

**MINUTES OF THE 86<sup>th</sup> FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER  
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH IQBAL KHANDEY IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU  
AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU ON 24/11/2014.**

The 86<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, Jammu, on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

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

**(I) Members (FAC)**

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| 1. Sh. B.R. Sharma, IAS       | Principal Secretary, Planning & Dev. Deptt.  |
| 2. Sh. B.B. Vyas, IAS         | Principal Secretary, Finance Deptt.          |
| 3. Sh. Muhammad Afzal, IAS    | Secretary, Forest Deptt.                     |
| 4. Sh. A.K. Singh, IFS        | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K        |
| 5. Sh. Abdul Razaq IFS        | Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K                   |
| 6. Sh. Ravi Kesar IFS         | Director, Soil and Water Conservation Deptt. |
| 7. Sh. Suresh Chugh, IFS      | Director, Deptt. of Env. & RS                |
| 8. Prof. S.P.S. Dutta         | Member (Non-official)                        |
| 9. Ms.Sunita Anand            | Rep. of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) |
| 10. Sh. Rajeev Kr. Tiwari IFS | Member Secretary                             |

**(II) Special Invitees**

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| 1. Sh. Asif Mehmood Sagar IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (Jammu)         |
| 2. Sh. S. K. Sharma           | Ex. Director, PGCI, Jammu.                   |
| 3. Sh. B. B. S. Tomar         | Chief Engineer (North), Jammu.               |
| 4. Sh. Bimal Tickoo           | Development Commissioner, PWD(R&B).          |
| 5. Sh. D.D.Gorka              | Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu.               |
| 6. Sh. Vijay Dogra            | Commandant 47 <sup>th</sup> Bn, ITBP, Samba. |
| 7. Sh. Alok Mengi             | Director, ERA, Jammu.                        |

- A. 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>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Forest Division</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>86.01</b>	Forest clearance to allow use of 0.827 Ha. Of forest land for construction of Kunga-Bhatni-Koth Jageer road.	Batote	PMGSY	The Proposal was deferred with the direction that the Chief Conservator of Forests (Jammu), Development Commissioner (PWD) and the Chief Engineer (PMGSY) Jammu will visit the site. A report on the status of Kunga-Bhatni Road, which stand constructed and is under operation will be submitted. Status of protection works, muck disposal on the road side on the forest land will be submitted along with photographs.
<b>86.02</b>	Forest clearance to allow use of 3.4518 Ha. Of forest land for construction of road from Banihal to Mangit Phase-II (realignment).	Ramban	PMGSY	The Proposal was deferred with the direction that the Chief Conservator of Forests (Jammu), and the Chief Engineer (PMGSY) Jammu will visit the part of the road which has been abandoned due to unstable slope and tress have been cut. A detailed plan for the stabilization of that part of the road alignment will be submitted by the PMGSY. A proposal for the afforestation of the part of the road alignment on which trees have been cut will also be submitted by the Forest Department.
<b>86.03</b>	Forest clearance to allow use of 3.729 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Seri to Sencha.	Ramban	PMGSY	The Proposal was deferred with the direction that the Chief Engineer (PMGSY) Jammu will visit the site and he will explore the possibility of other alignment, which is more stable than the alignment under the current proposal, which is located on very steep slope.
<b>86.04</b>	Forest clearance to allow of 3.36 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Nagulta to Razard.	Udhampur	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Jammu) will submit a report on the status of protection works and muck disposal done in the 1 <sup>st</sup> phase of the road constructed under PMGSY.
<b>86.05</b>	Permission for felling of trees for construction activities in ITBP (Rai Tapyal) Campus, Samba.	Kathua	ITBP	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. The area for the compensatory afforestation should be chosen in the vicinity and it should comprise predominantly of Khair

				plantation. The department will also provide sufficient number of Khair seedlings from its nursery to the ITBP unit located in the campus, for plantation.
<b>86.06</b>	Forest clearance to allow use of 0.60 Ha. of forest land for construction of Mini Secretariat at Tangmarg.	Tangmarg	DC/ Baramulla	The Proposal was deferred with the direction that the Dy. Commissioner Baramulla will submit a report on the present status of construction of the building. The CCF (Kashmir) and Dy. Commissioner will make a presentation on the status of construction and involvement of forest land in the construction of building.
<b>86.07</b>	Proposal for forest clearance for felling of trees for the work "Rehabilitation and Channelization" of existing primary drains and construction of new drains by Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA).	Urban Forestry Division, Jammu	ERA	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
<b>86.08</b>	Forest clearance to allow use of 89.24 Ha. of forest land for laying of 400 KV D/C (Quad) Transmission line single circuit stringing on D/C Tower.	Kishtwar/ Bhaderwah Batote/ Udhampur/ Ramnagar/ Jammu	PGCI	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
<b>86.09</b>	Forest clearance to allow use of 0.1 Ha. of forest land for construction of Shelter shed at Margan Top.	Anantnag	KDA	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
<b>86.10</b>	Forest clearance to allow use of 33.8652 Ha. of forest land for construction of Railway Tunnel T-49 and T-50 from Sumber to Arpinchalla.	Ramban/ Mahore	Northern Railway	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. It was also decided that for the purpose of monitoring the Director S&W Conservation Department will visit the muck dumping sites already developed during the construction of Tunnels carried out by the Northern Railways and he will apprise the FAC about development of the site by the Railways. The Northern Railway will also send a copy of EIA and muck disposal plan to the Director, S&W Conservation Department and to Sh. S.P.S. Dutta, Member (FAC).

- B. The Committee observed that the Index maps being submitted by the User Agencies should be duly signed by the officers not below the rank of the Divisional Forest Officer and Executive Engineer. The Divisional Forest Officer and the Executive Engineer concerned should carry out the joint inspection of the site together.
- C. A process of monitoring of the roads constructed under PMGSY should be developed by the Chief Engineer (PMGSY).

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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