

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

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| 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) |

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Dated: 01/06/2017

Sub: The 97th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee, the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 97th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 20.05.2017 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 alongwith minutes for information and necessary action to the:

1. Secretary to Govt. PHE & Irrigation and Flood Control Department J&K.
2. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Kashmir).
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Jammu).
4. Director, Social Forestry Department, J&K Srinagar.
5. Chief Engineer, Project BEACON, BRO Srinagar.
6. Chief Engineer, (PMGSY) Department Jammu.
7. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department Jammu.
8. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department Kashmir.
9. Chief Engineer, PHE, Department Kashmir.
10. Chief Engineer, Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCI).
11. Col. (Works) representing CE (P) Himank 753 BRTF (BRO) Leh (Ladakh).
12. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Government for information of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

MINUTES OF THE 97th MEETING OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B.B. VYAS IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR ON 20.05.2017

The 97th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the chairmanship of Sh. B. B. Vyas IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government, at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar on 20th May 2017.

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. Javid Iqbal Panjoo, IFS | Director, Soil and Water Conservation Department. |
| 6. Sh. G. S. Chib (Secretary) | Rep. of Financial Commissioner, Planning.
& Development Department, J&K. |
| 7. Dr. Tasleema (Scientist) | Rep. of Director, Environment and Remote
Sensing, 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 (FAC) |

(II) Special Invitees

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| 1. Shri Saurabh Baghat, IAS | Secretary to Govt. PHE & Irrigation and Flood
Control Department, J&K. |
| 2. Sh. Nisar Ahmad Darzi, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir. |
| 3. Sh. Syed Farooq Gilliani, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu. |
| 4. Sh. A. K. Gupta, IFS | Director, Social Forestry Department (J&K) |
| 5. Lt. Col Siddharth Narayan | AOD Rep. Chief Engineer Project BEACON,
(GREF), Srinagar. |
| 6. Sh. P.L. Bhushan | Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu |
| 7. Sh. Sudheer Shah | Chief Engineer, PW (R&B), Department Jammu |

- Sh. A.H. Sheikh
9. Er. G.M. Batt
10. Sh. S. M. Kandwal
11. Col. P.S.Tevatia

Chief Engineer, PW (R&B), Department Kashmir
Chief Engineer, PHE, Department Kashmir.
Chief Engineer, Power Grid Corporation of India
(PGCI)
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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;

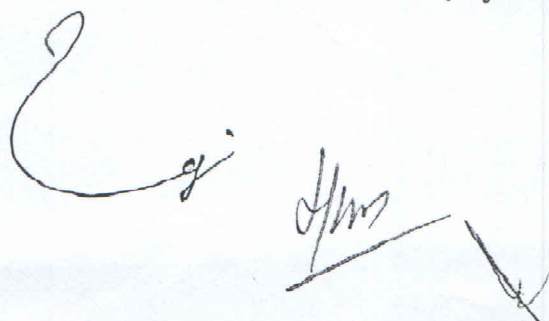
Agenda	Proposal	Decision
97.01	Proposal for diversion of 19.76 Ha. of forest land for improvement of road Razdan-Amar-Akbar to CL-09 Specification between Km 0.00 to 19.575. in Bandipora Forest Division by GREF.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The department will take necessary steps to protect the endangered/rear flora and fauna including medicinal plants.
97.02	Proposal to allow use of 3.13 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dehrian to Kathi from Km 0.00 to Km 4.20. in J.V.Forest Division Baramulla by GREF.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
97.03	Proposal to allow use of 161.76 Ha. land from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of road from Chushul-Dungti-Fukche-Demchok by BRFT (BRO) J&K, in Leh Ladakh region	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
97.04	Construction of link road from Tadd to Qazi Mohalla Karnah-accord of permission for felling/ auction of stocks thereof in Social Forestry Division Kupwara by PWD.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda
97.05	Proposal to allow use of 12.9086 Ha. of forest land for construction of Gandoh Jai road from Km. 19 th to Km 33 rd (Phase-II) by PWD (R&B) in Bhaderwah Forest Division.	The proposal was approved as per the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda subject to the condition that the Deputy Commissioner concerned assured shall provide the equivalent land as agreed to by him but the same shall have to be ecologically identical and feasible for raising the tree species as may get affected due to construction. The land shall have to be handed over to the Forest Department prior to the issuance of formal Government order.

97.06	Proposal to allow use of 0.198 Ha. of forest land for construction of approach road to 108 M Span Bridge at Kayala/Anji by PWD (R&B) in Reasi Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda
97.07	Proposal to allow use of 2.453 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Manoo to Haddal Phase-IX, Package No. JK04-169, Block Bhalessa by PMGSY in Bhaderwah Forest Division	The proposal was approved as per the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda, subject to the condition that the Deputy Commissioner shall provide the equivalent land as agreed to by him but the same shall have to be ecologically identical and feasible for tree species which shall get affected by the road construction. The land shall have to be handed over to the Forest Department prior to the issuance of formal Govt. sanction.
97.08	Proposal to allow use of 0.692 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Thathri to Chira, Phase -VIII, Package No. JK04-148, Block Thathri by PMGSY in Bhaderwah Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda
Supplementary agenda items.		
97.09 (S)	Proposal for diversion of forest land for construction of Service road and felling of trees coming in its alignment in Jamboo Zoo at Khanpur, (Jammu)	<p>Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda, subject to the condition that the Commissioner/Secretary, Forest Department shall satisfy himself in respect of the following issues-</p> <p>i) whether permission of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is required for re-location of zoo; and,</p> <p>ii) whether payment of NPV can be exempted as proposed by the user agency.</p> <p>(iii) whether all procedural formalities have been completed with regard to the transfer of land to the Wild Life Department.</p>
97.10 (S)	Proposal to allow use of 4.41 Ha. of forest land for widening/improvement of existing road from Mohra to Bazz from Km 0.00 to Km 28 in J.V. Forest Division by GREF.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
97.11 (S)	Proposal to allow use of 0.40 ha of forest land for providing and laying of 1200 mm	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

	dia pipe raw water main from fore bay of old Ganderbal Power house to 30 MGD (135MLD) water treatment plants at Rangil under AMRUT Programme by PHE Department Division Srinagar in Soil Conservation Division Srinagar.	However, the Department was advised to take measures for preventing soil erosion through protection works.
97.12 (S)	Permission for felling/removal of trees in Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary by Wildlife Department.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda, provided it satisfies the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1978.
Additional Supplementary Agenda items.		
97.13 (Add. S)	Proposal to allow use of 6.01 Ha. Of forest land for improvement of road Koragbal TAC-HQ to CL-5 specification between Km 0.00 to Km 4.725 in Bandipora Forest Division by GREF.	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
97.14 (Add. S)	Proposal to allow use of 2.0832 Ha. Of forest land for construction of road from LO25-TO2 Km 1 st Dhar upto Bhajwal in Nowshera Forest Division by PMGSY.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda.
97.15 (Add. S)	Proposal to allow use of 148.1469 Ha. of forest land (82.2539 Ha. forest + 1.815 Ha. State land under possession of Forest Land in Sindh Forest Division + 64.078 Ha. in Kargil Forest Division) for construction of 220 KV S/C Alusteng (Srinagar) Leh Transmission System by Power Grid Corporation of India. (PGCI).	Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda with the following directions:- i) A monitoring mechanism shall be put in place by the Forest Department while marking the trees for felling /removal. Only those trees should be marked for felling within the transmission line corridor which are absolutely necessary and there is no alternative to save their felling. ii) To explore possibility of installing laser lights on towers to repel the birds particularly the eagles to avoid their electrocution.

The Chief Secretary/Chairman FAC while concluding the meeting issued the following directions to be observed by the concerned departments:

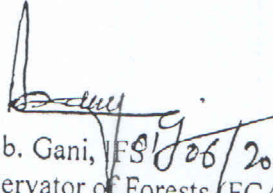

- 1) That after every three months, a monitoring report shall be presented by the Forest Department to the Committee regarding status of the adherence to the terms and conditions in various project proposals cleared by FAC.
- 2) While submitting the proposal, the status of medicinal plants in the project area should be given.



- 3) The Deputy Commissioners concerned who agree to provide land in lieu of the forest land will also submit the photographs with Geo-coordinates/KMZ file of the said land alongwith the proposal to ascertain its compatibility and feasibility as an alternate site for plantation of the same species.
- 4) The PMGSY while formulating the proposals/submitting the indent, should ^{consult} ~~connect~~ officer (s) of the Forest Department to look into the alternatives or in the event no land is available, the requirement of the forest land on bare minimum basis.
- 5) The PWD (R&B) Department will clear the outstanding of the Forest Department on account of NPV in tranches.
- 6) The stabilization measures with quantum of breast wall/ retaining wall etc should be reflected in the DPR. If it is not part of the DPR, then the user agency shall have to pay for it.
- 7) Efforts be made to develop the Dumping Sites as Ecological Reserves.

At the end, the Chief Secretary acknowledged the contribution and leadership qualities of the Ex-Chairman, Forest Advisory Committee (former Chief Secretary) with regard to time bound disposal of FAC cases.

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


Ab. Gani, ^{FS} 26/2017
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
(Member Secretary)
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