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8.	Director, Soil and Water Conservation Department, J&K	Member
9.	Dr. S. P. Singh Dutta (Environmentalist)	Member (Non-Official)
10.	Dr. G. A. Bhat (Environmentalist)	Member (Non-Official)

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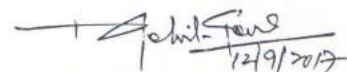
Dated: **12** /09/2017

Sub: **The 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee, the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act.**

Sir,

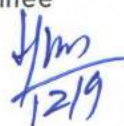
Kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 06.09.2017 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

Yours faithfully,

  
12/9/2017

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

  
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**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. Secretary to Government, Tourism Department, Civil Secretariat Srinagar J&K.
6. Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Department Panama Chowk, Jammu.
7. Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Department Panama Chowk, Jammu.
8. Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Kashmir.
9. Chief Engineer, PHE, Kashmir.
10. Chief Executive Officer, Gulmarg Development Authority, Gulmarg.
11. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Government for information of the Chief Secretary J&K Government.

**MINUTES OF THE 102<sup>nd</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 06.09.2017.**

The 102<sup>nd</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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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

**(I) Members (FAC)**

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| 1. Sh. Lokesh Dutt Jha, IAS    | Financial Commissioner (Revenue), 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. Manoj Pant, IFS         | Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife)                             |
| 5. Sh. O.P Sharma, IFS         | Director, Environment and Remote Sensing Department, J&K                       |
| 6. Sh. Javed Iqbal Punjoo, IFS | Director, Soil and Water Conservation Dept., J&K                               |
| 7. Sh. Imtiyaz Ahmad wani      | Director Budget, Rep. Pr. Secretary, Fin. Deptt., J&K                          |
| 8. Dr. S.P. Singh Dutta        | Member (Non-official)  |
| 9. Dr. G. A. Bhat              | Member (Non-official)  |
| 10. Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS        | Addl. PCCF (Central)/CCF (FCA)/<br>Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee |

**(II) Special Invitees**

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| 1. Sh. Sanjeev Verma, IAS      | Commissioner/ Secretary, PWD (R&B) Deptt., J&K   |
| 2. Syed F.A. Gillani, IFS      | Chief Conservator of Forests (Jammu)   |
| 3. Syed Javaid Andrabi, IFS    | Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle Rep.<br>Chief Conservator of Forests (Kashmir)         |
| 4. Sh. Tawheed Ahmad Deva, IFS | Regional Director Social Forestry Department Rep.<br>Director, Social Forestry Department J&K. |
| 5. Sh. M. H. Malik, KAS        | Secretary to Govt. Tourism Department, J&K   |
| 6. Sh. S.P. Manhas             | Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu.   |



7. Sh. Sheikh Ab. Hamid
8. Sh. G. M. Batt
9. Syed Haneef Balkhi, KAS

Chief Engineer PWD (R&B), Kashmir.  
 Chief Engineer, PHE Kashmir.  
 Chief Executive Officer, Gulmarg Dev. Authority

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
102.01	Proposal to allow use of 0.795 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Barmeen Khas to Nardan in Ramnagar Forest Division by PMGSY.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. As regards monitoring of muck dumping on private land and transplanting of poles/saplings during road construction, raised by Dr. S. P. Singh Dutta Environmentalist, the Chief Secretary/ Chairman FAC directed that the two issues be taken as a <b>case study</b> by the Forest and Engineering Departments. A report in this regard shall be presented by the User Agency through Forest Department in the FAC meeting to be conducted in December, 2017.
102.02	Proposal to allow use of 2.0976 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO 22 Bamyala to Kantha part-II upto Basantpur Stage-I in Nowshera Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
102.03	Proposal to allow use of 1.0374 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO 30 Km 7 <sup>th</sup> to Nah in Nowshera Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
102.04	Proposal to allow use of 0.75 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Prowa Jagir to Chigla Paddar in Udampur Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
102.05	Proposal to allow use of 3.10 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Manjakote to Kalali passing through Co. 93/R and 94/R in Rajouri Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

102.06	Proposal to allow use of 8.287 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dubigali to Nalinikka in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred on the ground that it involves removal of large number of conifer and broad leaved trees. It was decided that to revisit the proposal to ensure against felling of maximum number of trees.
102.07	Proposal to allow use of 0.759 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Charal to Nappah in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred on the ground that it involves removal of large number of mature Deodar and Kail trees. It was decided to revisit the proposal and work out an alternate alignment so as to ensure against felling of Deodar/ Kail trees as far as possible.
102.08	Proposal to allow use of 2.635 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Km 15 <sup>th</sup> LO 45 to Narla in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY.	Proposal was deferred. The Chief Secretary/ Chairman FAC advised the Commissioner/ Secretary, PWD to apprise the Committee about the Administrative action taken against delinquent officers/officials pursuant to the direction given by FAC during its 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 08.07.2014. The case will be placed in next FAC meeting.
102.09	Proposal for use of 7.82 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Sohal to Chitoo by PMGSY in Kishtwar Forest Division.	Proposal was deferred. The Chief Engineer, PMGSY Jammu informed that he has visited the area and there is a possibility of re-alignment to avoid large number of trees. A revised indent will be submitted accordingly.
102.10	Proposal for diversion of 11.065 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Sohal to Kaban in Kishtwar Forest Division by PMGSY.	Proposal was deferred. The Chief Engineer, PMGSY Jammu informed that he has visited the area and there is a possibility of re-alignment to avoid large number of trees. A revised indent will be submitted accordingly.
102.11	Proposal for felling of 704 saplings +120 bushes for construction of road from Sheindra link road to Dachi in Social Forestry Division Poonch by PWD (R&B)	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
102.12	Proposal to allow use of 14 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Handwara to Bangus Phase 1 <sup>st</sup> by PWD (R&B) in Langate Forest Division.	The proposal was approved in principal in view of the request of Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) that the work for the road has already been awarded and funds allocated. The Chief Secretary/ Chairman FAC directed that efforts be made to reduce the number of trees coming in the alignment by 20%.

102.13	Proposal to allow use of 4.63 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Mujpathri to Doodhpathri via Sochalpathri including Mujpathri to Sochal pathri via Doban by PWD (R&B) in Pirpanjal Forest Division.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
102.14	Proposal to allow use of 0.125 Ha. of forest land for construction of Solid Waste Management Plant at Gulmarg by Gulmarg Development Authority in Special Forest Division Tangmarg.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The Chief Secretary/ Chairman FAC directed that new technologies for scientific disposal of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste be adopted to replace the existing traditional method of land filling for waste disposal.
102.15	Indent for diversion of forest land for construction of various components related to Water Supply Scheme at Ningli Ghat in Bandipora Forest Division by PHE.	The indent may be processed and put up after examination under rules.

Syed F. A. Gillani, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu made a Power Point presentation on the monitoring of following projects:

- i) Construction of road from Nagulta to Razard under PMGSY in Udhampur Forest Division.
- ii) Construction of IIT Jammu by Higher Education Department in Jammu Forest Division.
- iii) Widening of National Highway from Jakhani to Chenani by NHIA in Udhampur Forest Division.

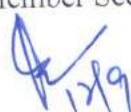
The Chief Secretary/ Chairman FAC directed for continued monitoring of the ongoing projects. Further, presentation on the projects which are in advanced stage or completed be made in the future FAC meetings.


While clearing the above proposals (except 102.06, 102.07, 102.08, 102.09, 102.10 & 102.15) the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC) directed that User Agencies belonging to Govt. of J&K against whom outstanding is due may clear the same in tranches within next two years. A note in this regard may be sent to PD & MD to enable allocation of appropriate funds at the RE stage.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS

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