

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) Jammu

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| 3. Principal Secretary, Planning & Development Department, J&K | Member |
| 4. Commissioner/ Secretary Forest Department, J&K | Member |
| 5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) J&K | Member |
| 6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K
Ecology & Remote Sensing J&K | Member |
| 7. Director Environment Ecology and Remote Sensing, J&K | Member |
| 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) |

No: PCCF/FCA/2639/ 2229- 53

Dated: 9/04/2018

Sub: 105th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee, the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 105th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 06.04.2018 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

Yours faithfully,


(K. Ramesh Kumar), IFS
Special Secretary (Technical) Forest
for Member Secretary
Forest Advisory Committee

Copy alongwith minutes for information and necessary action to the:

1. Principal Secretary to Govt. Health and Medical Education Department Civil Secretariat J&K Jammu.
2. Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. PWD (R&B) Department, Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu.
3. Secretary to Govt. PHE, Irrigation and Flood Control Department Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu.
4. Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests/Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir.
5. Director, State Forest Research Institute, J&K Jammu.
6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
7. Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Jammu.
8. Chief Engineer, PMGSY Kashmir.
9. Chief Engineer, PHE, Kashmir.
10. Director Health and Medical Education Department Jammu.
11. Chief Engineer, South/USBRL Project, Northern Railway, Jammu.
12. Project Director, National Highway authority of India, PIU Srinagar.
13. Colonel, Commanding Officer, 14 Battalion Rashtriya Rifles, C/o 56 APO.
14. Officer Commanding, 57 RCC (GREF), Pin -930057 C/o 56 APO.
15. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Government for information of the Chief Secretary J&K Government.

MINUTES OF THE 105th 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 06.04.2018.

The 105th 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 06th April 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. Navin Kumar Choudhary, IAS | Principal Secretary Finance Deptt., J&K |
| 3. Sh. Saurabh Bhagat, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary Forests Deptt., J&K |
| 4. Sh. Ravi Kumar Kesar, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) J&K |
| 5. Sh. O.P Sharma, IFS | Director, Environment and Remote Sensing Department, J&K. |
| 6. Sh. J. Farankoi, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests Eco-Tourism
Rep. Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K |
| 7. Sh. Pawan K.Kudiyar | Joint Director, Soil and Water Conservation Dept.,
Rep. Director, Soil and Water Conservation Dept., |
| 8. Prof. S.P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-official) |
| 9. Dr. G. A. Bhat | Member (Non-official) |
| 10. Sh. K. Ramesh Kumar IFS | Special Secretary (Technical) Forests
for 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. B.M. Sharma, IFS | Director, State Forest Research Institute, J&K |
| 3. Syed F. A. Gillani, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu. |
| 4. Dr. Gurjeet Singh | Director Health Services Jammu. |
| 5. Shri Ghulam Jeelani | Chief Engineer, PMGSY Kashmir |
| 6. Sh. Rajinder K. Garg | Executive Engineer (Central)/ Reasi N. Rly
Rep. Chief Engineer USBRL, N. Rly Jammu |



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| 7. Sh. Mohd Ishaq Shah | Addl. Secretary to Govt. PHE, Irr. & FC Deptt.,
Rep. Secretary, PHE Irrigation & FC Deptt., J&K |
| 8. Sh. Madan Lal | Joint Director (Plg) Health Rep. Principal Secretary
to Health and Medical Education Department, J&K |
| 9. Sh. Ghulam Qadir | Manager (Technical) NHIA Rep. Project Director
National Highway Authority of India, Srinagar |
| 10. Major Vineet Nair | Offg. Officer Commanding 57 RCC (GREF) |
| 11. Er. B. L. Bhardwaj | Superintending Engineer, Rep. Chief Engineer
PHE, Kashmir. |
| 12. Sh. R. K. Makroo | Superintending Engineer PMGSY Reasi
Rep. Chief Engineer, PMGSY Jammu. |

The item wise agenda of various proposals received from the indenting agencies for diversion of forest land for non forestry purposes under Forest Conservation Act were processed and presented by K. Ramesh Kumar, IFS, Special Secretary (Technical) Forests on behalf of CCF/ Nodal Officer (FCA)/ Member Secretary Forest Advisory Committee before the FAC. Item wise agenda was discussed and the following decisions were taken:-

Agenda No	Proposal	Decision
105.01	Proposal to allow use of 0.63 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Pathwar to Thathi in Jindrah Range in Jammu Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda with further condition that the population getting connected by the said road is not in possession of encroached forest land.
105.02	Proposal to allow use of 2.973 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Juthal to Manoh in Jammu Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred . The User Agency shall obtain prior clearance of FAC before commencement of work on the forest land involved in the project.
105.03	Proposal to allow use of 3.62 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Chalog to Dhaman in Basohli Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda, However, the User Agency shall both clarify and ensure that the dumping sites proposed are adequate for dumping of muck generated.
105.04	Proposal to allow use of 2.595 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO 43 Keri to Naghoon in Rajouri Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred due to involvement of huge number of Chir pine trees. The User Agency was advised to revisit the proposal and propose an alternate alignment to reduce the number of Chir pine trees.

105.05	Proposal to allow use of 1.38 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Towara to Dodla in Basohli Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred . The User Agency was advised to re-visit the site for alternate alignment instead of long circuitous loop and also to examine the feasibility of construction of bridge/tunnel to reduce the road length passing through forest area.
105.06	Proposal to allow use of 3.08 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from TO1 to Balzadi (6.525Km) in Basohli Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred . The User Agency was advised to re-visit the site for alternate alignment to avoid forest areas falling in patches in the existing alignment.
105.07	Proposal to allow use of 5.712 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from TO1 Dawar Tulail kashpat to Refugee 02 in Bandipora Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred . The Forest Department/User Agency shall address the anomaly in crop density of the forest land proposed to be diverted. Further, it may be ascertained as to whether any Medical Plants are coming in the forest area.
105.08	Proposal to allow use of 0.789 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Purana Tulail to Dangithal in Bandipora Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
105.09	Proposal to allow use of 2.3022 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO- 26 to Safaid Aab in Bandipora Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
105.10	Proposal to allow use of 0.10 Ha. of forest land for construction of various structures like Filtration Plant, Service Reservoir, Staff Quarter and construction of Chain Link fencing for Water Supply Scheme at Drung Tangmarg by FBI Division PHE in Tangmarg Forest Division by PHE.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
105.11	Proposal to allow use of 1.25 Ha. of forest land in compartment 104/Kh by Army for occupation at Buthoo Chittarnar Block in Bandipora Forest Division by ARMY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The User Agency was advised to devise a construction plan in a manner so as to save as many trees as possible.
105.12	Appraisal with regard to transplantation of poles/saplings/seedlings from Forest	The Committee directed the SFRI to conduct a comparative study on the survival rate of saplings raised in nurseries


	Lands. Decision taken in 104 th FAC.	vis-a-vis saplings transplanted from natural forests including cost involved to work out economic feasibility of the project proposal. Based on the comparative study, a Separate Project Proposal may be submitted by SFRI to PCCF for funding.
105.13	Proposal to allow use of 0.781 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dhaino to Papriya in Batote Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
105.14	Proposal to allow use of 1.3080 Ha. of forest land for Consultancy Services for preparation of feasibility cum preliminary design report for construction of stand-alone Bypass/ Ring Road Srinagar City in J&K State under NHDP Phase-VIII in Sindh Forest Division.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. However, the Forest Department will amend the title of the proposal to correct the discrepancy as was noted by the committee. The correct title of the proposal would be "Proposal to allow use of 1.3080 Ha. of forest land for construction of stand-alone Bypass/ Ring Road Srinagar City in J&K State under NHDP Phase-VIII in Sindh Forest Division".
105.15	Proposal to allow use of 7.14 Ha. of forest land for construction/ improvement of road from Malla to Jagwan in Kalidhar Range by 57 RCC GREF in Jammu Forest Division.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
105.16	Proposal to allow use of 5.8936 Ha. of forest land for construction of Tunnels T-6 to T-12 on Katra Dhaama Section of USBRL Project in Mahore Forest Division by Northern Railway.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA		
105.01 (S)	Cancellation of Govt. Order No. 82-FST of 2017 dated: 11.04.2017/Revised proposal to allow use of 69.95 Ha. of forest land for establishment of AIIMS Jammu at Vijaypur in Samba Forest Division by Health and Medical Education Department.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

105.02 (S)	Revised proposal to allow use of 1.71 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Jangalwar to Sarsi to Part-II Stage-I Package No. JK04-269, after reducing width from 6 Mtrs. to 5 Mtrs. in Bhaderwah Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred due to involvement of huge number of Deodar trees. The User Agency was advised to revisit the proposal and work out an alternate alignment to ensure reduction of the number of Deodar trees as far as possible.
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While clearing the above proposals (**except 105.02, 105.04, 105.05, 105.06, 105.07, and 105.02 (S)**), the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC) issued the following directions:

- i) The status of land on which the habitations are residing in and around the Forest areas shall be mentioned in the proposal.
- ii) The population figures should be indicated as per census reports of 2011.
- iii) The User Agencies shall ensure that the execution of the works where forest land is involved is not taken up without the prior sanction of the Government/Competent Authority for forest land diversions.
- iv) In KMZ file, the different colors used to show road or dumping sites, need explanation through legend, which should be given on KMZ file itself, for finer distinction/ clarity.
- v) Commissioner/Secretary, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department shall move a separate Cabinet Note within 3 to 4 days in compliance to Cabinet's Decision No.62/04/2018 dated: 20.03.2018.
- vi) The following cases of forest land diversion will be processed by the Forest Department expeditiously:
 - a) Construction of 110 mtrs. Span Steel Girder Bridge over Anji Nallah at Kayala Reasi.
 - b) Up-gradation of road from Thial to Chountra Mata in Km 6th RD 500-Km 19th RD 500.
 - c) Improvement /up-gradation of Ramnagar (Padarka) to Chatrari road (Dudu) Phase-Ist in km 16th to 20th.
 - d) Construction of road from Jakhani Udampur to village Lower Bali via Sharda Mata Temple phase-Ist.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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