

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,
OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE GENERAL**

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Subject: Destruction of disposed litigation records at Jammu wing upto the year 2014.

ORDER NO. **54** -AG of 2023
DATED: **01-05-2023**

Whereas, during the office visit in 2022 at Jammu wing, the old record room on 1st floor having tin roof, was observed having full of litigation records in haphazered manner.

Whereas, the Head Assistant I/c Section Officer was directed on spot to put up the details of said records and status. He vide his report dated 08-09-2022 reported that the store room where records are lying is tin roofed and due to weathering and 2014 situation, the records have got damaged and are virtually waste paper. No list /indexing of files/records have been earlier maintained by the then Record Keepers. It also reveals that the case files are related to the already disposed of cases by the Hon'ble High Court and were kept by then Record Keepers after its weeding out.

Whereas, the matter was got further examined through by Section Officer [A&C], who after making physical verification of the said space alongwith Incharge Stores Mr. Tilak Raj and R/K Jammu Mr. Karan Arora on 19th January-2023, reported that it would be difficult to make index or list of these files and recommended for disposal of the said records, and thereafter renovate the room to make it properly usable. However, he managed with the existing Record Keepers to provide Department wise no.of case files after hard efforts.

Whereas, the list of department-wise cases reveals 9991 disposed record files for last two decades for the period ranging from 2001 to 2017 of the 15-Record Keeping Units covering 38 administrative departments.

Whereas, the matter was got further examined by the Accounts Officer, who recommended for constitution of committee.

In view of the peculiar circumstances as elucidated above, read with guidelines of the Government vide order No.42-GAD of 2014 dated: 04.10.2014 for destruction of records in the wake of widespread weathering situation which led to the devastated 2014 flood situation and physical conditions of the old disposed records, it is hereby ordered that the old records for the year 2000 to 2014 shall be declared as "Records to be Destroyed" at Jammu wing of this office by the following Committee constituted for the purpose with the condition that:-

1. The important papers of the case files as possible as can be identified and preserved after weeding out.
2. An inventory in each case is framed and preserved for future reference.

3.
01/05/2023

The task is accomplished within two months.



1	Mr. Raman Sharma, Addl. Advocate General	Chairman
2	Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Private Secretary	Member
3	Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Senior Stenographer	Member
4	Ms. Savita Devi, Junior Legal Assistant	Member
5	Mr. Sunil Kumar, Senior Assistant	Member

Issued with the approval of Ld. Advocate General, J&K

(Z.A. Dewani)
Administrative Officer,
with Advocate General, J&K

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Dated: 01-05-2023

Copy for information to the:

1. All Sr. AAGs/ AAGs /DAGs/GAs, Jammu.
2. Accounts Officer / Private Secretary.
3. All concerned.
4. Mr. Tilak Raj, Senior Assistant RK Estates/ I/c Stores, Jammu, with instructions to provide full support and assistance as desired by the Chairman.
5. Order file.
6. Concerned file.