization of the forest land occupied by the Taungyadars prior to the enactment of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, based on the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment of Forests, Government of India for regularization of such cases.

A committee of the following officers is hereby constituted separately for each district to examine and recommend the cases of the Taungyadars and other encroachers of Forest land who have been staying continuously in the forest land since before the enactment of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

**NORTH DISTRICT:**

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| 1. Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) North                                    | - | Chairman |
| 2. Social Welfare Officer, North  | - | Member   |
| 3. Sub – Divisional Officer / Magistrate of the<br>Concerned Revenue Sub – Division | - | Member   |

**EAST DISTRICT:**

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| 1. Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) East | - | Chairman |
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2. Social Welfare Officer, East - Member
3. Sub – Divisional Officer / Magistrate of the Concerned Revenue Sub – Division - Member

**SOUTH DISTRICT:**

1. Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) South - Chairman
2. Social Welfare Officer, South - Member
3. Sub – Divisional Officer / Magistrate of the Concerned Revenue Sub – Division - Member

**WEST DISTRICT:**

1. Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) West - Chairman
2. Social Welfare Officer, West - Member
3. Sub – Divisional Officer / Magistrate of the Concerned Revenue Sub – Division - Member

**Terms of Reference of the Committee:**

1. The committee shall carry out Joint Inspection of the forest land occupied by the Taungyadars. If the Taungya village is located in the middle of the Reserve Forest, the committee will explore the possibilities to re-locate them on the periphery of the Reserve-Forest.
2. The committee shall ascertain and ensure that all the occupants of the forest land were settled prior to the enactment of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (i.e prior to 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1980).
3. The committee shall submit the complete proposal to the PCCF – cum – Secretary, Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim for onward action.
4. The committee shall also carry out joint survey and ascertain the forest land which was encroached by individuals within the district other than the Taungaydars prior to the enactment of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and submit proposal for their regularization.
5. The complete proposal shall be submitted by the Committee within one month from the date of issue of this notification.

**By Order and in the name of Governor.**

**Karma Gyatso, IAS  
Chief Secretary,  
Government of Sikkim**