Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat, Revenue Department.

Sh.D.Diptivilasa Joint Secretary (IS/K) Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India New Delhi-110001

NO: Rev/MR/176/08

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Subject:-

Points raised by Shri Wajahat Habibullah/Issues pertaining to Non-Migrant Kashmiri Pandits.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your D.O.No.16030/10/2008 - K.V. dated 04-11-2009 addressed to Chief Secretary, J&K on the above mentioned subject and to say as under:-

A section of Non-Migrant Kashmiri Pandits met Shri Wajahat Habibullah Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information, Commission, GOI during his visit to Kashmir and projected the following demands:-

- a) Carrying out of census of non-migrant Kashmiri Pandits.
- b) Preparing the inventory of property of non-migrant Kashmiri Pandits.
- c) Preparation of list of unemployed Kashmiri Pandit youth for providing of suitable jobs
- d) Mobilization of NGO's for providing of relief to destitute families belonging to Kashmiri Pandits.

Comments of the State Government are furnished as under:-

Carrying out of census of non migrant Kashmiri Pandits.

Census has been conducted which indicates that there are 808 families consisting of 3445 souls who are still living in the Kashmir valley.

b) Preparing the inventory of property of non-migrant Kashmiri Pandits.

The inventory of the property of non-migrant Kashmiri Pandits has been prepared which is depicted as under:-

Total Number of Houses - 733

sheds

Cow sheds

216

N13/40/10
58/K

Jenay "
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Commercial assets

49

Agricultural Land Orchards 2662 kanal 16 Marlas 1159 Kanal 07 Marlas

Trees

16757

c) Preparation of list of unemployed Kashmiri Pandit youth for providing of suitable jobs.

As per the census carried out there are 561 unemployed non-migrant Kashmiri Pandit youth as detailed below.

Baramulla	-	145
Kupwara	-	2
Pulwama	•	108
Srinagar	-	16
Shopian	-	25
Anantnag	_	145
Budgam	-	48
Ganderbal	-	5
Kulgam	-	41
Bandipora	-	<u> 26</u>
Total	-	561

Hon'ble Prime Minister's Package with regard to employment is equally applicable to them as well.

d) <u>Mobilization of NGO's for providing of relief to destitute families</u> belonging to Kashmiri Pandits.

During the census of non-migrant Kashmiri Pandits, it was reported that there were 5 destitute families. However, on re-verification only one family of Mattan District Anantnag consisting of single soul has been found genuinely destitute. Steps are being taken to provide him appropriate financial assistance for sustenance.

Yours Raithfully

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Special Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

Copy to:-

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