

MINUTES OF THE 73rd FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI MADHAV LAL, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU, ON 19-12-2012.

The 73rd meeting of the 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 19th December, 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
Financial Commissioner, Finance Department, J&K | MEMBER |
| 2. Dr. Arun Kumar, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K | MEMBER |
| 3. Shri B. R. Sharma, IAS
Principal Secretary, Planning & Development
Department, J&K | MEMBER |
| 4. Sheikh Ejaz Iqbal, IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to Govt.
Forest Department | MEMBER |
| 5. Shri Vinod Ranjan, IFS
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K | MEMBER |
| 6. Shri Suresh Chugh, IFS
Director, Environment and Remote Sensing, J&K | MEMBER |
| 7. Shri U. Pachnanda IFS
Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K | MEMBER |
| 8. Prof. S.P.Singh Dutta (Environmentalist) | MEMBER
(Non- Official) |
| 9. Shri H.S. Salathia, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
& Nodal Officer | MEMBER SECRETARY, FAC |

(B) Special Invitees

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| 1. Shri U. C. Mehta
Chief Engineer, Project SAMPARK,
C/O 56 APO. | Spl. Invitee |
| 2. Shri D. L. Sharma
Chief Engineer, PMGSY Department, Jammu | Spl. Invitee |
| 3. Shri Tehsin Mustafa
Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Jammu | Spl. Invitee |
| 4. Shri K. K. Gupta
Chief Engineer, Irri & F.C. department, Jammu | Spl. Invitee |
| 5. Shri Peerzada Ghulam Jeelani
Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle, Budgam | Spl. Invitee |
| 6. Shri Mohammad Yasin Lone
Chief Executive Officer,
Lolab –Bangus –Drangyari Development Authority,
Kupwara | 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 Item No.	Proposal	Forest Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of the Forest Advisory Committee
73.01	Revised proposal to allow use of 17.412 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Gali to Angan Pathri	Poonch	GRAF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
73.02	Proposal to allow use of 15.48 hectare of forest land for construction of Naigud Canal	Kishtwar	Irrigation & F.C Deptt.	The proposal was deferred with the following directions:- <i>i. The Director, Agriculture Department, Jammu, shall examine the DPR of the project from agriculture angle and furnish his comments with regard to the justification of the project which would irrigate 4895 acres of land against the ecological damage of 15.48 hectare of forest land involving 7385 trees, poles and saplings.</i> <i>ii. The Forest Department shall also review the proposal in light of the benefits to be accrued vis a vis the ecological loss to be suffered with the construction of the project.</i>
73.03	Proposal to allow use of 1.50 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Gatti to Bhandar via Fatehpur upto Panekhi (Phase 2nd)	Billawar	PWD (R&B)	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
73.04	Revised proposal to allow felling of trees of Social Forestry Department and additional trees of Forest Department coming in the alignment of Gujed to Chirdi road	Udhampur	PMGSY	The proposal was deferred with the direction that the CCF, Jammu, will enquire into the matter after visiting the spot and furnish his report as to how the trees coming in the alignment in the forest area with Social Forestry Department as also in the area with Forest Department were left out when the case was originally processed during 2008 and later in the year 2011.
73.05	Proposal to allow use of 2.29 hectare of forest land for construction of tourism related infrastructure at Lolab valley	Kamraj	Lolab-Bangus-Drangyari Dev.Authority	The proposal was deferred with the direction to ascertain the ownership of the old existing assets which are proposed to be reconstructed and whether the Department who owns such assets has agreed for their transfer to the Lolab- Bangus-Drangyari Development Authority.

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73.06	Proposal to allow use of 0.0279 hectare of forest land for construction of Slow Sand Filtration Plant (3000 gallons) at Lethay	Udhampur	PHE	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
73.07	Proposal to allow use of 0.164 hectare of forest land for construction of PHE structures under WSS Doodhpathri	Pir Panjal	PHE	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
73.08	Proposal to allow use of 0.1375 hectare of forest land for construction of PHE structures under WSS Bandi Bala	J.V.	PHE	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
73.09	Proposal to allow use of 0.075 hectare of forest land for construction of PHE structures under WSS Namblan	J.V.	PHE	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
73.10	Proposal to allow use of 0.075 hectare of forest land for construction of PHE structures under WSS Laridoora	J.V.	PHE	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
73.11	Proposal to allow use of 0.10 hectare of forest land for construction of PHE structures under WSS Malpora	J.V.	PHE	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
73.12	Proposal to allow use of 0.075 hectare of forest land for construction of PHE structures under WSS Malsooma	J.V.	PHE	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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