

**MINUTES OF THE 77<sup>th</sup> FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI IQBAL KHANDEY, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR, ON 11-06-2013.**

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

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| <b>1. Shri Vinod Ranjan, IFS</b><br>Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K                  | <b>MEMBER</b>  |
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| <b>4. Shri T. Rabi Kumar, IFS</b><br>Secretary Technical (Forests)                         | <b>Representative of Commr./Secretary,<br/>(Forests)</b>                     |
| <b>5. Shri Shabir Ahmed Bhat</b><br>Special Secretary, Planning Department                 | <b>Representative of Principal<br/>Secretary, Planning &amp; Development</b> |
| <b>6. Shri J.S. Manhas</b>   | <b>Representative</b>  |
| <b>7. Dr. Isaq Wani</b><br>Director, Budget  | <b>Representative of Principal<br/>Secretary, Finance Department.</b>        |
| <b>8. Prof. S.P.Singh Dutta (Environmentalist)</b>   | <b>MEMBER<br/>(Non- Official)</b>  |
| <b>9. 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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| <b>1. Shri. Nissar Ahmed Darzi, IFS</b><br>Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir. | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| <b>2. Shri. U. C. Mehta, Chief Engineer,</b><br>Project SAMPARK, C/o 56 APO       | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| <b>3. Shri Abdul Hameed, Chief Engineer,</b><br>PMGSY Department, Jammu           | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| <b>4. Prof. Naresh Padha,</b><br>Registrar, University of Jammu                   | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| <b>5. Shri R. P. Singh,</b><br>Project Director, NHAI, PIU- Jammu                 | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| <b>6. Major D. A. Johnson,</b><br>Officer Commanding, 58 RCC, C/o 56 APO          | <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
<b>77.01</b>	Proposal to allow use of 0.135 hectare of Strip Plantation area of Social Forestry Department for <b>widening/ upgradation of VIP Distributory road in Kathua town.</b>	Social Forestry Division, Kathua	PWD (R&B)	<p><b>The proposal was approved</b> on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal with additional condition as under:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>The Social Forestry Department shall take up avenue plantation along the length of the road by planting 100 number of Teak and Mango plants whereas the User Agency shall provide 100 number of “Tree Guards” for the protection of these plants.</i></li> <li>ii. <i>The Chief Engineer, PWD (R&amp;B), Jammu and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, shall vigorously follow the matter of liquidation of FCA outstanding in respect of the PWD(R&amp;B) cases sanctioned earlier in Jammu Region. Any new proposal of the User Agency shall be recommended by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, only after the substantial progress in this behalf has been achieved and reported in the proposal.</i></li> </ul>
<b>77.02</b>	Proposal to allow use of 1.06 hectare of forest land for <b>WSS Manawar Tawi near Beri Pattan Bridge (Stage-I)</b>	Nowshera	Army	<p><b>The proposal was approved</b> on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal with additional condition as under:-</p> <p><i>The Army authorities and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, shall vigorously follow the matter of liquidation of FCA outstanding in respect of the Army cases sanctioned earlier in Jammu Region. Any new proposal of the User Agency shall be recommended by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, only after the substantial progress in this behalf has been achieved and reported in the proposal.</i></p>
<b>77.03</b>	Proposal to regularize the use of 0.70 hectare of forest land at Mand ( <i>near village Seenthakran</i> ) for the already constructed <b>ASCAN Node</b>	Udhampur	Army	<p><b>The proposal was approved</b> on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal with additional condition as under:-</p> <p><i>The Army authorities and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, shall vigorously follow the matter of liquidation of FCA outstanding in respect of the Army cases sanctioned earlier in Jammu Region. Any new proposal of the User Agency shall be recommended by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, only after the substantial progress in this behalf has been achieved and reported in the proposal.</i></p>

<b>77.04</b>	Proposal to allow use of 0.06 hectare of forest land <b>for construction of helipad at Sangam</b>	Sindh	Pahalgam Development Authority	<p><b>The proposal was approved</b> on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal with additional condition as under:-</p> <p><i>The Chief Executive Officer, Pahalgam Development Authority, and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir, shall vigorously follow the matter of liquidation of FCA outstanding in respect of the PDA cases sanctioned earlier in Kashmir Region. Any new proposal of the User Agency shall be recommended by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir, only after the substantial progress in this behalf has been achieved and reported in the proposal.</i></p>
<b>77.05</b>	Issue with regard to accord of forest clearance for the Proposal (Part-I) to allow use of 0.2821 hectare of forest land <b>for laying 220 KV D/C Transmission Line from Zainakote to Alusteng to Mirbazar (ZAMTL) (already approved but later put on hold by the FAC).</b>	Sindh	PDD	<p><b>The proposal which was put on hold in the 41<sup>st</sup> FAC meeting held on 05.03.2008 was approved</b> on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal.</p> <p><i>The proposal was earlier cleared in the 41<sup>st</sup> FAC meeting held on 25.02.2008 vide Main Agenda Item 41.22 but was put on hold in the same 41<sup>st</sup> FAC meeting held on 05.03.2008 as the Part-II of the proposal involved wildlife area. Later, the forest clearance for Part-II of the proposal was accorded vide Government Order No. 101-FST of 2011 Dated: 09.03.2011 and the wildlife clearance was accorded vide the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated: 30.01.2012.</i></p>

**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**

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| <b>2. Col A.K. Sharma</b><br>6-GRENADIERS, Stn. HQ., Sunderbani                         | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| <b>3. Col Anurag Saksena</b><br>591-Sub Group.  | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |
| <b>4. Shri S.P. Manhas,</b><br>Superintending Engineer, Jammu/ Kathua Circle,<br>Jammu. | <b>Spl. Invitee</b> |