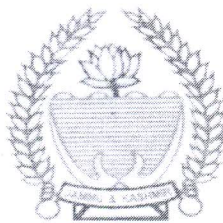


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**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Revenue Department, Civil Secretariat,
Srinagar

Subject:- Policy regarding change of land use

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Whereas, in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the land is not only an important factor of production but also the basic means of subsistence for majority of the people. Unplanned constructions like raising of colonies, factories, brick kilns, shopping complexes and other commercial establishments, has severely affected the agricultural husbandry of the State.

Whereas, although, sufficient laws are in place which prohibit or restrict the conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes, but, in the absence of housing policy, the State has witnessed unplanned growth of residential and commercial establishments. Nevertheless, the existing laws do not provide comprehensive procedure to be followed for grant of permission for change of land use (CLU) and by and large it is for the Revenue Minister to either grant or deny permission at his sole discretion, which calls for a well defined, transparent and a simplified procedure as regards grant of permission for CLU.

Whereas, under Section 133-A of the J&K land Revenue Act, no land growing Shali crop, Vegetable or Saffron Lullis, can be put to any use other than for the purposes mentioned above, without obtaining prior permission of the Revenue Minister. Moreover, under section 13 of the J&K Agrarian Reforms Act-1976, prior permission of the Revenue Minister or an officer duly authorized by him in this behalf is required for conversion of agricultural land. However, upto 02 Kanals no permission is required for residential purposes under the said section. Besides,

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