

**MINUTES OF THE 68<sup>TH</sup> FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI MADHAV LAL, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR, ON 24-09-2012.**

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The 68<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.

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

**(A) Members FAC**

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| 1.  | <b>Sheikh Ejaz Iqbal, IAS</b><br>Commissioner /Secretary to Govt.<br>Forest Department  | <b>MEMBER</b>   |
| 2.  | <b>Shri Vinod Ranjan, IFS</b><br>Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K                  | <b>MEMBER</b>   |
| 3.  | <b>Shri A.K.Singh IFS</b><br>Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K                                 | <b>MEMBER</b>   |
| 4.  | <b>Shri Suresh Chugh, IFS</b><br>Director, Environment & Remote Sensing, J&K            | <b>MEMBER</b>   |
| 5.  | <b>Shri J. Frankoi, IFS</b><br>Joint Director, Central<br>Soil Conservation Department  | <b>Rep. of Director<br/>Soil Conservation, Deptt. J&amp;K</b> |
| 6.  | <b>Dr. Ravi Mangotra,</b><br>Director General, Accounts/ Treasury                       | <b>Rep. of Principal Secretary<br/>Finance Department</b>     |
| 7.  | <b>Shri M. H. Malik</b><br>Special Secretary, Planning                                  | <b>Rep. of Principal Secretary<br/>Planning Department</b>    |
| 8.  | <b>Shri J.S. Manhas</b><br>D.C. Cenral  | <b>Rep. of Financial Commissioner<br/>(Revenue)</b>           |
| 9.  | <b>Prof. S.P.Singh Dutta</b> (Environmentalist)   | <b>MEMBER<br/>(Non -Official)</b>                             |
| 10. | <b>Shri H.S. Salathia, IFS</b><br>Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)<br>& Nodal Officer | <b>MEMBER SECRETARY, FAC</b>                                  |

**(B) Special Invitees**

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| 1. | <b>Shri Manzoor Ahmed, IFS</b><br>Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir         | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 2. | <b>Shri Roshan Jaggi, IFS</b><br>Conservator of Forests, East Circle, Jammu     | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 3. | <b>Shri Hafizulla Siddiqui, IFS</b><br>Director, Social Forestry Department J&K | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 4. | <b>Shri D. L. Sharma,</b><br>Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Jammu                       | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 5. | <b>Shri Abdul Hameed,</b><br>Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Kashmir                     | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |

6. **Col. Devindra,**  
Rep. of the Chief Engineer, Project BEACON **Spl. Invitee**
7. **Prof. Nalini Kohli,**  
Director, Colleges, Civil Secretariat,  
Srinagar **Spl. Invitee**
8. **Shri Virendra Singh,**  
Project Director, NHAI, PIU- Srinagar **Spl. Invitee**
9. **Shri G. M. Bhat,**  
Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle,  
Anantnag **Spl. Invitee**
10. **Shri Ghulam Nabi Ganai,**  
Executive Engineer,  
Irr. & F.C. Division, Kulgam **Spl. Invitee**
11. **Shri Mushtaq Ahmed,**  
Executive Officer, Municipal Committee,  
Budgam **Spl. Invitee**
12. **Shri Banwari Lal,**  
Assistant Executive Engineer (Const),  
Northern Railway, Pathankote **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:-

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Forest Division</b>	<b>Indenting Agency</b>	<b>Decision of the Forest Advisory Committee</b>
<b>68.01</b>	Proposal to allow use of 0.625 hectare of Social Forestry Unit coming in the doubling of Railway Line at Lakhanpur	S.F.Div. Kathua	Northern Railway.	<b>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.</b>
<b>68.02</b>	Proposal to allow use of 0.135 hectare of Strip Plantation area of Social Forestry Department for widening/ upgradation of VIP Distributory road in Kathua town .	S.F.Div. Kathua	PWD (R&B).	<b>The proposal was deferred with the observation that the District Development Commissioner, Kathua, shall justify the need for widening of the VIP Distributory road involving felling of the green broad- leaved trees in the town.</b>
<b>68.03</b>	Proposal to allow use of 4.39 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Sanzipora to Mankal.	Langate	PMGSY	<b>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.</b>
<b>68.04</b>	Proposal to allow use of 60.514 hectare of forest land for construction of 6.5 Km long Z – Morh tunnel from Gagangir to Shitkari on Srinagar – Sonamarg – Gumri NH-1D.	Sindh	GRAF	<b>The proposal was deferred with the observation that the Project BEACON has already got the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report prepared through their consultant “ 3-G VAYAMTECH”, New Delhi as a step towards getting the environment clearance of the project. <i>The Project BEACON, therefore, shall first accelerate the process of environment clearance and in view of the urgency of the project involved, the State Pollution Control Board shall also assist the Indenting Agency in pushing forward the case for early environment clearance through the Competent Authority.</i></b>

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68.05	Revised proposal to allow use of 6.76 hectare of forest land for construction of road Bhagwah-Bajarni-Lal Dharman-Dushnan road.	Doda	GREF	<p><b>The proposal was deferred with the following observations:-</b></p> <p>i. <i>The Road Land Width to be reduced to 6.00 meter so as to minimize the ecological damage involved.</i></p> <p>ii. <i>The Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, in consultation with the Defence authorities shall justify with reasons the construction of this road vis a vis huge ecological damage to the area involving 845 trees/ poles/ saplings of important species of Deodar, Kail, Oak and Champ.</i></p> <p>iii. <i>The Divisional Forest Officer concerned shall submit the proposal separately for road side avenue plantation along the proposed alignment indicating the part Passing through forest land and assessing the extent of the area available for such plantation.</i></p>
68.06	Proposal to allow use of 4.607 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Kalmoha Morh to Julla .	Reasi	PMGSY	<p><b>The proposal was deferred with the direction to reduce the Road Land Width to 6.00 meter so as to minimize the ecological damage involved. Besides, The Divisional Forest Officer concerned shall submit the proposal separately for road side avenue plantation along the proposed alignment indicating the part Passing through forest land and assessing the extent of the area available for such plantation.</b></p>
68.07	Revised proposal to allow use of 4.58 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Sulgar to Rua Bagh .	Udhampur	PMGSY	<p><b>The proposal was deferred with the direction to reduce the Road Land Width to 6.00 meter so as to minimize the ecological damage involved. Besides, The Divisional Forest Officer concerned shall submit the proposal separately for road side avenue plantation along the proposed alignment indicating the part Passing through forest land and assessing the extent of the area available for such plantation.</b></p>

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68.08	Proposal to allow use of 4.92 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Sunetar Khas to Dhanwalth .	Ramnagar	PMGSY	The proposal was deferred with the direction to reduce the Road Land Width to 6.00 meter so as to minimize the ecological damage involved. Besides, The Divisional Forest Officer concerned shall submit the proposal separately for road side avenue plantation along the proposed alignment indicating the part Passing through forest land and assessing the extent of the area available for such plantation.
68.09	Proposal to allow use of 3.75 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Kharpora to Neelfan Argangali.	Anantnag	PMGSY	The proposal was deferred with the direction to reduce the Road Land Width to 6.00 meter so as to minimize the ecological damage involved. Besides, The Divisional Forest Officer concerned shall submit the proposal separately for road side avenue plantation along the proposed alignment indicating the part Passing through forest land and assessing the extent of the area available for such plantation.
68.10	Proposal to allow use of 1.859 hectare of un-demarcated forest land for setting up branch of Indian Institute of Mass Communication at Keran (Jammu).	Jammu	Higher Education Department	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
68.11	Proposal to allow use of 4.20 hectare of additional forest land for construction of portal facilities of Chenani – Nashri tunnel at South Portal.	Udhampur	NHAI	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.

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68.12	Revised proposal to allow use of 5.412 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Ossu to Dhar Gaddian.	Udhampur	PMGSY	<p><b>The proposal was deferred with the direction to:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>reduce the Road Land Width to 6.00 meter so as to minimize the ecological damage involved.</i></li> <li>ii. <i>submit the proposal separately for road side avenue plantation along the proposed alignment (Passing through forest land) depending upon the extent of the area available for such plantation.</i></li> <li>iii. <i>identify the 1.963 hectare forest land involved for dumping area and depict it on the map of the project.</i></li> <li>iv. <i>confirm if the population of 645 souls of village Dhar Gaddian to be benefitted with the construction of this road reside permanently there or migrate to lower plains during winter season.</i></li> </ul>
68.13	Proposal to allow use of 5.45 hectare of forest land for construction of Hardmandguri Canal	Spl. Forest Div. Kulgam	Irrigation & FC Department	<b>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.</b>
68.14	Proposal to allow use of 0.35 hectare of Social Forestry Unit on State land for construction of Parking Slot at D.C.Office road, Budgam.	S.F.Div. Srinagar	Municipal Committee, Budgam	<b>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.</b>
68.15	Proposal to allow use of 0.0148 hectare of forest land for construction of Service Reservoir (30,000 gallons) at Gulabgarh (Paddar)	Kishtwar	PHE	<b>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.</b>

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<b>68.16</b>	Proposal to allow use of 3.399 hectare of forest land for laying of 33 KV Transmission Line from Mandal (Kishtwar) to Padyarna	Kishtwar	JK SPDC	<b>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.</b>
<b>68.17</b>	Issue regarding extension for validity of the sanction to allow use of 150 hectare of Forest land for establishment of Central University at village Bagla (Samba)	Jammu	Higher Education Department	<b>The issue as proposed was approved by the Forest Advisory Committee.</b>

**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**