

MINUTES OF THE 65TH FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI MADHAV LAL, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU, ON 18-04-2012.

The 65th meeting of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the chairmanship of **Shri Madhav Lal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government**, at Civil Secretariat, Jammu, on 18th April, 2012.

The following members of the FAC / Special Invitees participated in the deliberations:-

(A) **Members FAC**

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| 1. | Shri Iqbal Khandey, IAS
Principal Secretary, Finance Department, J&K | MEMBER |
| 2. | Dr. R. K. Jerath, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K. | MEMBER |
| 3. | Shri Shantmanu, IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to Govt.
Forest Department | MEMBER |
| 4. | Shri Vinod Ranjan, IFS
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K | MEMBER |
| 5. | Shri A.K.Singh IFS
Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K | MEMBER |
| 6. | Shri S. P. Sharma, IFS
Joint Director, Soil Conservation (HQ), Jammu | Rep. of Director,
Soil Conservation, J&K |
| 7. | Shri V. K. Raina, IFS
Regional Director,
Environment & Remote Sensing | Rep. of Director, Environment &
Remote Sensing |
| 8. | Shri S. S. Sassan
Joint Director, Planning | Rep. of Principal Secretary,
Planning & Development |
| 9. | Prof. S.P.Singh Dutta (Environmentalist) | MEMBER
(Non- Official) |
| 10. | Shri Abdul Gani Vakil (Ex-MLC) | MEMBER
(Non- Official) |
| 11. | Shri H.S. Salathia, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
& Nodal Officer | MEMBER SECRETARY, FAC |

(B) **Special Invitees**

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| 1. | Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS
Divisional Commissioner, Jammu | Spl. Invitee |
| 2. | Shri Abhai Kumar, IFS
Managing Director, State Forest Corporation, J&K | Spl. Invitee |
| 3. | Shri Tehsin Mustafa
Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Jammu. | Spl. Invitee |

The item-wise agenda of the meeting presented by Shri H.S. Salathia, IFS, Member Secretary, FAC, was discussed and deliberated upon by the participating members and the following decisions were taken:-

Agenda Items No.	Proposal	Forest Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of the Forest Advisory Committee
65.01	Proposal to allow use of 7.005 hectare of forest land (Protected Area) of Bahu Conservation Reserve at Sunjwan in favour of the Revenue Department to be exchanged further with the Army land coming under extension of Jammu Airport at Satwari.	Jammu	Revenue Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal was deferred in the 43rd FAC meeting held on 20-06-2008 with the direction to first get permission of the Hon'ble Supreme Court as the area involved formed part of the Bahu Conservation Reserve. • The Hon'ble Supreme Court on 30-01-2012 allowed the use of 7.005 hectare of Protected Area of Bahu Conservation Reserve at Sunjwan Subject to certain conditions. • In Pursuance to the permission of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the proposal was discussed in the meeting and was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal with an additional condition as under:- <i>The User Agency, in order to ensure the safety of Timber Depot of SFC, shall get the land at Sunjwan effectively and expeditiously fenced through the Army to whom the land at Sunjwan shall be exchanged in lieu of the Army land at Satwari coming under the extension of Jammu Airport.</i>
65.02	Proposal to allow use of 5.00 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Purana Kadal to Nowpachi	Marwah	PWD (R&B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal was deferred in the 63rd FAC meeting held on 21-02-2012 with the direction to first seek forest clearance of Yeardu-Quaderna PMGSY road (<i>across the river</i>) • But as per the report of CCF, Jammu, no forest land was involved along Yeardu-Quaderna road and there was no alternate alignment possible as the proposed alignment was the least damaging to the ecology of the area. • Thus, in view of the above the Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal <i>with a modification that as per condition No.7 of the proposal tarring will be done in 3.00 meter instead of 2.50 meter.</i>

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

H. S. Salathia, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
& Nodal Officer
Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee