

**MINUTES OF THE 82nd FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH IQBAL KHANDEY IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KAHMIR, AT
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU, ON 10/01/2014.**

The 82nd 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 10th January, 2014.

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 B.R. Sharma, IAS | Principal Secretary, Planning & Development Deptt. |
| 3. Mohammad Afzal, IAS | Secretary, Forest Department. |
| 4. Shri Abhai Kumar, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K |
| 5. Shri A.K. Singh, IFS | Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K. |
| 6. Shri Suresh Chugh IFS | Director, Dept of Ecology, Env & RS |
| 7. Shri M.J.Sharma, IFS | Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K |
| 8. Shri T. Rabi Kumar IFS | Spl. Secretary (Tech.) Forest Deptt.
Representative of the Secretary (Forests) |
| 9. Dr. M. Ishal | D.G., Budget and Finance Dept.
Representative of Pr. Secretary, Finance Department. |
| 10. 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 Nissar Darji IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir. |
| 3. Brig. U.C. Mehta | Chief Engineer, Project SAMPARK, BRO. |
| 4. Brig. B. Bhattacharya | Chief Engineer, BRO. |
| 5. Shri M.M. Gupta | Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Jammu. |
| 6. Shri Jufail Mattoo | MD, State Cable Car Corporation. |
| 7. Shri M.A. Kakroo | MD, JKSPDCL. |
| 8. Shri S.M. Trishal | Project Manager, JKUSDIP,ERA, Jammu. |
| 9. Col. P. Satyanarayan | CO, 31 BRTF, Project SAMPRAK, BRO. |
| 10. Col. Murlidharan | CO, 32 BRTF, Project BEACON, BRO. |

1. 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
82.01	Proposal to allow use of 29.13 Ha of State Land and felling of 10186 trees/poles/saplings for construction of 850 MW RATTLE HEP, Drabshalla.	S.F. Div. Kishtwar	JKSPDC	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
82.02	Proposal for felling of 79 trees/poles coming under widening of road from Bikram Chowk to Women College, Gandhinagar, Jammu	S.F. Div. Jammu	ERA	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
82.03	Proposal to allow use of 32.82 Ha of forest land for construction of road Shahsitar to K.G. top.	Poonch	GRAF	Proposal was deferred with the direction that width of the road should be reduced from 12 mt. to 10 mt. keeping in view large number of trees coming in the alignment.
82.04	Proposal to allow use of 4.234 Ha of forest land for construction of Arial Ropeway Project.	Jammu	J&K State Cable Car Corporation Ltd	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda (revised).
82.05	Proposal for diversion of 0.75 Ha forest land for construction of Km 2 nd Nagar Lanchan road to Kansar.	Bhaderwah	PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
82.06	Proposal to allow use of forest land for construction of Zojila Tunnel between Srinagar to Ladakh.	Sindh, Kargil	GRAF	Proposal was deferred with the following direction; 1. User Agency will submit the following information regarding Muck disposal; a. Basis of quantity of Muck being produced. b. Scientific reason for the swell factor being adopted by GRAF in this case. c. Detail Muck disposal plan including drawing, designing, provision of drainage, retaining wall etc. d. Provision of other soil

				<p>Conservation measures.</p> <p>2. The user agency furnished a letter from the Member Secretary, SEIAA that this is a category "A" project and Environment Clearance is not required in the present case. As MOEF has jurisdiction over category "A" cases, user agency clarified that Environment clearance in case of "Z-Mohr" tunnel was also given by SEIAA. FAC desired that issue may be clarified along with all the documents, when the complete proposal is put up in the next meeting.</p>

2. The committee reiterated that cases of the user agencies against whom payments are due for cases cleared already, cases for use of forest land for non forestry purposes for such user agency should not be placed before the FAC for consideration.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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