

**MINUTES OF THE 79TH FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF SH IQBAL KHANDEY IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KAHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT,
SRINAGAR, ON 13/09/2013.**

The 79th 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 13th August, 2013.

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

(I) Members (FAC)

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| 1. Shri B.R Sharma, IAS
Principal Secretary, Planning & Development Deptt. J&K | Member |
| 2. Shri Sheikh Ejaz Iqbal, IAS
Commissioner/Secretary, Forest Department, J&K | Member |
| 3. Shri A.K. Singh, IFS
Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K | Member |
| 4. Shri Abhai Kumar, IFS
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K | Member |
| 5. Shri M.J.Sharma, IFS
Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K | Member |
| 6. Prof. S.P Singh Dutta (Environmental) | Member
(Non-Official) |
| 7. Shri L.A Dar
Jt. Director Environment & Remote Sensing. | Representative of the
Director Dept of Ecology,
Env. and RS |

(II) Special Invitees

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| 1. Shri Nissar Ahmad Darzi IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests Kashmir | Special Invitee |
| 2. Shri Abdul Hameed
Chief Engineer PMGSY Jammu. | Special Invitee |
| 3. Er. Ishtiaq Ahmed Hamal
Chief Engineer PMGSY Kashmir. | Special Invitee |

A. Review of the action on the decision taken in the 78th FAC meeting.

1. Review of outstanding amount against user agencies.

FAC was briefed that as per direction of the 78th FAC, meeting, three proposals of GREF, which were ready, had not been kept in the agenda of the meeting of 79th FAC. Committee was also briefed that huge amount was outstanding against the following twelve user agencies;

S.No.	Name of the User Agency
1	Border Roads Organisation (GREF)
2	State Power Development Corporation
3	ARMY
4	Public Works Deptt.
5	Northern Railways
6	National Highway Authority-I
7	National Hydro Power Corporation
8	Power Development Deptt.
9	Public Health Engineering Deptt.
10	Power Grid Corporation of India
11	Revenue deptt.
12	Srinagar Development Authority

In view of the huge outstanding against the twelve agencies, FAC took following decisions;

- I. Administrative department of the all the agencies, who have defaulted in the payment, shall be communicated to clear the dues. Proposals of these agencies should not be put up before the committee until outstanding dues are cleared.
 - II. In the cases, in which final amount has not yet been decided for want of assessment of cost of land by the Revenue Department, the same may be assessed as per the Net Present Value. Rate of NPV will be as per prevalent rate decided by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, at that time.
2. Status of submission of information in case of three PMGSY cases, approved in the 78th FAC meeting.
- In case of the following two proposals of PMGSY, information regarding provision of breast/retaining walls was not provided by the user agency.
- a. Proposal to allow 2.43 ha of Forest Land for construction of road from Tangward to Dinsernard, Anantnag Forest Division.
 - b. Proposal to allow use of 2.81 Ha of Forest Land for construction of road from Kharpora to Neelfan Argangali, Anantnag Forest Division.

The FAC felt that forest land in general gets ignored while constructing the breast walls on the road, which lead to soil erosion and degradation of the forest land. FAC directed the Chief Engineers (PMGSY), that the provision of breast/retaining walls should essentially be kept on the forest land on proportionate basis keeping in view the technical requirement, so as to prevent degradation of the forest land caused by the construction of road.

The FAC approved the two proposals of Ananatnag Forest Division on the terms and conditions laid down in the proposals.

3. Status of the case “Improvement of track conditions to the Holy Cave of Shri Amaranathji and construction of Halipads”.

FAC directed that proposal of the case should be submitted in the next meeting of FAC.

- B. The item-wise agenda for the approval of following four proposals was presented by Sh. Rajeev Kumar Tiwari IFS, Member Secretary, FAC. Proposals were discussed one by one and following decisions were taken;

Agenda Item No.	Proposal	Forest Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of FAC
79.01	Proposal to allow 5.11 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Thaley to Kothi	Ramnagar	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. Read BL spp. (green) in place of Chir (dry) in para (7) of the proposal.
79.02	Proposal to allow use of 3.22 ha of forest land for construction of road from Block Boundary Ghordi to Katwalt	Ramnagar	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
79.03	Proposal to allow use of 0.765 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Kuchhal to Sambol	Doda	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
79.04	Proposal to allow use of 0.19 Ha of forest land for construction of Shed for Water Pump/DG Set and Water Sump.	Poonch	Air Force	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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