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Subject: - Circulation of departmental information through WhatsApp groups.

**CIRCULAR**

This Directorate had circulated instructions for immediate closure of unofficial WhatsApp groups being used by Fire & Emergency Service Personnel for circulation of any official data. It has been observed that these instructions were implemented/followed for a time being after which many other groups like **Agni Shaman**, **Agni Shaman**, **Gam Dafaye**, **Brave FireFighters**, **News**, **Ministerial Batch 2019**, **Junior Assistants 2019**, **Batch 2020 JKFES**, **Friendly Group**, **Message Group**, **101 News Network**, **Bandipora 101** have been circulated in these groups which is highly illegal & against rules/provisions as envisaged in IT Act 2000 besides service conduct rules.

Now therefore, it is reiterated and enjoined upon all Fire & Emergency Services personnel that henceforth,;

- i) That no employee shall have powers / discretion to create such groups without any proper permission from the competent authority and to circulate official data / documents in these groups.
- ii) Further, it is enjoined upon the concerned admins/concerned employees that all such unauthorised WhatsApp groups used for circulation of departmental information shall immediately be deleted. Any violation in this regard and circulation of any unauthorised departmental information or record directly or indirectly, shall warrant departmental action for misuse of official position, breach of confidentiality and security under IT Act 2000 and relevant clauses of J&K employees Service ( Conduct) rules.

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