

Government of Jammu and Kashmir DIRECTORATE OF SHEEP HUSBANDRY, KASHMIR

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Subject: - Monitoring of on-going 20TH Livestock census

CIRCULAR

20th livestock census, which is presently going on throughout the country and in Kashmir province its responsibility has been bestowed upon the Department of Animal Husbandry Kashmir, is a breed based quinquennial census and shall be helpful for framing policies/programs for breed improvement of various species of animals.

In backdrop of above, it has been brought into the notice of this office that some of the enumerators of Animal Husbandry Department engaged in the census are not recording proper data with regard to small ruminants. This concern becomes more worrisome considering the fact that majority of these enumerators are from Animal Husbandry Department itself. The said enumerators, rather than recording the head counts, have converted the census into questionnaire based survey and by virtue of which they record the oral statements of house holders and the same proves deceptive most of the times as sheep farmers have misconception with regard to disclose of the actual livestock strength, as they believe that it may lead to imposition of new taxes by Govt.

Therefore in order to get number of small ruminants (sheep and goats) recorded properly by all concerned enumerators it is impressed upon all the District Sheep Husbandry Officers of this Department to monitor the operation at their level in their respective areas of jurisdiction and provide full assistance to the enumerators through the staff of concerned Sheep Extension Centres for enabling them to visit the grazing lands/field; enabling them to record the actual head counts, besides visiting each and every house hold. In case of any discrepancy noticed same may be taken up with concerned Chief Animal Husbandry Officers under intimation to this office so that adequate remedial measures are taken at all levels and operation is conducted accurately.

Sheep Husbandry Department

Dated: - Ø3 -11-2018.

1. The Principal Secretary to Govt. Animal/Sheep Husbandry Department J & K Civil Secretariat Jammu for favour of information and necessary action at his end please.

- 2. Director, Animal Husbandry Department Kashmir for information and necessary action at his end.
- **3-4.** Joint Director Extension/Farms Sheep Husbandry Department, Kashmir for information and necessary action.
- 5-28. District Sheep Husbandry Officer/ Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (AHDK), Anantnag/ Budgam /Baramulla/ Bandipora/ Ganderbal /Kulgam /Kupwara / Pulwama/ Srinagar / Shopian/ Kargil & Leh for information and necessary action.
- 29-47 Deputy/Assistant Director/ Officer Incharge SBF/ GF/ARF,Dachigam (Khimber)/ Daksum/ Kralpathri/ Goabal/ Zawoora/ Hardshiva/ Poshnar/ Kewa/ Wussan/ Arin-Dardpora/ Khumbathang/ Pashkum/ Khangral/ Lakhthang/ Upshi/ Nyoma/ Mathoo/ Satakna and Hunder for information and necessary action. They will expect the arrival of enumerator(s) at their farms for counting the animals and in case of non-arrival they will report the same to CAHO concerned under intimation to this office.
- 48. Administrator departmental website for uploading the circular on website.