

MINUTES OF THE 76th FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI IQBAL KHANDAY, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR, ON 08-05-2013.

The 76th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the chairmanship of **Shri Iqbal Khanday, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government**, at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, on 08th May, 2013.

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

(A) Members FAC

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| 1. Dr. Arun Kumar, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K | MEMBER |
| 2. Sheikh Ejaz Iqbal, IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to Govt.
Forest Department | MEMBER |
| 3. Shri Vinod Ranjan, IFS
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K | MEMBER |
| 4. Shri Suresh Chugh, IFS
Director, Environment and Remote Sensing, J&K | MEMBER |
| 5. Shri U. Pachnanda IFS
Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K | MEMBER |
| 6. Shri O.P. Sharma, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests, Eco-Tourism | Representative of
Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K |
| 7. Shri Shabir Ahmed Bhat
Special Secretary, Planning Department | Representative of Principal
Secretary, Planning & Development |
| 8. Dr. Isaq Wani
Director, Budget | Representative of Principal
Secretary, Finance Department. |
| 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. Nissar Ahmed Darzi, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir. | Spl. Invitee |
| 2. Shri. U. C. Mehta, Chief Engineer,
Project SAMPARK, C/o 56 APO | Spl. Invitee |
| 3. Shri Abdul Hameed, Chief Engineer,
PMGSY Department, Jammu | Spl. Invitee |
| 4. Prof. Naresh Padha,
Registrar, University of Jammu | Spl. Invitee |
| 5. Shri R. P. Singh,
Project Director, NHAI, PIU- Jammu | Spl. Invitee |
| 6. Major D. A. Johnson,
Officer Commanding, 58 RCC, C/o 56 APO | 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
76.01	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 approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
76.02	Proposal to allow use of 3.565 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Kalmoha Morh to Julla .	Reasi	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
76.03	Proposal to allow use of 4.949 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Supply Morh-Kainthgali road (Km. 20th) to Jassarkote .	Udhampur	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
76.04	Proposal to allow use of 3.00 hectare of Soil Conservation Units area at Chanas Kotli and Falata coming in the four laning of NH-1A .	Soil Conservation Department	NHAI	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
76.05	Proposal to allow use of 12.57 hectare of forest land for widening of Reasi - Pouni - Siar-Rajouri road (Km. 64 to Km. 121.365) .	Rajouri	GRAF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
76.06	Proposal to allow use of 9.85 hectare of forest land for construction of University Campus (Udhampur) at village Garnai .	Udhampur	University of Jammu	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.
76.07	Status for appraisal of the FAC with regard to proposal for improvement of track conditions to the Holy Cave of Shri Amarnath Ji and construction of Helipads	Lidder / Sindh	Pahalgam Dev. Authority/ PWD (R&B)	The Forest Advisory Committee was appraised about the status of the case and it was decided that the joint inspection be conducted as soon as snow melts and the proposal be put up in the next FAC meeting scheduled on 10-06.2013. <i>However, an attempt may be made in the mid of May to explore the possibility of conducting the joint inspection and if it is done, special FAC meeting may be convened to discuss the case.</i>

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