

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
CIVIL SECTRERIATE FOREST DEPARTMENT  
(WILDLIFE PROTECTION)**

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**NOTIFICATION**

**DATED, THE 19-03-1987**

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SRO) 156:- Whereas, it appears to the Government that the area specified in Annexure "A" to this Notification, has adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological significance for purpose of protecting, propagating and developing Wildlife or its environment.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17 of the Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1978, the Government hereby declare the said area as a sanctuary.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

S/d  
(N.R Gupta)  
Secretary to Government

No. FSV/WL/SAN/Baltal/87

Dated 19-3-1987

Copy for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Secretary to Government, Law Department.
2. Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
3. Chief Wildlife Warden, Srinagar.
4. Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District.
5. Manager Government presses for favour of publication in Government Gazette.
6. Stock file.

(Hamid-ullah)  
Deputy Secretary to Government  
Forest Department

Annexure to SRO 156

Dated 19-03-1987

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STATUS SURVEY REPORT OF PROPOSED

BALTAL (THAJWAS

(WILDLIFE SANCTUARY)

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION  
JAMMU & KASHMIR  
SRINAGAR

## Status Survey Report of Proposed Baltal (Thajwas) Wildlife Sanctuary

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The area is named after an important phase located on Srinagar-Leh route which falls in the jurisdiction of the proposed Wildlife Sanctuary.

### Situation:-

The track is situated at about 92 kms east of Srinagar City. The nearest airport and rail head stand 104 kms and 391 kms away respectively.

### Boundaries:-

North ..... Sindh River  
South ..... Lidder Forest Division  
East ..... Zojila pass  
West ..... Forest Division

### Area:-

The track encompasses an area of about 203 sqkm out of which only 1,677 hectares are covered by forests. The proposed Wildlife Sanctuary is roughly rectangular in shape approximately 29 kms long and 7 kms wide.

The area is enclosed by mountains constituting a part of the great Himalayan mountain range with peaks between 3,213 to 5,423 mtrs. above main sea level.

### Ecology Rock and Soil:-

The mountain enclosing to proposed sanctuary some of massive hard panjal tract, with little vegetation. The soil is allurial containing gravel deposits.

### Climates:-

It experiences an irregular climate moderate temperature during summer and very low temperature during winter is experienced. The higher altitudes experiences forest towards the end of November up in the higher reaches there is an early snowfall and the cold weather even continues till end of My. The major part of precipitation in winter in mainly in the form of snow.

### Legal position:-

The proposed area is presently owned and administrated by the Forest Department of the Jammu and Kashmir State.

### Flora:-

The major portion of vegetal matter possesses as usual a \_\_\_\_\_ crop of pine, fir with deficient regeneration. The broad leaved species are birch stands. Above the tree cover the area manages in to grand and vast alpine pastures which render a unique beauty to entire Sonamarg and these are covered with glaciers.

Following four biotopes have been distinguished.

1) Kashmir Subalpine Forests:-

It is characterized by irregular fir forest spotted with kail, spruce and broad-leaved species of Aesculus Indis, Juglans, raja, Acar Capadocicum, Padus Cernuta \_\_\_\_\_.

The under story of Sambucus Waginta, Skimmia, Parratiopris Jacquementiana and rich ground covered. It is confined to an altitudinal zone ranging from \_\_\_\_\_ to 3,200 mts.

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**CHIEF SECRETARIAT**  
**(General Department)**  
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**Amendment to Notifications under the Game Preservation Act 1998.**

(1) Memorandum No. F/427/43 dated 25-6-45

From the Development Minister.

(2) Order No. 710-C of 1945

Dated 17-7-1945

The notification forming an annexure to this order sanctioned and it is directed that these be published in the Government Gezette.

By order in Council

Confirmed.

**PRIME MINISTER**

**MAHARAJA**

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**NOTIFICATION I**

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (3) of Section I of the Jammu and Kashmir Game Preservation Act, 1998, the Government are pleased to exempt the Game Sanctuary and Game Reserves from the provisions of section 6 of the said Act to this extent that grazing therein may be permitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests.

**Game Sanctuary**

Chumnai basin in Aru valley as delineated in the map bare to annexed.

**GAME RESERVES**

**Jammu Province**

Jasrota Forest I and II including Bagni Block- An area near Kathua in the Kathua Forest Division.

1. Delsar Rakh.
2. Larh Rakh.
3. Gurarh Rakh.
4. Mansar (Sagoon Rakh).
5. Mansar (Tunnel Rakh).
6. Karan Rakh.
7. Kheri Rakh.
8. Agra Chak Rakh.
9. Badyal Rakh.
10. Vakwal Rakh.
11. Ramnagar Rakh.

**Kashmir Province**

1. Cheshmashi Rakh.
2. Oвра Rakh in Lidder Valley.
3. Khirram Rakh (Big Game area outside the State Rakh as delineated in map A here to annexed).
4. Lower Dachigam Rakh, (as delineated in the map B here to annexed).
5. Ajjas Big Game area (as delineated in map C here to annexed).
6. Thajwas Nullah (as delineated in map D here to annexed).
7. Rajparian Rakh.