

**MINUTES OF THE 85<sup>th</sup> FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER  
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH IQBAL KHANDEY IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU  
AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR, ON 08/07/2014.**

The 85<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 Sh. Iqbal Khandey, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government, at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 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)            |
| 2. Sh. B.R. Sharma, IAS  | Principal Secretary, Planning & Dev. Deptt. |
| 3. Sh. B.B. Vyas, IAS    | Principal Secretary, Finance Deptt.         |
| 4. Mohammad Afzal, IAS   | Secretary, Forest Deptt.                    |
| 5. Sh. A.K. Singh, IFS   | Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K                  |
| 6. Sh. Abhai Kumar, IFS  | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K       |
| 7. Sh. Suresh Chugh, IFS | Director, Deptt. of Env. & RS               |
| 8. Sh. M.J.Sharma, IFS   | Director, Soil Conservation Deptt.          |
| 9. Prof. S.P.S. Dutta    | Member (Non-official)                       |

**(II) Special Invitees**

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| 1. Sh. Bipul Pathak, IAS     | Commissioner/ Secretary, Science & Tech. Deptt. |
| 2. Smt. Tanvir Jahan, IAS    | Commissioner/ Secretary (PWD)                   |
| 3. Dr. Mandeep Bhandari, IAS | Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Katra.         |
| 4. Sh. P.Z.H. Shah, KAS      | Chief Ex. Officer, JAKEDA.                      |
| 5. Sh. D.D. Gorka            | Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu                   |

**Agenda Item No. (1)**

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

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Forest Division</b>	<b>Indenting Agency</b>	<b>Decision of FAC</b>
<b>85.01</b>	Proposal to allow use of 1.10 Ha. Of forest land for implementation of 2 MW Khari MHP 1 <sup>st</sup> Hydro Power Station at Mohu Mangat Nallah Ramban.	Ramban Forest Division	JAKEDA	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. Department of Science and Technology and JAKEDA will monitor the execution of the project on monthly basis.
<b>85.02</b>	Proposal to allow use of 1.875 Ha. Of forest land for construction of road from Bamayala to Kantha (Part-I).	Nowshera Forest Division	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
<b>85.03</b>	Proposal to allow use of 4.08 Ha. Of forest land for construction of road from Banjian to Motta.	Billawar Forest Division	PMGSY	Proposal was approved in principle. Road width will be reduced to 6 mt from the proposed 6.5 mt. The summary of amount in para (B) of the Agenda may be accordingly revised, before processing the case for sanction by the Government.
<b>85.04</b>	Proposal to allow use of 2.046 Ha. Of forest land for construction of road from Bathera to Ghawan Part-II.	Rajouri Forest Division.	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
<b>85.05</b>	Proposal to allow use of 1.575 Ha. Of forest land for construction of road from Km 15 <sup>th</sup> LO 45 to Narla in Reasi forest Division.	Reasi Forest Division.	PMGSY	The proposal was deferred with the direction to initiate the process of prosecution as per provisions of the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997. It was also decided that provisions of the Section 6(a) of the J&K Forest Act, 1987 should be invoked in this case to compensate for the loss to the Government, which would be in addition to the prosecution proceedings to be initiated under the FCA. It was decided that ten times damage for the illicit felling as proposed in the proposal will not be paid by the Government. Amount of the damage for the felling of tree

				(10 times the cost) and NPV for the forest land damaged should be recovered from the person, who was responsible for the conduct of the business in this case and the proposal should be placed before the FAC only after the damage cost is fully recovered. Commissioner/ Secretary (PWD) will also initiate the departmental proceedings against the officer.
<b>85.06</b>	Proposal for forest clearance to Passenger Ropeway Project of SMVDB.	Reasi	SMVDSB, Katra	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
	Forest clearance to allow use of forest land for infrastructure development.	Pir Panchal Forest Division	Dodh Pathri Dev. Authority	The proposal, which was deferred in the 84 <sup>th</sup> meeting of FAC (Agenda 84.09), was approved. The Pr. Secretary (Plg. & Dev. Dept) briefed about his visit to the site. Committee decided that the proposed site for the public convenience will be changed.

Committee decided that a team of members of the FAC, led by Sh B.R. Sharma Principal Secretary (Planning and Dev Dept.) and accompanied with the Secretary (Forests), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Director Soil Conservation Department and Sh S.P.S. Dutta Member (FAC) will visit the Chenani- Nashri project, being executed by the National Highway Authority of India.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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