

The Commissioner/Secretary, Forests, introduced Sh. H.S. Salathia, IFS, the new Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee, who took-over the charge from Sh. Suresh Chugh, IFS, on 06.06.2011. The item-wise agenda of the meeting presented by Sh. Suresh Chugh, IFS, was discussed and deliberated upon by the participating members and the following decisions were taken:.

The ATR was presented before the committee on previous decisions of the FAC.

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Decisions of the Forest Advisory Committee</b>
58.01	<i>Proposal to allow use of 0.80 Ha. of forest land for of construction Railway Adit T-48 near (Bhimdasa Nallah) by Northern Railway in Mahore Forest Division</i>	The Forest Advisory Committee <b>approved</b> the proposal on terms and conditions laid down in the proposal.
58.02	<i>Proposal to allow use of 0.05 Ha. of forest land for installation of water pipe line for troops by 33 RR Bn (58GR) in Nowshera Forest Division.</i>	The Forest Advisory Committee <b>approved</b> the proposal on terms and conditions laid down in the proposal.
58.03	<i>Proposal to allow use of 8.138 Ha. of forest land for construction road from Ossu to Dhar Gaddian under PMGSY in Udampur Forest Division.</i>	The proposal was <b>deferred</b> as it involved felling of 689 number of Chir green trees! poles/saplings. The Indenting Agency was asked to explore the possibility of change of alignment so as to bring down the number of trees to the minimum.
58.04	<i>Proposal to allow felling of 584 Broad Leaved and 50 Bamboo clumps growing in strip plantation coming in the construction/ Widening of Road from Samba-Riyan-Mawa- Regal to NH Double lane specification by 69 RCC (GREF) in Social Forestry Division Kathua.</i>	The proposal was <b>deferred</b> as it involved felling of 584 number of economically important broad-leaved trees/ poles/saplings and 50 number of Bamboo clumps in the stretch of 1.905 Km strip plantation of the Social Forestry Department. The Indenting Agency was asked to explore the possibility to bring down the damage to the plantation and also to inform as to what additional benefits would accrue on the civil and defence front with the widening of the road through this established plantation.
58.05	<i>Proposal to allow use of 3.55 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Lehri Shumb to Kheen by PMGSY in Ramnagar Forest Division.</i>	The Forest Advisory Committee <b>approved</b> the proposal on terms and conditions laid down in the proposal.
58.06	<i>Proposal to allow use of 4.2 Ha. of forest for construction of road from Tathamulla to Bujthanian by R&amp;B Department in J.V. Forest Division Baramulla.</i>	The Forest Advisory Committee <b>approved</b> the proposal with the condition that the Forest Department will enquire into the circumstances which led to the violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, take action against the defaulter and inform the Forest Advisory Committee accordingly.

58.07	<i>Proposal to allow use of 0.02 Ha. of forest land for providing communication facilities at Poshpathri instead of Bardimarg by BSNL in Sindh Forest Division.</i>	The Forest Advisory Committee <b>approved</b> the proposal on terms and conditions laid down in the proposal.
58.08	<i>Proposal to allow use of 12.105 Ha. of forest land for widening of Reasi-Pouni-Siar- Kalakote road (from Km.87.00 to Km 121.365) from existing CL.9 to NH double lane specification by 58 RCC (GREF) in Rajouri Forest Division.</i>	<p>The proposal was <b>deferred</b> by the FAC as it involved felling of the following number of trees/ poles/ saplings:</p> <p>i. Chir Green = 2716  ii. Broad.Leaved = 3469  iii. Khair =16</p> <p><b>(Felling of Khair trees is banned by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India).</b></p> <p>The FAC also asked the Indenting Agency to justify and elaborate the strategic importance for widening of the road to N.H. double lane specification at the cost of this huge environmental loss.</p>
58.09	<i>Proposal to allow use of 5.11 Ha. of forest land for widening of new Bandipora Gurez road from Starting point Razdan top (Km.9.500 to Km.42) in Bandipora Forest Division by 56 RCC (GREF).</i>	The Forest Advisory Committee <b>approved</b> the proposal with the condition that the Forest Department, by adopting mechanized and improvised ways, shall ensure that the young saplings involved are not damaged and safely transplanted (with ball of earth) in the adjoining area with provision of protection and after-care under CAM PA scheme.
58.10	<i>Proposal to allow use of 0.013 Ha. of forest land for erection of Communication tower at Sadhna Top Tangdhar by M/S Bharti Infratel Ltd. in Kehmil Forest Division.</i>	The Forest Advisory Committee <b>approved</b> the proposal on terms and conditions laid down in the proposal.

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