

**MINUTES OF THE 91st FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B.R.SHARMA IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND
KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU ON 30/11/2015.**

The 91st meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the chairmanship of Sh. B.R.Sharma IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government, at Civil Secretariat, Jammu on 30th November, 2015.

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

(I) Members (FAC)

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| 1. Sh. R.K. Gupta, IAS | Principal Secretary (Forests) |
| 2. Sh. R.K.Goyal, IAS | Financial Commissioner (Revenue) |
| 3. Sh. A.K. Singh, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K |
| 4. Sh. Navin Kr. Chowdhary, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary (Finance) |
| 5. Sh. Deepak Khanna IFS | Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K |
| 6. Sh. Ravi Kesar, IFS | Director, Soil and Water Conservation Department |
| 7. Sh. O.P. Sharma IFS | Director, Environment and RS |
| 8. Prof. S. P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-official) |
| 9. Prof. G.A. Bhatt | Member (Non-official) |
| 10. Dr. Rajeev Kr. Tiwari, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) (Member Secretary) |

(II) Special Invitees

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| 1. Sh. Rohit Kansal IAS | Commissioner Secretary, PW(R&B) Department |
| 2. Smt. Sarita Chauhan IAS | Commissioner Secretary, Higher Education Dept. |
| 3. Sh. Roshan Jaggi IFS | Chief Conservator Of Forests (Jammu) |
| 4. Sh. Farooq Gillani IFS | Conservator Of Forests (South Circle) |
| 5. Sh. R.K. Verma KAS | Director (Tourism), Jammu. |
| 6. Sh. Abdul Hamid | Chief Engineer (PMGSY) Jammu. |
| 7. Sh. D.D.Gorka | Chief Engineer (PMGSY) Kashmir. |
| 8. Sh. Nisar Ad. Bhat | SE (R&B), Budgam. |

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

Agenda	Proposal	Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of FAC
91.01	Proposal to allow use of 0.60 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Brimmer to Mattigund.	Anantnag	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
91.02	Proposal to allow use of 0.3726 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Chowgund to Hallan.	Anantnag	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
91.03	Proposal to allow use of 0.84 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Chowgam to Labnan.	Anantnag	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
91.04	Proposal to allow use of 2.122 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Heryaker Baro to Gamedoor (Stage-I & Stage-II).	Anantnag	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
91.05	Proposal to allow use of 1.31 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kapran to Hengipora.	Anantnag	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
91.06	Proposal to allow use of 0.306 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Manzmoh to Bakerwal Check.	Anantnag	PMGSY	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
91.07	Proposal to allow use of 0.725 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from	Udhampur	PMGSY	The Proposal was deferred with the direction that road should be realigned so that the patch of dense forest may be avoided.

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91.08	Proposal to allow use of 0.95 Ha. of forest land for construction of land fill and solid waste management site at Sarabal.	Sindh	Sonamarg Development Authority	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
91.09	Proposal to allow use of 159 Ha. of forest land for construction of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu.	Jammu	Higher Education Department	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda. The User Agency shall comply with the clarifications and notifications issued by the MoEF & CC under the Environment Impact Assessment, Notification 2006 with respect to the building and construction projects in general and Educational Institutions in particular with respect to area falling in the eco-sensitive zone.
91.10	Proposal to allow use of 0.50 Ha. of forest land for development of wayside amenities at Padri Top Bhaderwah.	Bhaderwah	Tourism Department	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the Agenda.
91.11	Proposal to allow use of 9 Ha. of forest land for construction of road Drung Toshamaidan via Sitharan.	Pir Pangal	PWD (R&B)	The Proposal was deferred with the direction that the User Agency should submit the desired information to the Forest Department. The proposal may be put up again with complete information of muck dumping sites, protection work and justification for road of 9 mt width.
91.12	Action taken report on the decision of the Forest Advisory Committee in its 90 th meeting.			Agenda could not be discussed in the meeting due to paucity of time and it was decided that Agenda shall be discussed in the next meeting.

While discussing the above cases, following general directions were also issued by the committee;

- I. In the "Roadside Plantations", a mix of local species and fast growing species should be planted.
- II. In case Muck dumping sites have been identified on the private land, the monitoring agency should ensure that site has been utilized by the User Agency. It should also be ensured that muck dumping should not obstruct the natural drainage. Ownership of the site should also be confirmed by Revenue/ Forest Department in case the same is claimed to be owned by a Private person.
- III. Requirement of "Protection Work" needs to be carefully assessed by the User Agency. The Monitoring Agency should ensure that the required length of protection work has been provided in the proposal.
- IV. A report should be submitted by the concerned DFO after the completion of the project on status of completion of all "Terms and Conditions" as stipulated in the Government Sanction Order. Copy of report should also be placed in the meeting of FAC.
- V. The Committee directed that during the construction of project, if there is any damage, penalty clause should be invoked by the DFO concerned, invariably.
- VI. Besides the above directions, the committee directed that details of the cases in which bills which have been raised by the Forest Department for damage done by the User Agency during the execution of the project should be placed before the committee alongwith the status of the payment.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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