

MINUTES OF THE 66TH FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI MADHAV LAL, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR, ON 08-06-2012.

The 66th 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, Srinagar, on 08th June, 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. | Shri Umang Narula, IAS Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. Forest Department | MEMBER |
| 3. | Shri Vinod Ranjan, IFS Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K | MEMBER |
| 4. | Shri A.K.Singh IFS Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K | MEMBER |
| 5. | Shri Suresh Chugh, IFS Director, Environment & Remote Sensing, J&K | MEMBER |
| 6. | Shri Mukerjit Sharma, IFS Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K | MEMBER |
| 7. | Shri J. S. Manhas D. C. Central | Rep. of Financial Commissioner (Revenue) |
| 8. | Shri M. H. Malik Spl Secretary, Planning Department | Rep. of Principal Secretary, Planning & Development |
| 9. | Prof. S.P.Singh Dutta (Environmentalist) | MEMBER (Non- Official) |
| 10. | Shri H.S. Salathia, IFS Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer | MEMBER SECRETARY, FAC |

(B) Special Invitees

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| 1. | Shri Ravi Kesar, IFS Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu | Spl. Invitee |
| 2. | Shri Manzoor Ahmed, IFS Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir | Spl. Invitee |
| 3. | Shri Hafizulla Siddiqui Director, Social Forestry Department J&K | Spl. Invitee |
| 4. | Shri Abdul Hameed Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Kashmir | Spl. Invitee |
| 5. | Shri Zahoor Ahmed Chat Executive Director, JK SPDC | Spl. Invitee |
| 6. | Shri Vinod Kumar Dy. Chief Engineer (Const), N. Rly., Banihal | Spl. Invitee |
| 7. | Shri Arshad Khan Chief Manager, Power Grid, Batote | Spl. Invitee |
| 8. | Shri S. C. Bhardawaj Manager, Power Grid, Samba. | 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:-

General:

- The details of area diverted, species wise details of number of trees felled on account of implementation of various development schemes and details of Compensatory Afforestation done containing the number of different species planted may be furnished by the Forest Department.
- The Steering Committee meeting of CAMPA may be scheduled at the earliest so that the Compensatory Afforestation scheme is also discussed concurrently.
- The increased level of Suspended matter in River Chenab was discussed and it was observed that this may be due to the improper dumping of the overburden. It was decided that the dumping sites for different developmental projects be inspected and monitoring be done by the concerned DFO with regard to proper dumping as per the conditions laid down in the Govt. Order. The FAC may be advised about the action taken in the next meeting.

| Agenda Item No. | Proposal | Forest Division | Indenting Agency | Decision of the Forest Advisory Committee |
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| 66.01 | Proposal to allow use of 0.678 hectare of forest land for construction of Parna-Bunda road (from take off point Km. 43 SKS Highway to Bunda) | Marwah | PMGSY | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. In addition, the following shall be added to condition No. 6 of the proposal:- <i>The identification of area for such transplanting and details of such transplanting shall be furnished by the forest Department.</i> |
| 66.02 | Proposal to allow use of 0.48 hectare of forest land for restoration of Wangath Link Canal of Upper Sindh Hydel Project (Stage-II), Kangan. | Sindh | JK SPDC | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. In addition, the following shall be added to condition No. 5 of the proposal:- <i>The identification of area for such transplanting and details of such transplanting shall be furnished by the Forest Department.</i> |
| 66.03 | Proposal to allow use of 11.69 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Zirhama to Jumagand | Kehmil | PMGSY | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. |
| 66.04 | Proposal to allow use of 20.2545 hectare of forest land for construction of Railway Tunnel T-48 (Km. 100 to Km. 110.200) | Mahore | Northern Railways | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. |

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| 66.05 | Proposal to allow use of 2.107 hectare area of different Units of Social Forestry Department and felling permission of 2024 trees/poles coming in the four laning of NH-1A of Jammu – Udhampur Section (Km. 36 to Km. 52.400 and Km. 0 to Km. 1.00 of Udhampur Bypass) | S.F.Div. Udhampur | NHAI | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. |
| 66.06 | Proposal to allow use of 53.01 hectare of forest land and Social Forestry plantation area on State land coming in the 400 KV D/C Kishenpur- Samba Transmission Line of the Power Grid Corporation of India in the territorial and Social Forestry Divisions of Jammu and Kathua. | Jammu (T) Kathua (T) S.F.Div. Jammu S.F.Div. Kathua | P GCI | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. |
| 66.07 | Proposal to allow use of 0.646 hectare of Village Woodlot area of Social Forestry Department for laying of 132 KV D/C Transmission Line from Badampora to Bandipora | S. F. Div. Srinagar | PDD | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. |
| 66.08 | Proposal to allow use of 0.13 hectare of forest land for construction of Service Reservoir, Filtration Plant and Quarter at Puthwari Zebra Crossing under WSS Nowgam | Langate | PHE | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. |
| 66.09 | Proposal to allow use of 0.0265 hectare of forest land for construction of Service Reservoir, Filtration Plant and Quarter at Batapora under WSS Batapora Magam | Langate | PHE | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. |

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| 66.10 | Proposal to allow use of 6.2 hectare of Social Forestry Units area with felling / lopping permission of 1103 trees/ poles coming in the corridor of 400 KV D/C Kishenpur – Srinagar- Wagoora Transmission Line near village Hollina in favour of PGCILtd. | S.F.Div. Ramban | PGCI | The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal. |
| 66.11 | Matter regarding use of 5.50 hectare of forest land for construction of 12 M.W. Hirpora Hydro Electric Project | Shopian | JK SPDC | The FAC was apprised of the factual position of the case. |

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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