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| 9.  | Prof. S. P. Singh Dutta (Environmentalist)                   | Member (Non-Official) |
| 10. | Dr. G. A. Bhat (Environmentalist)                            | Member (Non-Official) |

No: PCCF/FCA/2426/3200-3219

Dated: 26/07/2017

Sub: The 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee, the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 25.07.2017 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

Yours faithfully,

*Dr. Mohit Gera*  
26/7/17  
Dr. Mohit Gera IFS

Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)/  
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)  
Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee

Copy alongwith minutes for information and necessary action to the:

1. Commissioner/ Secretary to Government, PWD (R&B) Department Civil Secretariat Srinagar J&K.
2. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Kashmir).
3. Director, Social Forestry Department, J&K Srinagar.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Jammu).
5. Chief Engineer, PMGSY (Jammu).
6. Chief Engineer, PMGSY (Kashmir).
7. Project Director NHAI Chennai Himmat, Jammu.
8. Chief Engineer Project SAMPARK, BRO (GREF) Jammu.
9. Colonel Q GOC, Headquarter 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Pin 908410 C/o 56 Army postal office.
10. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Government for information of the Chief Secretary J&K Government.

**MINUTES OF THE 100<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B.B. VYAS IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR ON 25.07.2017.**

The 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. B. B. Vyas IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government, at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The following members of the Committee and Special Invitees attended the meeting:

**(I) Members (FAC)**

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| 1. Sh. Rohit Kansal, IAS       | Commissioner/ Secretary, Planning & Development Department, J&K                |
| 2. Sh. Muhammad Afzal, IAS     | Commissioner/ Secretary (Forests), J&K   |
| 3. Sh. Ravi Kumar Kesar, IFS   | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K  |
| 4. Sh. O.P Sharma, IFS         | Director, Environment and Remote Sensing Department, J&K                       |
| 5. Sh. Roshan Jaggi, IFS       | Addl. PCCF/ CCF Eco-Tourism Rep. Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K                    |
| 6. Sh. Javed Iqbal Punjoo, IFS | Director, Soil and Water Conservation Dept., J&K                               |
| 7. Dr. Mohammad Ishaq          | DG Budget Rep. of Commissioner/ Secretary Finance Department, J&K              |
| 8. Sh. Shah Nawaz Mirza        | Addl. Commissioner (Central) Rep. Financial Commission (Revenue), J&K.         |
| 9. Prof. S.P. Singh Dutta      | Member (Non-official)  |
| 10. Dr. G. A. Bhat             | Member (Non-official)  |
| 11. Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS        | Addl. PCCF (Central)/CCF (FCA)/<br>Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee |

**(II) Special Invitees**

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| 1. Sh. Tawheed Ahmad Dev, IFS | Regional Director Social Forestry Dept., Rep. Director Social Forestry Department, J&K |
| 2. Sh. M. M. Rather, SFS      | Conservator of Forests, North Circle Rep. Chief Conservator of Forests (Kashmir)       |
| 3. Sh. S.P. Manhas            | Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu  |
| 4. Sh. Malik Bashrat          | Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Kashmir  |
| 5. Sh. Vaishno Sharma         | Engineer, NHAI Rep. Director NHAI, Jammu   |
| 6. Col. B.S. Gotra            | Representative, ARMY   |



The item wise agenda of various proposals from the indenting agencies for diversion of forest land for non forest proposes under Forest Conservation Act was presented by Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS, Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee in the meeting and the following decisions were taken:-

Agenda No	Proposal	Decision
100.01	Proposal to allow use of 19.624 Ha. of forest land for construction of standalone Ring Road/Bypass around Jammu City under NHDP Phase-V in Jammu Forest Division by NHAI.	Proposal was approved with the following conditions: i) The poles/saplings of <u>Dalbergia sissoo</u> to be removed shall be transplanted along with other species feasible for transplantation under technical guidance of Forest Department. ii) NHAI will create green cover/tunnel on both sides as well as in median by way of plantation of suitable species out of the funds (12 Crore) earmarked for the purpose. This greening effort will be monitored by the FAC. iii) NHAI will provide the cost for compensatory afforestation on double the forest area to be diverted.
100.02	Proposal to allow use of 2.76 Ha. of forest land for construction/improvement of road from New Base to Ashoka (from 0.000 to Km. 2.131) from foot tract to DGBRL CL-9 Specification in Nowshera Forest Division by GREF.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.03	Proposal to allow use of 14.677 Ha. of forest land for construction/improvement of road from Bhowani to Dharal (from 0.000 to Km. 11.085) from foot tract to DGBRL CL-9 Specification in Nowshera Forest Division by GREF.	The proposal was deferred, as the Committee felt the presence of representative of the User Agency to justify the proposed alignment which necessitated the removal of large number of trees.



100.04	Proposal for felling of 202 trees & removal of 850 triangular pre- stressed concrete posts with barbed wire in strip plantation Tanda coming under the construction of Helicopter Base in Defence land at village Ganderwan, Akhnoor in Social Forestry Division Jammu by Army.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.05	Proposal to allow use of 4.20 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Block Boundary Kathua to Boura in Kathua Forest Division by PMGSY	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.06	Proposal to allow use of 2.88 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dhani to Faral in Kathua Forest Division by PMGSY.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.07	Proposal to allow use of 1.73 Ha. of forest land for construction of road Ghatti to Suffian in Kathua Forest Division by PMGSY.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.08	Proposal to allow use of 1.53 Ha. of forest land for construction of road Jakhole to Rai Changara in Kathua Forest Division by PMGSY.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.09	Proposal to allow use of 1.24 Ha. of forest land for construction of road Mallaman to Mota Beor in Kathua Forest Division by PMGSY	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.10	Proposal to allow use of 0.21 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Panjar to Saddal in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.11	Proposal to allow use of 0.30 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Tikri to Jamna in Basohli Forest Division by PMGSY	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
100.12	Proposal to allow use of 2.25 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Uri to Sukhdar in J.V Forest Division Baramulla by PMGSY.	Chief Engineer, PMGSY Kashmir was advised to revisit the proposal as it involves removal of significant number of natural Deodar, Kail trees along with associate species Parrotia. He was also advised to bring updated KMZ file showing proposed alignment.





While clearing the above proposals (except 100.03 and 100.12), the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC) issued the following directions:

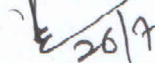
- 1) The Chief Engineer PMGSY, Jammu/ Kashmir will submit a status report on roads cleared by FAC during the last three years indicating status of road construction made, trees/poles/saplings removed and muck disposal etc.
- 2) The proposal for PMGSY roads while indicating number of beneficiaries shall reflect population figures as per 2011 Census.
- 3) The Forest Department will place before the Committee the year wise details of physical achievements made by utilization of NPV and CA received.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
26/7/2017  
Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS

Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)/  
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