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Shopian (27.10.2024): Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, Forests, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana today visited Shopian. He was received by the Wildlife Warden, Shopian / South, Shri Sohail Ahmad Wagay, Divisional Forest Officer, Shopian, Deputy Director Forest Protection Force Shopian \ along with Range Officers from Forest, Forest Protection Force and Wildlife Protection Department.

The Hon'ble Minister who is on five-day tour to the Pir Panjal Region. The minister was accompanied by Shri Sohail Ahmad Wagay, Wildlife Warden, South/ Shopian who briefed the hon'ble minister about the Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary, preservation of wildlife in the Sanctuary and the ways to keep ecosystems healthy. Large or small, every species has a distinct function in the ecosystem that helps maintain the balance required for life on Earth. The animals serve as a symbol of the Nation's natural heritage and lure millions of tourists annually, helping boosts regional economies and aids in conservation efforts.

The Hon'ble Minister listened to the public welfare and development issues patiently and assured action on all genuine issues. The Hon'ble Minister directed Wildlife Warden, Shopian / South to prepare the DPR for Eco-tourism activities that need to be carried out inside the Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary especially at Peer ki Gali and Dubjun.

Further the Hon'ble Minister stressed upon the immediate repairment of the Wildlife Staff Quarters and Guest Houses inside the Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary.

