MINUTES OF THE 74th FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI MADHAV LAL, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU, ON 08-01-2013.

The 74th 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 08th January, 2013.

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

(A) Members FAC

1. Shri Iqbal Khandey, IAS
Financial Commissioner, Finance Department, J&K

MEMBER

2. Dr. Arun Kumar, IAS MEMBER

Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K

3. Shri B. R. Sharma, IAS MEMBER

Principal Secretary, Planning & Development Department, J&K

4. Sheikh Ejaz Iqbal, IAS MEMBER

Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. Forest Department

5. Shri Vinod Ranjan, IFS MEMBER

Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K

6. Shri A. K. Singh, IFS MEMBER

Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K

7. Shri Suresh Chugh, IFS MEMBER

Director, Environment and Remote Sensing, J&K

8. Shri U. Pachnanda IFS MEMBER

Directoir, Soil Conservation Department, J&K

9. Prof. S.P.Singh Dutta (Environmentalist)

MEMBER

(Non- Official)

10. Shri H.S. Salathia, IFS MEMBER SECRETARY, FAC

Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer

(B) Special Invitees

1. Shri Basharat A. Dhar, Spl. Invitee

Managing Director, JK SPDC, Satwari, Jammu.

2. Smt. Nalini Kohli, Director, Spl. Invitee

Higher Education, Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

3. Shri T. K. Sadhu, Spl. Invitee

Superintending Engineer, PMGSY, Srinagar.

4. Col. Gurdev Singh, Spl. Invitee 28, Ammn Coy, C/o 56 APO.

5. Major Kaushik Mitra, O. C, 53 RCC (GREF)

6. Shri Hari Om, Spl. Invitee

Executive Engineer (Civil), H. Q. SAMPARK.

7. Shri D. C. Shaily, Spl. Invitee

Asst. Engineer (Civil), 110 RCC (GREF)

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
74.01	Proposal to allow use of 0.48 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Soaf to Gadvail (Phase-II)	Anantnag	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
74.02	Revised proposal to allow use of 1.36 hectare of forest land for widening of road from N. S. Bridge to Rustam U K (Uri)	J.V	GREF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
74.03	Proposal to allow use of 1.00 hectare of Paddar- Maslote Unit of Soil Conservation Department coming in the widening of Reasi- Arnas-Mahore road (Km. 39 to 40)	Soil Conservation Deptt.	GREF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
74.04	Proposal to allow additional use of 62.70 hectare forest land for establishment of Central University, Jammu, at village Bagla (Samba)	Jammu	Higher Education Department	The proposal was deferred with the following direction: i. The site plan of the University campus to be prepared so as to ascertain the actual number of trees/poles to be felled. ii. The area involved being more than 50 hectare, the EIA to be prepared and furnished as a step towards, getting environment clearance of the project at State level.
74.05	Proposal to allow use of 23.6 hectare of forest land (already occupied since 2000) for extension of Ammunition Depot at Chak Keegam	Kamraj	Army	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
74.06	Proposal to allow use of 10.457 hectare of forest land for construction of 37.5 MW Parnai Hydro-Electric Project.	Poonch	JK SPDC	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
74.07	Proposal to allow use of 1.60 hectare of forest land (underground) for construction of tunnel for the 48 MW Lower Kalnai Hydro-Electric Project.	Bhaderwah	JK SPDC	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.