

**MINUTES OF THE 78<sup>TH</sup> FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH IQBAL KHANDEY IAS, CHIEF  
SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KAHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR,  
ON 22/08/2013.**

The 78<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the chairmanship of Shri Iqbal Khandey, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government, at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2013.

The following members of the FAC and special invitees attended the meeting;

**(A) Members (FAC)**

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| <b>1. Dr. Arun Kumar, IAS</b><br>Financial Commissioner (Revenue),J&K                                    | <b>Member</b>  |
| <b>2. Shri B.R Sharma, IAS</b><br>Principal Secretary, Planning &Development Deptt.J&K                   | <b>Member</b>  |
| <b>3. Shri B.B Vyas, IAS</b><br>Principal Secretary, Finance Department, J&K                             | <b>Member</b>  |
| <b>4. Shri Sheikh Ejaz Iqbal, IAS</b><br>Commissioner/Secretary to Government.<br>Forest Department, J&K | <b>Member</b>  |
| <b>5. Shri Abhai Kumar, IFS</b><br>Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K                                 | <b>Member</b>  |
| <b>6. Shri A.K. Singh, IFS</b><br>Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K   | <b>Member</b>  |
| <b>7. Shri U.Pachnanda, IFS</b><br>Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K                           | <b>Member</b>  |
| <b>8. Prof. S.P Singh Dutta (Environmentalist)</b>   | <b>Member<br/>(Non-Official)</b>   |
| <b>9. Shri L.A Dar</b><br>Jt. Director Environment & Remote Sensing.                                     | <b>Representative<br/>of The Director<br/>Dept of Ecology,<br/>Env. and<br/>Remote Sensing</b> |

**(B) Special Invities**

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| <b>1. Shri Nissar Ahmad Darzi IFS</b><br>Chief Conservator of Forests Kashmir | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| <b>2. Shri Abdul Hameed</b><br>Chief Engineer PMGSY Jammu.                    | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| <b>3. Er. Ishtiaq Ahmed Hamal</b><br>Chief Engineer PMGSY Kashmir.            | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| <b>4. Sh. Nasir Ahmad Dar</b><br>General Manager, CVPP                        | <b>Special Invitee</b> |

1. The item -wise agenda of the meeting was presented by Sh. Rajeev Kumar Tiwari IFS, Member Secretary, FAC. Agenda items were discussed one by one and following decisions were taken;

Agenda Item No.	Proposal	Forest Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of FAC
78.01	Proposal to allow 2.43 ha of Forest Land for construction of road from Tangward to Dinsernard	Anantnag	PMGSY	<b>Approval for the case has been kept pending</b> for want of information from the Chief Engineer, PMGSY (Kashmir) with regards to the details pertaining to the provision of breast/retaining wall in the Forest area.
78.02	Proposal to allow use of 2.81 Ha of Forest Land for construction of road from Kharpora to Neelfan Argangali	Anantnag	PMGSY	<b>Approval for the case has been kept pending</b> for want of information from the Chief Engineer, PMGSY (Kashmir) with regards to the details pertaining to the provision of breast/retaining wall in the Forest area.
78.03	Proposal to allow use of 0.279 Ha of strip plantation	Social Forestry Division Jammu	GRES	FAC was briefed that total 11.86 crores is pending against GRES against cases already sanctioned in favour of the agency. FAC decided to defer the cases keeping in view the huge outstanding balance against the user agency. FAC decided that cases of the GRES should be processed only after outstanding payments are made against the old cases.
78.04	Proposal to allow felling of 24 number of trees /poles of coming in the widening of Chhan Khatriyan - KatalGujran-Londi-road road.	Social Forestry Division Kathua	GRES	FAC was briefed that total 11.86 crores is pending against GRES against cases already sanctioned in favour of the agency. FAC decided to defer the cases keeping in view the huge outstanding balance against the user agency. FAC decided that cases of the GRES should be processed only after outstanding payments are made against the old cases.
78.05	Proposal to allow use of 0.126 Ha of Forest land for construction of Jhulla Foot Bridges at Briyariwali -II, Dingla Bala-II and Esawali Loran.	Poonch	PWD (R&B)	<b>The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.</b>
78.06	Proposal to allow use of 8.21 Ha of Forest land for construction of road from Chakal to ChiglaBalota	Ramnagar	PMGSY	<b>Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.</b>
78.07	Proposal to allow use	Kishtwar	Chenab	<b>The proposal was approved</b>

	of 82.05 ha of Forest land for construction of 660 MW Kiru HEP		Valley Power Project ltd.	<b>on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.</b> User agency promised to fulfill the commitment with respect to the Environmental clearance in view of the latest guidelines of the MoEF, GOI.
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2. Chairman directed that joint inspection and the required field work in the case "Improvement of track conditions to the Holy Cave of Shri Amarnathji and construction of Helipads" in Lidder and Sindh Forest Divisions should be expedited. He desired that the case should be placed before FAC in the next meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Rajeev Kumar Tiwari IFS  
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)  
& Nodal Officer  
Member Secretary (FAC)

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