

**MINUTES OF THE 81st FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH IQBAL KHANDEY IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU, ON 09/12/2013.**

The 81st 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, Jammu, on 9th December, 2013.

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

(I) Members (FAC)

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| 1. Dr. Arun Kumar, IAS | Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K |
| 2. Shri Abhai Kumar, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K |
| 3. Shri Suresh Chugh IFS | Director, Dept of Ecology, Env & RS |
| 4. Shri M.J.Sharma, IFS | Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K |
| 5. Shri Om Prakash Sharma IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (Ecotourism)
Representative of the Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K. |
| 6. Shri T. Rabi Kumar IFS | Spl. Secretary (Tech.) Forest Deptt.
Representative of the Secretary (Forests) |
| 7. Shri Shabir Ahmad Bhat | Spl. Secretary, Planning Department
Rep. of the Pr. Secretary (Planning and Dev. Deptt.) |
| 8. Prof. S.P.S. Dutta | Environmentalist (Non-official). |

(II) Special Invitees

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| 1. Shri Roshan Jaggi IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu. |
| 2. Shri Farooq Gillani IFS | Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle. |
| 3. Shri Nasir Ahmad Dar | General Manager, Planning and Design, CVPP. |
| 4. Shri R.P.Singh | Project Director, NHAI. |
| 5. Shri M.M. Gupta | Chief Engineer, PMGSY. |

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

Agenda Item No.	Proposal	Forest Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of FAC
81.01	Proposal to allow use of 29.75 hectare of forest land for construction of 560 MW Kwar HEP.	Kishtwar	CVPP Pvt. Ltd.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. Forest land will be diverted for the purpose for the design period of the project. Following directions were given by the FAC; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Useful construction material being generated from the Soil/Muck being proposed to be deposited at dumping site may be utilized by the various Government departments. 2. Commissioner/Secretary (PWD) may be requested to coordinate for the consumption of the excess and utilizable material generated from big projects, for the purpose of utilization by various engineering departments. For the consumption of the material for private use by the public a mechanism should be developed. 3. Component for the escalation of the cost should be kept in the various components of the CAT plan. 4. Cost of Soil Conservation work under CAT plan is to be revised from 30000/- per ha to 70,000/- per ha.
81.02	Proposal to allow use 0.42 ha of forest land for laying of 33 kv overhead line through forest land from Jangri Morh to Nashri bridge.	Batote	NHA1	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. Para (17) of the Agenda should be revised as under; “No felling of trees will be done.”
81.03	Proposal to allow use of 2.853 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Namol to Dhanti.	Udhampur	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
81.04	Proposal to allow use of 0.13	Udhampur	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms

	hectare of forest land for construction of road from Dhuna to Konera.			and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
81.05	Proposal to allow use of 0.51 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Parmote to Lathoung.	Poonch	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
81.06	Proposal to allow use of 2.06 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Arnas to Chillad (Phase-II).	Mahore	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
81.07	Proposal to allow use of 2.36 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Satyalt Khas to Malal..	Ramnagar	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
81.08	Proposal for diversion of forest land for construction of road from Panchari to Janoori.	Udhampur-II	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
81.09	Proposal to allow use of 5.68 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Bhagwah- Bajarni- Lal Dharman- Doshnan.	Doda	GRAF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. User Agency (SAMPARK, GRAF) will clear the outstanding due on top most priority.
81.10	Proposal to allow use of 0.279 hectare of Strip Plantation area (State Land), coming in widening of Khour- Ramgarh- Pakhuri road by GRAF.	Social Forestry Division Jammu	GRAF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. User Agency (SAMPARK, GRAF) will clear the outstanding due on top most priority.
81.11	Proposal to allow felling of 24 number of trees/poles coming in the widening of Chhan Khatriyan- Katal Gujran- Londi- Bobiya road by GRAF.	Social Forestry Division Kathua	GRAF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. User Agency (SAMPARK, GRAF) will clear the outstanding due on top most priority.

B. General Directions;

1. The Chairman desired that one meeting at the level of Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests may be called, if required before the FAC meeting to sort out the technical issues, missing information etc. In case of important projects, a Power Point Presentation should also be made by the User Agency before the Forest Department, before placing the case in meeting of the FAC.

2. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests will take the input from the Director SFRI for the development of technology for “Transplantation of Saplings” to brief the FAC in the next meeting.
3. Chairman enquired about the development of the submission of the proposal “Improvement of track conditions to Holy Cave of Shri Amarnathji (Baltal route and Pahalgam route)”. Conservator of forests, Srinagar Circle briefed about the development. Chairman desired to finalize the proposal.
4. Monitoring mechanism for the projects already approved needs to be in place to ensure compliance of stipulated terms and conditions.
5. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests briefed the FAC about the submission of proposal of “Diversion of Forest land for the construction of Zojila tunnel”. Proposal submitted is short of many vital information. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Kashmir) has been requested to take the information from BEACON and submit the complete proposal.
6. The Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu will issue instruction to all the Ex. Engineers to submit the information to the respective DFOs regarding Muck dumping sites, Breast/Retaining walls and complete DPR of the case as directed by FAC in its 78th meeting.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Rajeev Kumar Tiwari IFS
(Member Secretary)
Forest Advisory Committee.