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Subject: Constitution of a Special Investigation Team & a Special Team in compliance with Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 15.05.2025 in the I.A No., 2079 of 2007 with WP(C) 301 of 2008 with I.A No. 9108 of 2024 in WP(C) 301 of 2008 for undertaking the exercise as directed by the Apex Court in para 95 of the aforementioned matter.

Reference: Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement dated 15.05.2025 in I.A No., 2079 of 2007 with WP(C) 301 of 2008 with I.A No. 9108 of 2024 in WP(C) 301 of 2008.

**Order No: -42 of (FE&E) UTL of 2025
Dated: 19/12/2025**

In reference to the above mentioned orders of the Hon'ble Apex Court, a Special Investigation Team and a Special Team **are constituted with the following composition** in compliance with para 95 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 15.05.2025 in the I.A No., 2079 of 2007 with WP(C) 301 of 2008 with I.A No. 9108 of 2024 in WP(C) 301 of 2008 for undertaking the mandated exercise in UT Ladakh as per the directions in para 95 of the aforementioned referenced matter.

(i) **The composition of the Special Investigation Team is given below;**

S. No	Designation of the officer	Role
1	Deputy Conservator of Forests (Headquarters), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Ladakh	Chairperson
2	Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Leh/Kargil District	Member
3	Representative of Police Department, UT Ladakh	Member
4	Divisional Forest Officer, Leh/Kargil District	Member Secretary



Mandate of the Special Investigation Team:

1. The Special Investigation Team shall examine and identify as to whether any of the Reserved Forest Land in the possession of the Revenue Department, UT Ladakh has been allotted to any private individuals/ institutions for non- forestry purposes. A report on the same shall be prepared in the prescribed time schedule.
2. Pursuant to the aforementioned Report, the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh shall repossess/ reclaim such lands from the private individuals/ institutions and handover the same to the Forest Department, UT Ladakh.
3. In case any such lands cannot be reclaimed/ repossessed in the larger public interest, the the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh shall recover the costs of such lands from the private individuals/ institutions to whom such lands were allotted for non-forestry purposes. Such amounts received shall be utilized for the purposes of development of forests in UT Ladakh.
4. The Special Investigation Team shall meet at least once in a fortnight to evaluate its progress to complete the task as per the time frame fixed by the Hon'ble Court.

(ii) The proposed composition of the Special Team is given below:

S. No	Designation of the officer	Role
1.	District Commissioner, Leh/Kargil District	Chairperson
2.	Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Leh/Kargil District	Member
3.	Representative of Police Department, UT Ladakh	Member
4.	Representative of the Finance Department, UT Administration of Ladakh	Member
5.	Divisional Forest Officer, Leh/Kargil District	Member Secretary

Mandate of the Special Team:

1. The Special Team shall ensure that all repossession transfer of the lands from the private individuals/ institutions used for non- forestry purposes and which have been identified by the Special Investigation Team for repossession shall be completed on or before 15.05.2026.
2. The Special Team shall meet at least once in a month

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh



Sd/-
(Sanjeev Khirwar) IAS,
Principal Secretary,
Forest, Ecology and Environment
Department, UT Ladakh.

No:- Com.Secy/FE&E/UTL/2025/Order/ 644 - 56

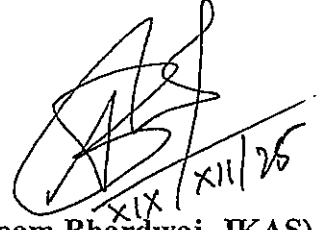
Dated: 19 / 12 /2025.

Distribution

All members of the Special Investigation Team Special Team along with a copy of the letter dated 26/08/20225.

Copy also to:

1. The OSD to Hon'ble Lt., Governor, UT Ladakh, for information of the Hon'ble Lt., Governor.
2. The OSD to Chief Secretary, UT of Ladakh, for information of the Chief Secretary.
3. The OSD to Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, UT Ladakh, for information of the Principal Secretary.
4. The OSD to Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, UT Ladakh, for information of the Principal Secretary.
5. All Administrative Secretaries, UT Administration of Ladakh.
6. The Director General of Police, Ladakh.
7. The Deputy Commissioner/ CEO, LAHDC, Leh & Kargil.
8. All Head of Departments (HODs), UT of Ladakh.
9. The Divisional Forest Officer, Leh & Kargil.
10. Director (IT), NIC, Ladakh.
11. Concerned file.



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