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1. The Revenue Courts of the J&K have been vested with the quasi-judicial powers and Revision powers under relevant provisions of land laws. Under section-11 of Land Revenue Act, 1939, all Deputy Commissioners (Collectors) have been authorized to hear the appeals under the Act with regard to subject matter falling within their respective jurisdictions. Under section 15 of Land Revenue Act, Financial Commissioner Revenue and Divisional Commissioner have been vested with extraordinary revisional jurisdiction to look into all the proceedings and orders passed by their sub-ordinate authorities. Similarly, under section 21 of Agrarian Reforms Act, all the ADC's of respective districts who have been designated as Commissioners under the said Act (Read with SRO 512 of 2014) have been empowered to hear and dispose of the appeals arising out of disputes under Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976. Similarly, Commissioner Survey and Land Records is empowered to hear and dispose of matters arising out disputes in the areas notified under settlement.
2. It is thus imperative upon the Revenue Courts created under various Acts as aforesaid to conduct the regular Court proceedings, hear the cases and dispose of the same in a time bound manner so as to provide the relief to the persons who are held up in the Court litigation. However, it has been observed that the sub-ordinate Revenue Courts exhibit a lackadaisical and non- serious approach in dealing with the revenue cases pending with them. As a result, a bulk of revenue cases remain pending with the Courts. Such an approach has been seen with serious concern.

It has also been observed that a large number of suits under section 32 of Land Revenue Act for rectification of settlement errors filed

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before Deputy Commissioners and the cases assigned to the committees headed by Regional Directors Survey and Land Records constituted for the purpose of correction of records under section 27 are pending and no significant progress has been made by the said authorities for speedy disposal of such cases. Hence, it is again impressed upon all the Deputy Commissioners and Regional Directors to keep a calendar of all such cases and send a monthly progress report of such cases to this office.

4. In order to make whole exercise result oriented and to keep pace with the tempo of disposal of court cases, it is desirable that the subordinate presiding officers shall give monthly feedback of all the cases under adjudication with them as per the devised format in the following manner:
- i. Assistant Collector 2nd Class (NTs) shall submit the monthly status of Assistant Collector 1st Class (Tehsildar).
 - ii. Assistant Collector 1st Class (ACRs/Tehsildars) and ADC's shall submit monthly progress report to District Collector.
 - iii. District Collectors of all Districts shall submit the progress reports to Divisional Commissioners under an intimation to this office.
 - iv. Divisional Commissioners, Jammu / Kashmir, Joint Financial Commissioner, Regional Director, Survey Land Records shall submit the monthly progress report to this office.

DEVISED FORMAT:

No. of cases pending at the start of month	No. of cases instituted during the month	Total cases	No. of cases disposed off/ decided during the month	Balance cases at the close of month
1	2	3	4	

Moreover, a weekly cause list / calendar shall be notified by all the Presiding officers well in advance and communicated as per the mode embodied in the circular instructions.



5. Hence, it impressed upon all the sub-ordinate revenue courts (Divisional Commissioners, Commissioner Survey and Land Records, Deputy Commissioners and Regional Director Survey and Land Records) that the conducting of court cases be taken on priority and on regular basis. It is also made imperative that the concerned presiding officers of the Revenue Courts to dispose of the cases in a time bound manner and communicate the reasons for the failure on their part to dispose of any of the cases in a fixed time frame. It is apt to convey that adherence to the circular instructions in letter and spirit shall be reviewed at intervals by the undersigned.

Sd/-

**Financial Commissioner (Rev)
J&K Srinagar**

By order of the Financial Commissioner (Rev), J&K.

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Dated:- 24-10-2019.

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- 2. Joint Financial Commissioner, Revenue, J&K.**
- 3. Regional Director, Survey, Land Records, J&K.**
- 4. All Deputy Commissioners.**
- 5. All Addl. Deputy Commissioners.**
- 6. All Sub District Magistrates.**

Additional Commissioner (Central)

**With Financial Commissioner (Revenue)
J&K, Srinagar.**