

**MINUTES OF THE 69<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 08-10-2012.**

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The 69<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 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.

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

**(A) Members FAC**

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| 1. | <b>Shri Iqbal Khandey, IAS</b><br>Principal Secretary, Finance Department, J&K Govt.    | <b>MEMBER</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Sheikh Ejaz Iqbal, IAS</b><br>Commissioner /Secretary to Govt.<br>Forest Department  | <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 Mukerjit Sharma, IFS</b><br>Director,<br>Soil Conservation Department, J&K      | <b>MEMBER</b>  |
| 6. | <b>Shri M. H. Malik</b><br>Special Secretary, Planning                                  | <b>Rep. of Principal Secretary<br/>Planning Department</b> |
| 7. | <b>Prof. S.P.Singh Dutta</b> (Environmentalist)   | <b>MEMBER<br/>(Non -Official)</b>                          |
| 8. | <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 Tehsin Mustafa</b><br>Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Jammu.   | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 2. | <b>Shri Nissar Ahmed Darzi, IFS</b><br>Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle, Srinagar.                   | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 3. | <b>Shri Manzoor A. Tak, IFS</b><br>Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir.                                       | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 4. | <b>Shri Raman Kesar,</b><br>Chief Executive Officer,<br>Patnitop Development Authority.                     | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 5. | <b>Shri Bashir Ahmed Rather,</b><br>Dy. Director (M&W), Tourism Department, Srinagar.                       | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 6. | <b>Shri R. K. Dhar,</b><br>Dy. Director<br>(Co-ordinator, AIR & DD Project, Nathatop)                       | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| 7. | <b>Shri Sham Singh,</b><br>Installation Officer,<br>(Office of the A.D.G., AIR & DD, North Zone, New Delhi) | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |

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 Item No.	Proposal	Forest Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of the Forest Advisory Committee
69.01	Proposal to allow use of 0.72 hectare of un-demarcated forest land for construction of tourism infrastructure works at Hariparvat Hill by the Tourism Department in Urban Forestry Division, Srinagar.	U.F.Div. Srinagar	Tourism Deptt.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
69.02	Proposal to allow use of 1.00 hectare of forest land for setting up of 10 KW FM Radio Transmitter and 10 KW TV Transmitter of Doordarshan for border area coverage at village Mandlot (Nathatop) by AIR and Doordarshan in Udhampur Forest Division.	Udh. Forest Division	AIR & Doordarshan	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
69.03	Proposal to allow use of 2.896 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Sagra to Ghani by PWD (R&B) in Poonch Forest Division.	Poonch Forest Division	PWD (R&B)	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal, <i>The Forest Advisory Committee observed that at the time of the joint survey by the Forest Department and the Indenting Agency, there is need to exercise high degree of care and caution so that the alignment proposed is the one which involves least ecological damage.</i>

### General

Closing the meeting, the Forest Advisory Committee made the following observations for further necessary action at the appropriate level:-

- i. The Forest Advisory Committee viewed with concern the collateral damage reported to have been caused during the construction of "Mughal Road" (in Poonch Forest Division) by the user agency i.e. PWD (R&B). In order to arrest further loss of soil in the area and to clad it with the vegetative cover, the Forest Advisory Committee asked to formulate a project of intensive soil conservation works (*all along the affected length of the road*) to be funded by the user agency or the Planning Department and implemented by the Soil Conservation Department.
- ii. The Indenting Agency must obtain forest clearance from the competent authority prior to tendering of the project for execution.
- iii. The provision of avenue plantation and soil conservation measures should be the in-built component of the "DPR" of the development project indented for forest clearance.
- iv. Besides, the forest clearance case, inter-alia, should also include the following:-
  - a. The proposal for safe transplanting of saplings (*if involved*) from the proposed site of the development project to the suitable adjoining area by providing mechanized and improvised means and at the same time also making provision for their maintenance till establishment.
  - b. The dumping sites for muck disposal (*whether on forest land or non-forest land*) to be specifically identified and reflected on the map of the proposal.

**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