

MINUTES OF THE 93rd MEETING OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B.R.SHARMA IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU ON 17/05/2016.

The 93rd 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, Srinagar on 17th May, 2016.

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

(I) Members (FAC)

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| 1. Sh. P.K. Jain, IAS | Financial Commissioner (Revenue) |
| 2. Sh. B.B. Vyas, IAS | Financial Commissioner (Plg & Dev.) |
| 3. Sh. A.K. Singh, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K (HoFF) |
| 4. Sh. R.K. Gupta, IAS | Principal Secretary (Forests) |
| 5. Sh. Deepak Khanna IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) |
| 6. Sh. Navin Kr. Chowdhary, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary (Finance) |
| 7. Sh. O.P. Sharma IFS | Director, Environment and RS |
| 8. Sh. T.A. Malik | Rep. of Director, Soil and Water Cons. Dept. |
| 9. Prof. S. P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-official) |
| 10. Prof. G.A. Bhatt | Member (Non-official) |
| 11. Dr. Rajeev Kr. Tiwari, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) (Member Secretary) |

(II) Special Invitees

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| 1. Brig Manjeet Singh | HQ. 15 Corps. |
| 2. Sh. Fida Mohammad Farooq | Chief Engineer, New Ganderbal HEP, Ganderbal. |
| 3. Sh. Javed Indrabi IFS | Conservator of Forests, North Circle. |
| 4. Sh. Virendra Singh | Commanding Officer, Beacon, GREF. |
| 5. Sh. V.K.Dhar | SE, PMGSY |
| 6. Sh. S.C. Ghosal | Director, NRSS XXIX Transmission Ltd. |
| 7. Sh. Visal Mahajan | Dy. Manager, NHAI |

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 Item No	Proposal	Decision
93.01	Proposal to allow use of 0.459 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Repore to Main Multani by PMGSY in Sindh Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. At least 1.2 mt high retaining wall shall be provided all along the forest area.
93.02	Proposal to allow use of 1.275 Ha. of forest land for laying of 33 KV overhead line from Janghi Morh to Nashri Bridge by NHAI in Batote Forest Division	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
93.03	Proposal for felling of 1611 trees/poles/saplings for construction of 93 MW New Ganderbal HEP at tunnel exit point by J&K SPDC in Soil Conservation Division, Ganderbal.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
93.04	Proposal to allow use of 6.76 Ha. of forest land for construction of Baghwa-Lal Dharman road by GREF in Doda Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. Transplantation of saplings of conifers shall be done from the project area to the adjoining forest area.
93.05	Proposal to allow use of 77.51 Ha. of Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of 400 KV D/C Samba-Amargarh Transmission line by NRSS XXIX Transmission ltd. in Shopian Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
93.06	Proposal to allow use of 2.88 Ha. of forest land for development of helicrane fly yard for helicopter operation for construction of 400 KV D/C Samba-Amargarh Transmission line by NRSS XXIX Transmission ltd. in Shopian Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
93.07	Proposal to allow construction of 10000 Gallons GSR/ water tank at Stain Talai in Ramnagar Forest Division and at Ghai in Nowshera Forest Division by PHE.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
93.08	Proposal to allow use of forest land laying of optical fiber cables (OFC) by the Network for Spectrum (NFS) Cell, Directorate General of Signals Ministry of Defence along the existing õRight of Wayö.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

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

- I. Regular monitoring of the projects should be done by the Forest Department.
- II. Process for the amendment in Section (2) of the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997 may be initiated as proposed by the Member Secretary to delegate power to sanction the cases in following categories involving activities of public utility, in which NPV has been exempted;
 - a. Overhead tanks/Village tanks
 - b. Laying of underground drinking water pipeline up to 40 diameter.
 - c. Laying of optical fibre cables.
- III. Committee should be briefed about the implementation of a decision of the 92nd meeting regarding the assurance of the Commissioner Secretary PW(R&B) Department of the enquiry in to the unauthorized dumping of muck on forest land by the PMGSY, as reported in the monitoring of PMGSY cases.
- IV. Proposal of road to Drung Toshmaidan, which was deferred in 91st meeting on the ground of non-provisioning of muck dumping sites and details of protection works, should be placed after submission of required documents in the case by the User Agency.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. Rajeev Kumar Tiwari, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
(Member Secretary)
Forest Advisory Committee.