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Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K Jammu

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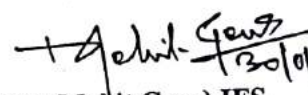
Dated: 30/01/2018

Sub: 103rd meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee, the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 103rd meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 08.01.2018 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

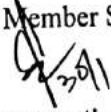
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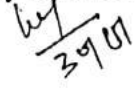


(Dr. Mohit Gera) IFS

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

Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee





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1. Commissioner/ Secretary to Government, PWD (R&B) Department, Civil Secretary Jammu.
2. Managing Director, State Forest Corporation J&K Jammu.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir.
4. Director, Social Forestry Department, J&K Jammu.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
6. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu.
7. Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Jammu.
8. Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Kashmir.
9. Chief Executive Officer, JAKEDA, New Rehari, Jammu.
10. Chief Engineer, System and Operation Wing Bemina Srinagar.
11. Project Director, AGE-PATEL JOINT VENTURE, Sangaldan, Ramban, (IRCON)/Northern Railway.
12. Lt. Col. Officer Commanding, 80 INF Bed Sing Coy, Pin-908080 C/o 56 APO
13. Secretary, Sports Council J&K Jammu.
14. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Government for information of the Chief Secretary J&K Government.

MINUTES OF THE 103rd MEETING OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B. B. VYAS IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU ON 08.01.2018

The 103rd 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, Jammu on 8th January 2018.

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. Saurabh Bhagat, 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. PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden J&K |
| 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. Raman Kumar | Jt. Director Budget, Rep. Principal Secretary, Finance Department, J&K |
| 8. Prof. S.P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-official) |
| 9. Dr. G. A. Bhat | Member (Non-official) |
| 10. Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS | Addl. PCCF (Central)/Nodal Officer (FCA)/ 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. Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS | Managing Director, J&K State Forest Corporation. |
| 3. Sh. Ashwani Kumar Gupta, IFS | Director, Social Forestry Department, J&K |
| 4. Syed F.A. Gillani, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (Jammu) |
| 5. Ms. Sushma Chauhan, IAS | Director, Urban Local Bodies Jammu |
| 6. Syed Javid Andrabi, IFS | Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle Rep. Chief Conservator of Forests (Kashmir) |
| 7. Sh. S.P. Manhas | Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu |

8. Sh. Malik Bashrat

Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Kashmir

9. Dr. P. R. Dhar

Chief Executive Officer, JKEDA

10. Sh. A.P.Khajuria

Project Director, AGE PATEL JOINT VENTURE
(Northern Railway)

11. Lt. Col. Prashant 80 Inf

Lt. Officer Commanding, 80 Inf Bed Sing Coy,
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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
103.01	Proposal to allow use of 1.685 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Bhalra to Dige Stage 1 st Phase X in Bhaderwah Forest Division by PMGSY .	The proposal was deferred on the ground that it involves large number of trees of Deodar. It was decided to revisit the proposal and work out either an alternate alignment or reduce the width of road to 5 m to ensure felling of least no. of Deodar trees.
103.02	Proposal to allow use of 0.95 Ha of forest land for construction of road from T02 to Km. 30 to Ramgarh In Billawar Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
103.03	Proposal to allow use of 0.405 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from T01 to Khaddi (3.409 Km) in Basohli Forest Division by PMGSY .	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
104.04	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 .	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda with further condition that road width be brought down to 5 m to ensure minimum felling of Deodar and Kail trees and Saplings.
103.05	Proposal to allow use of 3.56 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dhayangarh to Dharan in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
103.06	Proposal to allow use of 5.464 Ha of forest land for construction of Bhargran to Behota road part- II Stage-I in Batote Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred on the ground that it involves large number of trees of Deodar and Kail. It was decided to revisit the proposal and work out either an

		alternate alignment or reduce the width of road to 5 m to ensure felling of least no. of Deodar and Kail trees.
103.07	Proposal to allow use of 3.1584 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Broh to Narsingh pura passing through Co No 79/K, 122/K, 123/K & 124/K of Kalakote Range in Rajouri Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
103.08	Proposal to allow use of 3.30 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Km 2 nd of Nagar Lanchan to Kansar (Part- 2 nd) in Bhaderwah Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred on the ground that it involves large number of trees of Deodar. It was decided to revisit the proposal and work out either an alternate alignment or reduce the width of road to 5 m to ensure felling of minimum no. of Deodar trees.
103.09	Proposal to allow use of 4.79 Ha. of forest land for construction of Mawar-I SHP Project (4.50 MW) in Langate Forest Division by JAKEDA.	The proposal was approved with the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda with further condition that the poles /saplings of Kail and Fir to be removed, shall be transplanted by User Agency under technical guidance of the Forest Department.
103.10	Proposal to allow use of 10.61 Ha. of forest land for construction of Kehmil SHP Project (10.00 MW) in Kehmil Forest Division by JAKEDA.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda with the following additional conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Efforts shall be made to reduce the number of trees coming in alignment by 20% by involving the staff of Forest Department in the exercise. ii) The poles /saplings of Deodar, Kail and Fir to be removed shall be transplanted by User Agency under technical guidance of the Forest Department.
103.11	Proposal to allow use of 6.30 Ha. of forest land for construction of Mawar-II SHP Project (10.00 MW) in Langate Forest Division by JAKEDA.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda with the following additional conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The poles /saplings of Deodar to be removed, shall be transplanted by User Agency under technical guidance of the Forest Department.

103.12	Proposal to allow use of 0.4751 Ha of forest land for quarry purpose for construction of Tunnel T-14 and Tunnel T-15 and Bridge No.61 USBRL Project by AGE- PATEL JOINT VENTURE in Co. 52/Ar Tehsil Gool in Mahore Forest Division by Northern Railway.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda with the following additional conditions:- i) The User Agency shall obtain the Mining Plan for rehabilitation of mined area approved by IBM, Nagpur. ii) A safety zone of 7.5m all along the mining area will be fenced at the cost of User Agency. The User Agency shall also deposit funds with Forest Department for protection and regeneration of safety zone area. iii) The User Agency shall bear the cost of afforestation (@ Rs. 1 lac per ha) over one and a half times of the safety zone area in degraded forest elsewhere in the division.
103.13	Proposal to allow use of 1.225 Ha. of forest land for construction of approach road to Solid Waste Management Plant Project of Udhampur Town at village Mand Tehsil Udhampur by Local Bodies, Div-II, Jammu in Social Forestry Division, Udhampur by Urban Local Bodies, Jammu.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
103.14	Proposal to allow use of 0.40 Ha. of forest land for construction of Indoor Sports Hall at Handwara in Langate Forest Division by J&K State Sports Council, Kashmir.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
103.15	Proposal for diversion of 0.306 Ha forest land for erection of towers for laying of 132 KV D/C Badampora- Bandipora Transmission line in Sindh Forest Division by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
103.16	Proposal to allow use of 0.25 Ha. of forest land for Diversification of SFC activities in Co.4/N of Nagrota-I in Jammu Forest Division by State Forest Corporation, J&K .	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently.
103.17	Proposal to allow use of 0.1575 Ha. of forest land for various activities (including Non- Forestry Activities) in Vijaypur in Samba Forest Division by State Forest Corporation, J&K .	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently.
103.18	Proposal to allow use of 0.20 Ha. of forest land for diversification of SFC activities in Co. 22/K of Sumah Block of Khalidhar Range in Jammu Forest Division by State Forest Corporation, J&K .	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently.
103.19	Proposal to allow use of 0.245 Ha. of forest land for establishment of infrastructure for diversification of SFC	The proposal was deferred. The User Agency was advised to re-examine the issue of setting up of Petrol Pump on the

	activities including setting up of a Petrol Pump and Timber Sale Depot in Billawar Forest Division by State Forest Corporation, J&K.	<p>proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally and independently. <p>FAC decided that the revised proposal after meeting the above conditions may be submitted for by the User Agency for consideration in the next meeting.</p>
103.20	Proposal to allow use of 1.03 Ha. of forest land in Co. No. 4/R of Nagrota-I, Block of Jammu Range for various activities in Jammu Forest Division by State Forest Corporation, J&K .	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently
103.21	Proposal to allow use of 0.33 Ha. of forest land in Co. No. 1/N of Nagrota-I, Block of Jammu Range for various activities in Jammu Forest Division by State Forest Corporation, J&K .	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well

		as independently
103.22	Proposal to allow use of 0.25 Ha. of forest land in Co. No. 3/N of Nagrota-I, Block of Jammu Range for various activities in Jammu Forest Division by State Forest Corporation, J&K .	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently
103.23	Proposal to allow use of 0.09 Ha. of forest land for construction of Petrol Pump at Sanai in Bhaderwah Forest Division by State Forest Corporation, J&K .	<p>The proposal was deferred. The User Agency was advised to re-examine the issue of setting up of Petrol Pump on the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally and independently. <p>FAC decided that the revised proposal after meeting the above conditions may be submitted for by the User Agency for consideration in the next meeting.</p>
103.24	Proposal to allow use of 0.50 Ha. of forest land for diversification of SFC activities including construction of a Petrol Pump at Nalthi in Bhaderwah Forest Division by SFC .	<p>The proposal was deferred. The User Agency was advised to re-examine the issue of setting up of Petrol Pump on the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol

		Pumps professionally and independently. FAC decided that the revised proposal after meeting the above conditions may be submitted for by the User Agency for consideration in the next meeting.
103.25	Proposal to allow use of 0.21 Ha. of forest land for diversification of SFC activities including construction of 02 Nos of Petrol Pumps in Kishtwar Forest Division by SFC.	The proposal was deferred. The User Agency was advised to re-examine the issue of setting up of Petrol Pump on the proposal in light of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally and independently. FAC decided that the revised proposal after meeting the above conditions may be submitted for by the User Agency for consideration in the next meeting.
103.26	Proposal to allow use of 0.09 Ha. of forest land for diversification of SFC activities including construction of Petrol Pump at Suigwari in Bhaderwah Forest Division by SFC.	The proposal was deferred. The User Agency was advised to re-examine the issue of setting up of Petrol Pump on the proposal in light of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally and independently. FAC decided that the revised proposal after meeting the above conditions may be submitted for by the User Agency for consideration in the next meeting.
103.27	Proposal to allow use of 0.1575 Ha. of forest land for diversification of the SFC activities in Co. 43/D of Sunderbani in Nowshera Forest Division at Bakhar by SFC.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the

		<p>proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently
103.28	Proposal to allow use of 0.09 Ha. of forest land for diversification of activities including construction of Petrol Pump at Bhella Prem Nagar in Bhaderwah Forest Division by SFC.	<p>The proposal was deferred. The User Agency was advised to re-examine the issue of setting up of Petrol Pump on the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally and independently. <p>FAC decided that the revised proposal after meeting the above conditions may be submitted for by the User Agency for consideration in the next meeting.</p>
103.29	Proposal to allow use of 0.195 Ha. of forest land for diversification of the SFC activities in Nowshera Forest Division by SFC.	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently

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103.30	Proposal to allow use of 0.525 Ha. of forest land for various activities (including non forestry activities) by SFC in Samba Forest Division.	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently
103.31	Proposal to allow use of 0.20 Ha. of forest land for diversification of SFC activities in Comptt. 38/K of Choura Block in Kalidhar Range by SFC in Jammu Forest Division	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently
103.32	Proposal to allow use of 0.195 Ha. of forest land for diversification of the SFC activities in Co. 132/N in Nowshera Forest Division at Chingus by SFC.	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components.

		iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently
103.33	Proposal to allow use of 0.1575 Ha. of forest land for diversification of the SFC activities in Co. 02/N in Nowshera Forest Division by SFC.	<p>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions to the extent of establishment of Sale Depot for Timber and other forest products only. Regarding setting up of Petrol Pump, the User Agency was advised to examine the proposal in light of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal mandate of SFC to set up Petrol Pumps under the J&K SFC Act? ii) Economics of the proposal including its green components. iii) Whether SFC would be in a position to run the Petrol Pumps professionally as well as independently
103.34	Proposal to allow use of 4.64 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Bridge HQ Nowshera to Tain Top by Army (80 Inf Bde in Nowshera Forest Division.	The proposal was approved on security considerations and on terms and conditions laid down in agenda. The issue of outstanding against ARMY for payment of compensation against cases sanctioned earlier was discussed. The Chief Secretary/ Chairman FAC advised the Forest Department to vigorously pursue the liquidation of outstanding by Army Authorities.
102.08	Proposal to allow use of 2.635 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Km 15 th LO 45 to Narla in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was taken up as per the decision of 102 nd FAC meeting. The proposal was approved as per terms and conditions in the agenda note. The Chief Secretary/ Chairman FAC directed the Commissioner/ Secretary PWD (R&B) to apprise the Committee in the next meeting about the administrative action taken against delinquent officers/officials pursuant to the directions given during 85 th meeting of FAC held on 08.07.2014.

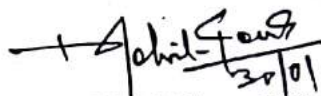
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While clearing the above proposals (except 103.01, 103.06, 103.08, 103.19, 103.23 to 103.26 and 103.28), the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC) issued the following directions:

- 1) The proposals involving removal of Poles and Saplings henceforth should be submitted along with the proposal for their transplantation by the User Agency with the technical support from Forest Department.
- 2) An Evaluation study of all PMGSY road projects as per directions issued in 101st meeting of FAC held on 10.08.2017 be undertaken immediately by Commissioner/ Secretary, PWD (R&B) through a third party having expertise in the subject. The PMGSY roads under construction in phases be given priority for such third party evaluation wherein new phase should be allowed only after successful evaluation of earlier phase.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

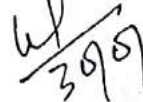

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