

**MINUTES OF THE 87th FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF Mr. IQBAL KHANDEY IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU
AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU ON 09/03/2015.**

The 87th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Iqbal Khandey, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government, at Civil Secretariat, Jammu, on 9th March, 2015.

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. Muhammad Afzal, IAS | Secretary, Forest Deptt. |
| 4. Sh. A.K. Singh, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K |
| 5. Sh. Deepak Khanna IFS | Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K |
| 6. Sh. Ravi Kesar, IFS | Director, Soil and Water Conservation Deptt., J&K |
| 7. Sh. Suresh Chugh, IFS | Director, Deptt. of Env. & RS, J&K |
| 8. Prof. S.P.S. Dutta | Member (Non-official) |
| 9. Sh. Rajeev Kr. Tiwari, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA), (Member Secretary). |

(II) Special Invitees

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| 1. Sh. Shailendra Kumar, IAS | Commissioner/Secretary, Tourism and Culture Department |
| 2. Sh. Parvaiz Ahmad Malik, IAS | Secretary, Science and Technology Department |
| 3. Sh.D.D.Gorka | Chief Engineer, PMGSY, Jammu. |
| 4. Sh. Farooq Gillani, IFS | Conservator of Forests, Srinagar. |
| 5. Sh. Sameer Bharti, IFS | Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Rajouri. |
| 6. Sh. Mahesh Dogra, IFS | Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle, Doda. |
| 7. Sh. Shafat Sultan | Chief Ex. Officer, JAKEDA. |
| 8. Dr. Raman Kr. Kesar | Chief Ex. Officer, Patnitop Development Authority |

Agenda 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;

Agenda Item No.	Proposal	Forest Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of FAC
87.01	Proposal to allow use of 0.91 Ha. of forest land for construction of Aerial Ropeway Project.	Udhampur	Patnitop Dev. Authority (PDA)	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
87.02	Proposal to allow use of 1.0185 Ha. of forest land for construction of 1.65 MW MHP, Dadibal Kapran Project.	Anantnag	JAKEDA	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. User Agency will install fish screen at weir site or at fore bay site. Muck dumping sites will be protected with RCC Retaining walls and area should be developed as a park. Monitoring of the project will be done by the Soil and Water Conservation Deptt. and JAKEDA.
87.03	Proposal to allow use of 2.67 Ha. of forest land for construction of 2.00 MW MHP, Balti-Kulan Nallah District Ganderbal.	Sindh	JAKEDA	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. User Agency will install fish screen at weir site or at fore bay site. Muck dumping sites will be protected with RCC Retaining walls and area should be developed as a park. Monitoring of the project will be done by the Soil and Water Conservation Deptt. and JAKEDA.
87.04	Proposal to allow use of 1.00714 Ha. of forest land for construction of 1.45 MW Hydro Power Station at Rayil Nallah in Sindh.	Sindh	JAKEDA	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. User Agency will install fish screen at weir site or at fore bay site. Muck dumping sites will be protected with RCC Retaining walls and area should be developed as a park. Monitoring of the project will be done by the Soil and Water Conservation Deptt. and JAKEDA.
87.05	Proposal to allow use of 0.87 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Km 12 th of LO 27 to Kote Charwal.	Nowshera	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.

87.06	Proposal to allow use of 2.625 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dhayangarh to Dharan.	Reasi	PMGSY	Proposal was not approved. The proposed road is located on a steep slope and unstable terrain and construction of road is likely to trigger landslides as pointed out by DFO, Reasi in his report. User Agency is advised to explore some other alignment.
87.07	Proposal to allow use of 2.03 Ha. of forest land for construction of Batote Chakwa road.	Batote	PMGSY	Proposal was deferred with the direction that length of road should be restricted to RD 8.150 Km. The last two patches of the road passing through Compt. No. 2 should be deleted from the proposal to reduce number of trees.
87.08	Proposal to allow use of 2.28 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Hingini Railway road to Shangan.	Ramban	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
87.09	Proposal to allow use of 0.95 Ha. of forest land for diversion of forest land for construction of road from Karara to Ashmar.	Mahore	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
87.10	Forest clearance to allow use of 0.827 Ha. of forest land for construction of Kanga-Bhatni-Kothi Jageer road.	Batote	PMGSY	Proposal was deferred with the direction that the Chief Engineer, PMGSY will ensure that Retaining/Breast walls are constructed on the forest land along the phase one of the Kanga Bhatni- Kothi Jagir road (Kabhi to Kothi) before the current proposal is placed again before the FAC.
87.11	Forest clearance to allow use of 3.729 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Seri from Sencha.	Ramban	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.

Agenda No. (2)

Status of payment of outstanding amount pending against various User Agencies was presented by the Member Secretary and following decisions were taken;

- i. The committee observed that progress of payment of outstanding amount is very slow. Committee reiterated its decision that unless outstanding amount is cleared, proposals of the respective User Agencies should not be placed before the committee.
- ii. The proposal “Upgradation of double lane bye pass link road from PHE reservoir Pull Doda to Ganpat Bridge in Bhaderwah Forest Division” should be processed for forest clearance.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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