

**Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Home, A-Section**

No. Home-A-E(3)- 1/2009,

Dated: Shimla-2,

14.06.2011.

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**Notification**

Whereas the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in its judgment dated 20-05-2011 in Cr.M.P(M) No.1299/2008 titled Yoginder Singh Vs. State of HP has taken serious note of the menace of encroachments on forest lands. Whereas it is felt that encroachments on the forest land should be dealt with, sternly to curb the menace. The Hon'ble High Court in its order in the aforesaid case has passed certain directions. One of the direction pertains to constitution of a Task Force in each district to be headed by an officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police. The Task Force at the District level is to be constituted for the purpose of monitoring registration of FIRs; investigation and putting up challan in the appropriate court of law.

2. The Governor, Himachal Pradesh, therefore, is pleased to constitute a Task Force in each District of the State in the following manner:-

1. Superintendent of Police, .....Chairperson.
2. Executive Engineer(PWD).....Member.
3. ADM or Assistant Commissioner to DC or .....Member.  
Distt. Revenue Officer of the district.
4. Law Officer in S.P. Office .....Member.
5. DFO of the respective jurisdiction.....Member Convener.

2. The Divisional Forest Officer of the respective territorial Division would convene meetings of the Task Force. The Task Force will hold its meetings at such intervals as may be necessary.

3. The Superintendent of Police of the district may co-opt other such officers in the Task Force as may be required to assist the Task Force for its effective functioning . The Task Force would monitor registration of FIRs, investigations of cases of encroachment in Forest land and thereafter monitor putting up challans in appropriate courts of law .

4. The Task Force of the districts shall work under the superintendence's & control of the Monitoring Committee constituted by the High Court which comprises the Additional Chief Secretary(Forests) and Principal Secretary(Revenue) of the State Government. Copy of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court dated 20.05.2011 is also attached herewith for perusal of the Superintendents of Police.

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By Order

**Chief Secretary to the  
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh**

**Endst. No. As Above,            Dated Shimla-171002            14.06.2011.**

Copy is forwarded for information and necessary action:-

1. The Addl. Chief Secy.(Forests) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002
2. The Principal Secy.(Revenue)to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002
3. The Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
4. The Addl. Director General of Police(CID)/(Law and Order), Himachal Pradesh,
5. All Deputy Commissioner in Himachal Pradesh.
6. All District Superintendents of Police, Himachal Pradesh.

Special Secretary (Home)to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh