



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CENTRAL CIRCLE
Member Secretary, J&K Forest Central Benevolent Fund Committee

Minutes of meeting of the J&K Central Forest Benevolent Fund Committee held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), J&K on 16th July, 2020 at 11.00 AM in his office Chamber at Van Bhawan, Jammu.

The following members were present in the meeting:-

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| 1. Sh. T. Rabi Kumar, IFS | CCF Central |
| 2. Sh. S.F.A. Gillani, IFS | CCF Kashmir |
| 3. Sh. K. Ramesh, IFS | CCF Jammu |
| 4. Sh. Samuel Changkija, IFS | CF East |
| 5. Sh. Mohan Dass, IFS | CF West |
| 6. Sh. Irfan Rasool, IFS | CF North |
| 7. Sh. Alok, IFS | DFO Jammu |
| 8. Sh. Zubair Ahmad | CF Srinagar |
| 9. Ms. Aliya Iftikhar, KAS | CAO |
| 10. Sh. Sunil Kumar | DFO Urban Forestry Jammu |
| 11. Sh. Syed Abid Nazir | DFO Urban Forestry Srinagar |
| 12. Sh. Feroze Chaket | DFO Anantnag Forest Division |
| 13. Sh. Parvez Ahmad | DFO J.V. Forest Division |

The Kashmir based officers / outstation officers joined the meeting through online mode (WEBEX). Initiating the discussions, the PCCF (Chairman) asked the CF Central (Member Secretary) of the committee to brief about the salient features of J&K Forest Benevolent Fund Rules-1981 alongwith the amendment made thereof subsequently from time to time. Member Secretary briefed about the existing rule position and also outlined the agenda for the meeting (which stood already circulated in advance through email / whatsapp by Member

Secretary to all the members). The committee then deliberated upon the agenda items.

The Chairman Central Benevolent Fund Committee enquired about the total relief released / distributed among the eligible forest officers / officials. He was informed by CAO that till 30th May 2019, Rs.7.75 Lakhs has been disbursed among the eligible forest officers /officials. The CAO informed the committee that at present Rs.1.37 Crore are lying in the J&K Bank (SSI Lal Chowk Branch) Savings Account with Rs.90.00 Lakhs as FDA and Rs.47.00 Lakhs as cash deposit. She further informed that some DDOs are not making deductions for all the employees under benevolent fund and some DDOs are not submitting monthly benevolent fund deduction statement to this office on monthly basis, as required under rules. The committee was apprised by the Member Secretary that as per the benevolent fund rules, every forest officer / official compulsorily has to deduct the prescribed amount from his monthly salary as per the below mentioned subscription rates :-

S. No.	Designation	Amount to be deducted (in Rs.)
01.	PCCF	250
02.	CCF	200
03.	CF	150
04.	DCF/ACF	100
05.	RO/ HA	75
06.	For/SA	50
07.	Dy. Forester	40
08.	Forest Guard/ JA	30
09.	Class-IV / equivalent	20

The Member Secretary also informed that the voluntary donations and grants are also acceptable, under J&K Benevolent Fund Rules-1981.

The J&K Benevolent Fund Rules, 1981 (Amendment, 2016) were also discussed in detail wherein certain changes in the eligibility of officials for receiving compensation under this fund have been made resulting in narrowing the scope of original J&K Benevolent Fund Rules – 1981. The matter regarding

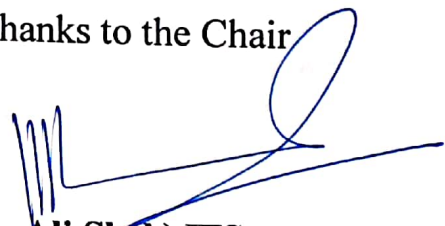


legal sanctity of the Amendment Rules – 2016 was also discussed as these were not issued by the Government.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting.

1. That the meeting of Central Benevolent Fund Committee shall be henceforth be held once in every three months.
2. The Circle level Committees / Divisional level Committees shall apprise the Member Secretary immediately / regularly regarding extent of immediate relief given to officers / officials in their respective Circles/ Divisions as per J&K Benevolent Fund Rules-1981.
3. The Chairman directed the CAO to examine the provisions under rules so that sparable funds can be deposited under interest bearing account. Further she was advised to apprise on the status of Annual Audit as required under the rules. She was also advised to put up a circular to be send to all DDOs regarding proper deduction of Benevolent fund and sending of monthly statement in this regard.
4. The Member Secretary was directed to hold all the cases of Benevolent fund as legal sanctity of J&K Benevolent Fund Rules, 1981 (Amendment – 2016) has to be ascertained and action in this regard shall be initiated by the CCF (Central) in the Direction Office.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair



(Irfan Ali Shah),IFS
Conservator of Forests, (Central Circle)
Member Secretary,
J&K Forest Central Benevolent Fund Committee

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