

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

Subject: - Sale and Purchase of land belonging to Religious Institutions of Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir Valley.

Govt. Order No: Rev/MR/124 of 2008  
D A T E D: 16-04-2008

Whereas, during discussion in the Legislature during January 2008 it was alleged that there has been illegal sale and purchase of land belonging to various religious institutions of Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir Valley and an assurance was given by the Govt. on the floor of the house for holding an inquiry in the matter.

Whereas, Settlement Commissioner J&K was appointed as Inquiry Officer vide Govt. Order no: Rev/MR/37 of 2008 dated: 15-02-2008 to hold inquiry in the case.

Whereas, the inquiry officer has submitted his report which reveals that there have been some violations in the process of sale and purchase of land belonging to religious institutions of Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir Valley.

Now, therefore, in order to safeguard the Shrine properties of Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir Valley it is hereby ordered that;

1. All the Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir will ensure that no extracts of revenue record are issued to any Mahant/Manager or their representatives for any Shrine property, without prior written permission of the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
2. The responsibility of the custody of revenue record pertaining to the Shrine properties shall be of the Tehsildar concerned, who alone shall be competent to prepare an abstract of record as and when the same is directed to be issued on the orders of the Deputy Commissioner. Powers of the field staff to prepare and issue such abstract shall thus be deemed to have been withdrawn;
3. Attestation of mutation of any document of sale/lease executed by any Mahant/Manager in respect of Shrine property, with proper permission under law, shall be entered and attested by a Tehsildar only with the prior approval of the Deputy Commissioner;
4. In respect of all the mutations so far attested, the Deputy Commissioners shall carry out a suo-moto review under section 13 of J&K Land Revenue Act read with para 104 of Standing order 23-A.

(Mutations) and pass appropriate orders under law in respect of these mutations within three months;

By order of the Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

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No: Rev/MR/40/2008

Dated: 16 -04-2008

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