

**Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Office of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K, Jammu.**

**Subject: - Stopping encroachment on/conversion of paddy-growing lands in the State.**

**CIRCULAR**

Hon'ble Chief Minister, other senior Ministers and Officers of the State Administration have been showing concern regarding reported encroachments on and conversion of paddy-growing lands through-out the State. This office has from time to time, issued various instructions and circulars to all the Dy. Commissioners and other field functionaries to ensure that no conversion of paddy-growing lands for non- agricultural purposes and encroachments be allowed at any cost. But, unfortunately, it seems that these instructions have been observed in breach than in compliance.

It is reiterated that basic function of every Revenue Officer is to ensure "Good Land Management". In J&K we have ample provisions in Land Revenue Act and other relevant laws to stop conversion of paddy-growing lands into non-agricultural land especially through encroachments by un-scrupulous people.

This office is in receipt of a representation from Awantipora and its adjoining villages showing concern regarding encroachments over paddy-growing lands in the area adjoining the Airport Road. This office had earlier brought this into the notice of Dy. Commissioner, Anantnag but it is not known what action has been taken.

All the Dy. Commissioners are enjoined to ensure that no encroachment on/conversion of paddy-growing lands into non-agricultural uses is made. They are advised to invoke, wherever required the provisions of Section 133 of Land Revenue Act and take action on the subject. They are further advised to initiate action against the delinquent Officers/officials who have not adhered to the provisions of law and allowed the encroachments and conversion of paddy-growing lands into non-agricultural uses.

*tation* Dy. Commissioners will send a succeeding MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT on the subject before 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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