

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) J&K Jammu

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| 1. | Financial Commissioner, Planning and Development Dept., J&K | Member |
| 2. | Financial Commissioner (Revenue) J&K | Member |
| 3. | Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) J&K | Member |
| 4. | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), J&K | Member |
| 5. | Commissioner / Secretary, Finance Department, J&K | Member |
| 6. | Commissioner /Secretary Forest Department, J&K | Member |
| 7. | Director, Environment Ecology and Remote Sensing, J&K | Member |
| 8. | Director, Soil and Water Conservation Department, J&K | Member |
| 9. | Dr. S. P. Singh Dutta (Environmentalist) | Member (Non-Official) |
| 10 | Dr. G. A. Bhat (Environmentalist) | Member (Non-Official) |

No: PCCF/FCA/2304-II/870-902

Dated: 23/02/2017

Sub: The 96th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee, the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 96th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 14.02.2017 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

Yours faithfully,

Ab. Gani, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
(Member Secretary)
Forest Advisory Committee

Copy for information to the:

1. Commissioner/ Secretary, Power and Development Department.
2. Commissioner/ Secretary, Higher Education Department.
3. Commissioner/ Secretary, PW (R&B) Department.
4. Commissioner/ Secretary, PHE and Irrigation and Flood Control Department
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Jammu).
6. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Kashmir).
7. Secretary, Tourism Department.
8. Secretary, Science and Technology Department.
9. Director, Social Forestry Department, J&K Jammu.
10. Chief Engineer, Project BEACON, BRO Srinagar.
11. Chief Engineer, Project SAMPARK, BRO Jammu.
12. Chief Engineer, (PMGSY) Department Jammu.

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14. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department Jammu.
15. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department Kashmir.
16. Chief Engineer System and Operation Wing PDD Gladni Jammu.
17. Director, Colleges Higher Education Department Jammu.
18. Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu.
19. Head NRSS XXIX Transmission Ltd J&K
20. Project Director NHAI Chennai Himmat, Jammu
21. Chief Executive Officer, J&K JAKEDA, Jammu.
22. Chief Executive Officer, Poonch Development Authority, Poonch.
23. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Government, for information of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

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MINUTES OF THE 96th 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 14.02.2017.

The 96th 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 14th February, 2017.

At the outset Commissioner/ Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department informed that under "The J&K Forest (Conservation & Afforestation) Rule, 2000, the PCCF has to certify that he has considered all other alternatives and that no other alternative in circumstances are feasible and that the required area is the minimum needed for the purpose. He also informed that the PCCF is required to send the proposals to the administrative department alongwith particulars specified in the annexure to the said rules for their placement before the FAC through Member Secretary. He further stated that the indenting departments or authorities requisition of an equivalent area and afforestation therefore. It was decided that the issues raised by the Commissioner/ Secretary Forest Department will be separately examined before the next meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee.

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. Navin Kumar Choudhary, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary, Finance Deptt, J&K |
| 5. Sh. Muhammad Afzal, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary (Forests), J&K |
| 6. Sh. Javid Iqbal Panjoo, IFS | Director, Soil and Water Cons. Deptt. |
| 7. Sh. Mohammd Saleem | Rep. of Financial Commissioner, Planning. & Development Department, J&K. |
| 8. Prof. S. P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-official) |
| 9. Dr. G. A. Bhat | Member (Non-official) |
| 10. Sh. Ab. Gani, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) Member Secretary |

(II) Special Invitees

1. Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, IAS Commissioner / Secretary, Higher Edu. Deptt.
2. Sh. Mohammad Farooq Dar, KAS Rep. of Commissioner/ Secretary PW (R&B) Deptt.
3. Roop Avtar Kour, IFS Rep. Director, Social Forestry Deptt. (J&K)
4. Sh. Irfan Rasool, IFS Rep. of Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir
5. Col Vishal Sharma Rep. of Chief Engineer Project BEACON, BRO (GREF), Srinagar.
6. Sh. Sunil Kumar Rep. of Chief Engineer Project SAMPARK, BRO (GREF), Jammu.
7. Sh. P. L. Bhushan Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu
8. Sh. Alok Mengi Chief Engineer, PW (R&B), Jammu
9. Sh. Ravi Chanyal Chief Engineer, System & Operation Wing PDD
10. Dr. Renu Goswamy Director, Colleges Higher Edu. Deptt, Jammu
11. Sh. S.C Ghosal Head NRSS XXIX Transmission Ltd, J&K.
12. Sh. M. T. Attarde Project Director, NHAI, Jammu.
13. Sh. Shafat Sultan Chief Executive Officer, J&K JAKEDA, Jammu
14. Sh. Gulzar Ahmad Additional Secretary Tourism (Rep. of Secretary Tourism)

The item-wise agenda for the approval of following proposals was presented by Sh. Ab. Gani IFS, Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee. Proposals were discussed and following decisions were taken;

| Agenda No | Proposal | Decision |
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| 96.01 | Proposal to allow use of 1.65 Ha. of forest land for approach road to Construct 35 Mtr. Span bridge over Ungtar Nallah at Km. 47.424 on Kishtwar-Dool-Galhar-Sansari road by GREF in Kishtwar Forest Division | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. However, the user agency and DFO concerned shall put in their best efforts to save as many trees as possible. |
| 96.02 | Proposal for allow use of 4.00 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kashtwar Nildori Bangus Gali Lakut Bangus Drangyari from Km 5.00 to Km 9.00 by GREF in Langate Forest Division | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. Efforts be made to save as many trees as possible. |

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| 96.03 | Proposal for use of 0.315 Ha. of forest land for the disposal of muck from Km 100 to 106 existing CL-9 to NHDL Specification for the widening of road Reasi-Pouni-Siar by GREF in Rajouri Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. |
| 96.04 | Proposal to allow use of 1.05 Ha. of forest land for temporary development of 20 TPH Stone Crusher & HMP in case of Km 3.00 at Dawar Neeru Buduab Chakwali Kawbal Gali road by GREF in Bandipora Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. However, the user agency and the DFO concerned shall try to save maximum number of trees. |
| 96.05 | Proposal to allow use of 80 Ha. of forest land for the establishment of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu by the Higher Education Department in Jammu Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. The user agency was advised to preserve the existing character of contours/hillocks and ensure against their unnecessary cutting/breaking. |
| 96.06 | Proposal to allow use of 1.705 Ha. of forest land for Construction of 1.30 MW Mini Hydel Power Project Rayil-II at Rayil Nallah in Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal by JAKEDA (J&K Energy Development Agency Science & Technology Department). | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. |
| 96.07 | Proposal to allow use of 5.242 Ha. of forest land for Construction of underground tunnels coming under the widening of NHIA (Now NH-44) from Km. 151 to Km. 187 by HNAI in Ramban Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. |
| 96.08 | Proposal to allow use of 15.55 Ha. of forest land for Construction of Tunnels T2 Double Tube at Peerah-Kunfur on NH-IA by NHAI in Batote Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. The Department will take necessary steps to save as many saplings as possible. |
| 96.09 | Proposal to allow use of 1.55 Ha. of forest land for dumping of excavated earth/ muck from tunnels & widening of HH-IA (now NH-44) from Karol Jaiswal Bridge to Seri Stretch (Km 145 to Km. 151) in Ramban Forest Division by National Highway Authority of India. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| 96.10 | 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 NHIA (Peerah-Karol Sector by National Highway Authority of India in Batote Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |

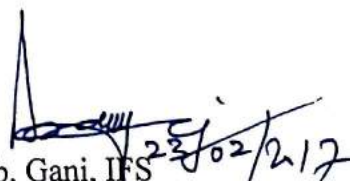
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| 96.11 | Project proposal for stabilization of Nashri Catchment (slip areas) on uphill side of National Highway in Batote Forest Division. | The committee took note of the proposed short term measures for the stabilization of Nashri slips. For the long term remedial measures the NHAI was asked to come up with DPR and justification for felling of trees, engineering works to be done in the catchment. |
| 96.12 | Realignment of 400 KV DC Samba-Amargarh Transmission Line in Poonch Forest Division (ref. Govt. order No. 250-FST of 2015 dated: 16.09.2015) | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| 96.13 | Proposal for use of 0.351 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Pouni to Thorni by PMGSY in Jammu Forest Division | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| 96.14 | Revised proposal to allow use of 0.63 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Chibbar to Kultair Bala by PMGSY in Udhampur Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| 96.15 | Proposal to allow use of 0.78 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Km 6 th LO 46 to Mehari Gujran (JK 12-113) by PMGSY in Rajouri Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| 96.16 | Proposal for use of 2.60 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kewal Morh to Targhain via Gotu by PWD (R&B) in Rajouri Forest Division. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda, subject to the condition that the PWD (R&B) shall certify that the proposed alignment is shortest possible. |
| 96.17 | 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) in Pirpangal Forest Division | The proposal was the deferred. The department was advised to re-examine the proposal as per discussion and then place the same before FAC |
| 96.18 | Construction of link road from Tadd to Qazi Mohalla Karnah-accord of permission for felling/ auction of stocks thereof. | The proposal was deferred due to absence of the representative from user agency in the meeting. |
| 96.19 | Proposal for felling of 16 trees in Village Wood Lot, Baghwati Nagar Jammu coming under the realignment of 132 KV D/C Canal to Miran Sahib Transmission Line by Power Development Department in Social Forestry Division Jammu. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| 96.20 | Revised proposal to allow use of 4.74792 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. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |

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| 96.21 | 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. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| Supplementary Agenda | | |
| 96.22 (S) | Proposal to allow use of 0.434 of forest land for construction of road from Changa to Kaljogsar Phase-IX by PMGSY in Bhaderwah Forest Division | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| 96.23 (S) | Proposal to allow use of 2.255 Ha. of forest land for construction of 1.20 MW Pahalnar-Naranag Mini Hydro Electric Project in Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal by JAKEDA (J&K Energy Development Agency Science & Technology Department). | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |
| 96.24 (S) | Proposal for cutting/removal of 592 trees/poles coming in the widening of the road from petrol pump Tali Morh-Kullian (Peer-Baba) by PWD (R&B) in Urban Forestry Division Jammu. | Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda |

During the course of discussion on various proposals the Forestry Advisory Committee suggested strict adherence to the following instructions:

1. Compliance report during the execution and post evaluation reports after the completion of the project shall be submitted by the concerned DFO to the PCCF periodically.
2. The PCCF will ensure that the information as required in terms of Rule 7 of "The J&K Forest (Conservation & Afforestation) Rules, 2000" is included in the agenda for future meetings.
3. The user agency shall ensure proper muck disposal on identified sites. The status of muck dumping shall be monitored and reported on monthly basis by the DFOs.
4. The proposals wherein terrain/topography of forest land involved is mountainous/hilly, contour maps shall have to be provided by the user agencies.
5. Each page of the agenda copy attached to the meeting notice shall be duly signed/vetted by the competent authority before placing it before FAC.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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