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8. Chief Wildlife Warden J&K. Srinagar	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: 17/10/2019

Sub: Minutes of the 117th Meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith **Minutes of the 117th Meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 15.10.2019** under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

Yours faithfully,

(K. Ramesh Kumar), IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
Member Secretary
Forest Advisory Committee, J&K.

Copy alongwith Minutes for information and necessary action to the;

1. Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. Power Development Department J&K Srinagar.
2. Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. PWD (R&B) Department J&K Srinagar.
3. Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. PHE, Irrigation & Flood Control Department J&K Srinagar.
4. Secretary to Government Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, J&K Srinagar.
5. Secretary to Government Higher Education Department, J&K Srinagar.
6. Director, Social Forestry Department, J&K Srinagar.
7. Managing Director, State Forest Corporation J&K Srinagar.
8. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir
9. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu
10. Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Kashmir
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12. Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Jammu
13. Chief Engineer, PHE, Kashmir.
14. Chief Engineer, System and Operation Wing, PDD Kashmir.
15. Chief Engineer, Power Development Department, (EM&RE) Jammu
16. Managing Director, NHIDCL, Jammu.
17. Manager, Corporate Affairs Reliance JIO Jammu Circle.
18. Commanding Officer 35 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier force) C/o 56 APO
19. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Govt., for information of the worthy Chief Secretary, J&K Govt., (Chairman FAC).

MINUTES OF THE 117th MEETING OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B. V. R. SUBRAHMANYAM, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR ON 15.10.2019.

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1. The 117th Meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the chairmanship of Sh. B. V. R. Subrahmanyam, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir, at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar on 15th October, 2019.

2. Following Members of the Committee and Special Invitees attended the meeting:

(I) **Members**

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| 1. Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS | Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K |
| 2. Sh. Rohit Kansal, IAS | Principal Secretary, Planning, Monitoring & Development Department, J&K |
| 3. Sh. Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt., Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, J&K |
| 4. Sh. P. K. Singh, IFS | Pr. CCF/ Director, Soil & Water Conservation Department, J&K |
| 5. Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K |
| 6. Sh. S. K. Gupta, IFS | Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K |
| 7. Dr. S. P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-Official) |
| 8. Dr. G. A. Bhat | Member (Non-Official) |
| 9. Sh. K. Ramesh Kumar, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee |

(II) **Special Invitees**

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| 1. Sh. Hirdesh K. Singh, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. Power Development Department, J&K |
| 2. Sh. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. PHE, I&FC. Department, J&K |
| 3. Mrs. Neelu Gera, IFS | Director Social Forestry Department, J&K |

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| 4. Sh. Vasu Yadav, IFS | Managing Director, State Forest Corporation, J&K |
| 5. Syed F.A Gillani, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir |
| 6. Shri P. K. Raghaw, IFS | Secretary (Technical) Forests, J&K |
| 7. Er. Showkat Pandit | Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Kashmir |
| 8. Manzoor Khan | Director Finance , PWD (R&B) Representative of Commissioner /Secretary to Govt. PWD (R&B) |
| 9. Irfan Mir | Manager Corporate Affairs Reliance JIO Jammu |
| 10. Tajamul Ajaz | Representative from NHIDCL, Jammu |

Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu and Representatives of PWD (R&B) , Jammu participated through Video Conference.

3. The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) considered the following proposals relating to use of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Conservation Act,1997 as were presented by Sh. K. Ramesh Kumar, IFS, Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee, J&K:

Agenda No	Proposal	Observations/Decision
117.01	Proposal to allow use of 0.14 Ha. of forest land for laying of 132/KV Double Circuit Badampora – Bandipora Transmission line (BBTL) at Chewa Khursu in the unit of Soil & Water Conservation Baramulla by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.02	Proposal to allow use of 0.643 Ha. of forest land for conversion of existing over head HT/LT Network to underground cabling of power supply at Patnitop in Udampur & Batote Forest Divisions by PDD	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.03	Proposal to allow use of 0.7 Ha. of forest land for laying of 11 KV (HT) for Rural Electrification at Kathila in Udampur Forest Division by PDD	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

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117.04	Proposal to allow use of 0.040 Ha. of forest land for Drilling of tube wells at Choglamsar under UIDSSMT in Leh Forest Division by PHE	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.05	Proposal to allow use of 0.0625 Ha. of forest land for construction of Helipad at village Amla near Kalsian in Nowshera Forest Division by Army.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.06	Proposal to allow use of 2.28 Ha. of forest land for laying of Optical Fibre Cable along Chattroo-Synthan State Highway in Marwah Forest Division by Jio Infocomm Ltd.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The User Agency shall ensure that the optical fibre is laid only on the uphill side and the soil excavated for the purpose is properly compacted to avoid its erosion.
117.07	Proposal to allow use of 0.0185 Ha. of forest land for erection of Tower (10 m X 10 m) and laying of 170 M optical fibre in Comptt. No. 12/K of Kalidhar range in Jammu Forest Division by Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The User Agency shall ensure that the optical fibre is laid only on the uphill side and the soil excavated for the purpose is properly compacted to avoid its erosion.
117.08	Proposal to allow use of 0.021 Ha. of forest land for erection of Tower (10 m X 10 m) and laying of 220 M optical fibre in Comptt. No 21/K of Kalidhar range in Jammu Forest Division by Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The User Agency shall ensure that the optical fibre is laid only on the uphill side and the soil excavated for the purpose is properly compacted to avoid its erosion.
117.09	Proposal to allow use of 0.0275 Ha. of forest land for erection of Tower (10 M X 10 M) and laying of 350 M optical fibre in Comptt. No. 10/K of Kalidhar range in Jammu Forest Division by Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The User Agency shall ensure that the optical fibre is laid only on the uphill side and the soil excavated for the purpose is properly compacted to avoid its

		erosion.
117.10	Proposal to allow use of 0.028 Ha. of forest land for erection of Tower (10m x 10 m) and laying of 360 M optical fibre in Comptt. N0 10/K of Kalidhar range Jammu Forest Division by Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The User Agency shall ensure that the optical fibre is laid only on the uphill side and the soil excavated for the purpose is properly compacted to avoid its erosion.
117.11	Proposal to allow use of 3.735 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dhamunda Morh to Jai via Manthla Kakool in Bhaderwah Forest Division by PWD (R&B).	The proposal was deferred on the account of large number of trees coming in the alignment. The User Agency was asked to review re-alignment of the road to reduce the width of the proposed road to 4 meters, so as to limit the felling of the trees to a bare minimum.
117.12	Proposal for felling of 49 trees for Construction of Box Type RCC Deep Drain and Parking near Presentation Convent School at Gandhi Nagar in Urban Forestry Division, Jammu, by PWD (R&B)	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.13	Proposal to allow use of 0.603 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Champa to Dhaino Package No JK04-106 Phase -VIII Stage-I in Batote Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.14	Proposal to allow use of 0.71 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dalian to Dhamanda Package No JK 04-311 Stage I&II combined phase-X in Bhaderwah Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.15	Proposal to allow use of 2.00 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Khunga Kothi Jagir to Duthan Jagir Package No JK04-272, Phase XI Stage-I in Batote Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda with further stipulation that the User Agency shall reduce width of the road to 5 Meters.
117.16	Proposal to allow use of 1.00 Ha. of forest	The proposal was approved on the

	land for construction of Motorable road from Margi to Sukhnai in Marwah Forest Division by PMGSY	terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.17	Proposal to allow use of 7.5975 Ha. of forest land for construction of motorable road from Sohal to Chitoo in Kishtwar Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.18	Proposal to allow use of 6.88 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Thalala to Jagota in Bhaderwah Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.19	Proposal to allow use of 1.032 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Chontiware to Doban (Matchil) in Kamraj Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.20	Proposal to allow use of 1.48 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Pulwama Keller Sangerwani T02 RD 30900 to Banjran in Shopian Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.21	Proposal to allow use of 0.402 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Shahpora to Bumard in Lidder Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA		
117.22	Proposal for use of 0.79 Ha of Forest land (Social Forestry Closure) for re-alignment of 132 KV DC Between Ramban-Banihal Section in Social Forestry Division, Ramban by PDD (for Konkan Railway).	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.23	Proposal to allow use of 4.65 Ha. of forest land for construction of 2.50 MV, 220/33 KV Grid Station Nagrota in Jammu Forest Divisions by PDD	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.24	Proposal to allow use of 0.162 Ha. of forest land for construction of 20,000 Gallons GSR at Thanger under WSS Tallian Kala Chang in Nowshera Forest Division by PHE.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

117.25	Proposal for felling of 327 No. of Trees/Poles coming under upgradation of Four lane section of NH-144A Jammu Akhnoor road near Mishriwala (Poultry farm) of SF Block Nagbani in Social Forestry Division, Jammu by National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL)	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.26	Proposal to allow use of 20.5 Ha of forest land for expansion of Army depot of 2203 Ammunition Coy in samba (Relocation of Ammunition Depot) in Samba Forest Division by Higher Education Department	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.27	Proposal to allow use of 2.23 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Gatyal Morh to Salara in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.28	Proposal to allow use of 0.18 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kainthgali Barinote road Km26th to Lower Basnote in Social Forestry Division, Udhampur by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.29	Proposal to allow use of 2.16 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kohag to Bhatodi in Billawar Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.30	Proposal to allow use of 0.94 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kudetar to Baggan in Billawar Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.31	Proposal to allow use of 1.00 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Km 12 th of LO 27 to Kote Charwal in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda, with further stipulation that the User Agency shall reduce width of the road to 4 Meters.
117.32	Proposal to allow use of 0.30 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO 31-TO 2 Km 4 th to Dharamsal in Nowshera	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

	Forest Division by PMGSY	
117.33	Proposal to allow use of 0.435 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO 36 –LO 37 Km 3 rd to Channi in Nowshera Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.34	Proposal to allow use of 0.39 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO-44-LO 34 to Narota in Nowshera Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.35	Proposal to allow use of 0.66 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO 45 to Narla part 2 nd in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.36	Proposal to allow use of 6.1775 Ha. of forest land for construction of motorable road from Lopara to Hanzal Phase-X , Package No. 04-167 in Marwah Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred on the account of large number of trees coming in the alignment. The User Agency was asked to review re-alignment of the road by reducing the width of the proposed road to 4 Meters, so as to limit the felling of trees to a bare minimum.
117.37	Proposal to allow use of 3.83 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Pachound to Chapper in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda, with further stipulation that the User Agency shall reduce width of road to 4 Meters.
117.38	Proposal to allow use of 0.475 Ha. of forest land for construction of motorable road from Sirshi to Chhichaa in Marwah Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.39	Proposal to allow use of 4.139 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from TO3 Block Boundary to Hathal in Nowshera Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.40	Proposal to allow use of 0.76Ha. of forest land for Upgradation of road from TO3-TO2 Km 7 th to Khabber in Nowshera Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

117.41	Proposal to allow use of 13.455 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kanthan to Sawalakote-I (upto Dhandi) in Mahore Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.42	Proposal to allow use of 7.36 Ha. of forest land for construction of motorable road from Nowpachi to Dehrana upto Hanzal Package No. JK04-166, Phase X in Marwah Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred on the account of large number of trees coming in the alignment. The User Agency was asked to review re-alignment of the road by reducing the width of the proposed road to 5 Meters, so as to limit the felling of trees to a bare minimum.
117.43	Proposal to allow use of 9.51 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No 6 and 7 Chowadi for deployment of operational assets to strengthen defence covering to region in Jammu Forest Division by Indian Air Force (IAF).	The proposal was approved subject to clearance from the State Board of Wildlife (SBWL) and National Board of Wildlife (NBWL). The proposal shall be placed in the SAC for approval only after clearance from SBWL and NBWL is received by the Forest Department. The NPV and other charges shall be paid by the User Agency as per the applicable terms and conditions.
117.44	Proposal to allow use of 135.57 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No 6 old and 8 New Chowadi for establishment of small arms Firing Range (Long Range) in Jammu Forest Division by BSF.	The proposal was approved subject to clearance from the State Board of Wildlife (SBWL) and National Board of Wildlife (NBWL). The proposal shall be placed in the SAC for approval only after clearance from SBWL and NBWL is received by the Forest Department. The NPV and other charges shall be paid by the User Agency as per the applicable terms and conditions.
117.45	Proposal to allow use of 2.725 Ha. of	The proposal was approved on the

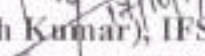
	forest land for construction of 33KV line from Railway station Pouni to R/Stn Dadua in Reasi Forest Division by PDD	terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
117.46	Proposal to allow use of 40.6565 Ha of forest land for development of Judicial Infrastructure for High Court at Jammu in Jammu Forest Division by Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Department.	The proposal was approved in principle subject to clearance from the State Board of Wildlife (SBWL) and National Board of Wildlife (NBWL). The NPV and other charges shall be paid by the User Agency as per the applicable terms and conditions..

4. During deliberations on the proposals, the FAC issued the following directions for observance by the concerned.
- (i) The Forest Department shall provide funds out of CAMPA to the Power Development Department for undertaking study of impact on flora and fauna by laying transmission line through forest areas. The Power Development Department may engage consultants/experts such as those from Wildlife Institute of India for the purpose.
 - (ii) The Monitoring Committees shall closely monitor the works being undertaken in the forest areas. For effective monitoring, one non-official member shall be included in all the circle level monitoring committees constituted for monitoring the observance of terms and conditions imposed by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) while sanctioning the proposals.
 - (iii) The Forest Department shall place in the next FAC meeting the details of Forest Division wise area diverted and forest division wise amount allotted/spent for carrying out compensatory afforestation under CAMPA.
 - (iv) The User Agencies shall strictly adhere to the instructions issued by the FAC/Forest Department wherein they have been asked to consult the Forest Department at the project conceptualization stage to ensure working out proposals/ alignments which involve bare minimum felling of trees as far as possible, and undertaking compensatory afforestation over alternate land in lieu of diversion of forest land and overall preservation of flora and fauna
 - (v) The User Agency shall undertake transplantation of saplings as well as poles (10-20 cms) to nearby degraded forest areas in consultation with the Forest Department.



- (vi) FAC directed the Chief Engineer, PMGSY to complete the road projects upto June 2020 which will provide much needed connectivity to the people living in the remote pockets of J&K.

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair


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Forest Advisory Committee, J&K.