

MINUTES OF THE 95th MEETING OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B.R.SHARMA IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR ON 25/10/2016.

1. The 95th 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 25th October, 2016.
2. The following members of the Committee and special invitees attended the meeting:

(I) Members (FAC)

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| 1. Sh. Lokesh Dutt Jha, IAS | Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K. |
| 2. Sh. A.K. Singh, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K (HoFF) |
| 3. Sh. Suresh Chugh, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), J&K |
| 4. Sh. Muhammad Afzal, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary (Forests), J&K. |
| 5. Sh. O.P. Sharma, IFS | Director, Environment and RS |
| 6. Sh. Javid Iqbal Panjoo, IFS | Director, Soil and Water Cons. Dept. |
| 7. Prof. S. P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-official) |
| 8. Dr. G. A. Bhat | Member (Non-official) |
| 9. Sh. Ab. Gani, 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. Sh. A. K. Tickoo, IFS | Director, Social Forestry Deptt. (J&K) |
| 3. Dr. Mandeep Bhandari, IAS | Secretary to Health Department, (J&K) |
| 4. Sh. Nisar Ahmad Darzi, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (Kashmir) |
| 5. Sh. P. L. Bhushan | Chief Engineer (PMGSY) Jammu |
| 6. Sh. Malik Basharat | Chief Engineer (PMGSY) Kashmir |

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| 7. Sh. Rampal | Rep. of Chief Engineer, South/USBRL Project Northern Railway, Jammu. |
| 8. Dr. Sanjeev Puri | Rep. of Director, Health Services Jammu |
| 9. Dr. J.K. Thakur | Head NRSS Transmission Line Srinagar. |
| 10. Sh. M. T. Attarde | Project Director, NHAI, Jammu. |
| 11. Sh. S.Choudhary | Project Director, NHAI, Srinagar. |

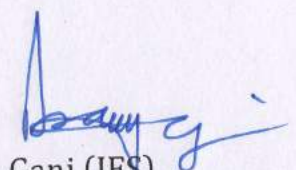
3. The Committee considered the following proposals as were circulated for the today's meeting and took decisions accordingly:-

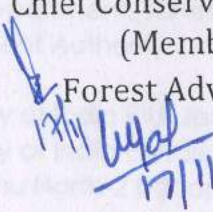
Agenda Item No	Proposal	Decision
95.01	Proposal to allow use of 3.098 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kwar to Cherji by PMGSY in Kishtwar Forest Division.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions proposed in the agenda note.
95.02	Proposal to allow use of 0.75 Ha. of forest land for construction of Wayside Amenities along the Mughal road by Poonch Development Authority in Poonch Forest Division.	The proposal was deferred as the representative of the Tourism Department was not present in the meeting. It was desired to invite the representative of the Tourism Department for discussing the feasibility of the proposed site in the next meeting
95.03.	Proposal to allow use of 5.9349 Ha. of forest land for laying of water supply pipe line (WSS) from Naigud Nallah to Kishtwar by Public Health Engineering Department in Kishtwar Forest Division.	The proposal was deferred with the observation that the department may explore the possibility of working out the alternate alignment as the number of trees coming under the present alignment was on the higher side. The Committee further observed that in case, the alternate alignment is not possible, there would be a need to rework the actual requirement of land by reducing the width of the pipe line for saving the trees as far as possible.
95.04.	Proposal to allow use of 0.34 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Haril to Shiltera by PMGSY in Langate Forest Division.	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions proposed in the agenda note.

95.05.	Proposal to allow use of 0.0008 Ha. of forest land for construction of Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) by J&K Bank at Patnitop in Batote Forest Division.	The Proposal was deferred and the Forest Department was advised to furnish a revised proposal after exploring the possibility of raising infrastructure under Eco-Tourism at the site. The accommodation for installation of ATM by J&K Bank can thus be provided on payment of rent on monthly/ yearly basis.
95.06.	Proposal for felling of 446 trees coming under construction of 400 KV D/C Samba Amargarh Transmission Line by NRSS in Social Forestry Division Jammu.	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions proposed in the agenda note.
95.07.	Proposal to allow use of 8.08 of forest land for dumping sites of muck to be excavated from work of four laning of NH-AI from Ramban to Banihal Stretch (Km 151 to Km 187) by National Highway Authority of India in Ramban Forest Division.	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions proposed in the agenda note and with the observation that the saplings will be suitably shifted and replanted.
95.08.	Proposal to allow use of 6.27 Ha. of forest land for dumping sites of muck to be excavated from work of four laning of NH-1A (Peerah-Karol) sector by National Highway Authority of India in Batote Forest Division.	The proposal was deferred on the premise that the same involved large number of trees. The Forest Department was advised to conduct on spot inspection of the area to find out the number and the types of trees involved and whether any alternate land could be identified for the purpose and then resubmit the case.
95.09.	Proposal to allow use of 70.08 Ha. of forest land for establishment of All India Institute of Medical Institute (AIIMS) Jammu by the Health and Medical Department in Jammu, Kathua and SFRI Forest Division.	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions proposed in the agenda note.
95.10	Proposal to allow use of 0.1765 Ha. of forest land for construction of Filtration Plant at Batote by PHE in Batote Forest Division.	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions approved in the agenda note. However, user agency was advised to save the deodar trees while proposing layout of the filtration plant on the proposed site.
95.11	Proposal to allow use of 4.603 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Mujpathri to Doodhpathri via Sochalpathri including Mujpathri to Sochalpathri via Doban by PWD (R&B)	The proposal could not be discussed due to the absence of the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B), Kashmir. It was, accordingly, desired to list the proposal as an agenda item for the next meeting.

	in Pirpanjal Forest Division.	
95.12	Re-alignment of 400 KV D/C Samba-Amargarh Transmission line coming under Poonch Forest Division (Ref: Govt. order No. 250-FST of 2015 dated: 16.09.2015)	Taking note of the observations of the CCF, Jammu, the Committee desired that the CCF Jammu will further examine the matter in light of his observations and suggest alternate alignment in consultation with the user agency keeping all the technical parameters in view. The revised proposal will be placed in next FAC. The Committee further desired that in future proposals placed before the Committee should be free from all encumbrances and for this purpose, the recommending authorities should act with due diligence and greater responsibility to avoid deferment of the proposals.
95.13	Proposal to allow use of 6.71 Ha. of forest land for portal development for tunnel T-14 P2, Br 61, T15, Adit for Railway Track in Km 60.00 to Km 90.00 Katra-Dharma Section of USBRL Project of Northern Railway in Mahore Forest Division.	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions proposed in the agenda note.
95.14	Correction in the Compartment number in the case "Construction of water storage tank at Syed Shiraz pora for Irrigation purpose, approved in 88 th Forest Advisory Committee held on 08.06.2015 and Govt. order issued under No.321-FST of 2015 dated: 03.12.2015".	The request for carrying out necessary correction in Government Order No:321-FST of 2015 dated 03.12.2015 was agreed to.

4. The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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