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6.	Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), 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/2415/2496-2514

Dated: 15/06/2017

Sub: The 98th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee, the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 98th meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 09.06.2017 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

Yours faithfully,

Ab. Gani, IFS 15/06/2017
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
(Member Secretary)
Forest Advisory Committee

Copy alongwith minutes for information and necessary action to the:

1. Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. PWD (R&B) Department J&K.
2. Secretary to Govt. PHE & Irrigation and Flood Control Department J&K.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Kashmir).
4. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Jammu).
5. Chief Engineer, Project BEACON, BRO Srinagar.
6. Chief Engineer, (PMGSY) Department Jammu.
7. Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control, Kashmir.
8. Chief Engineer, Northern Railway, Jammu.
9. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Government for information of the Chief Secretary J&K Government.

MINUTES OF THE 98th 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 09.06.2017

The 98th 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 9th June 2017.

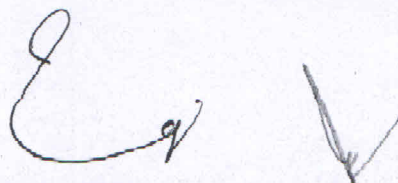
The following members of the Committee and special invitees attended the meeting:

(I) Members (FAC)

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| 1. Sh. Lokesh Dutt Jha, IAS | Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K |
| 2. Sh. Navin Kumar Choudhary, IAS | Commissioner/Secretary Finance Department, J&K |
| 3. Sh. Muhammad Afzal, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary (Forests), J&K |
| 4. Sh. A. K. Singh, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K (HoFF) |
| 5. Sh. Suresh Chugh, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), |
| 6. Sh. O.P Sharma, IFS | Director, Environment and Remote |
| 7. Sh. Javid Iqbal Panjoo, IFS | Director, Soil and Water Conservation Department |
| 8. Dr. M.Ishaq | D.G Budget(Rep. of Financial Commissioner Planning) |
| 9. Prof. S. P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-official) |
| 10. Dr. G. A. Bhat | Member (Non-official) |
| 11. Sh. Ab. Gani, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)/ Member Secretary (FAC) |

(II) Special Invitees

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| 1. Sh. Sanjeev Verma, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. PWD (R&B) Department, J&K |
| 2. Sh.Saurabh Bhagat, IAS | Secretary to Government PHE , Irrigation & Flood Control Department J&K |
| 3. Sh. M.M. Rather | CF, North Circle, Kashmir Rep. CCF, Kashmir |
| 4. Sh. P.L Bhushan | Chief Engineer (PMGSY) Jammu. |
| 5. Col. H.S. Mann | Chief Engineer (P) BEACON |
| 6. Sh. Mohit Kumar | Dy. Chief Engineer Northern Railway Jammu. |
| 7. Col.Amit Chander | CDR, 32 BRTF |
| 8. Gh. Qadir Bhat | S.E Hyd. North, (Rep. C.E PHE Deptt. Srinagar) |
| 9. Sh. Mushtaq Ahmad Untoo | Executive Engineer, Kupwara (Rep. C.E Irrigation & Flood Control Kashmir) |



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
98.01	Proposal to allow use of 2.048 Ha of forest land for revised alignment for construction of Railway line from T6/P2 to T9/P2 on Kauri-Dugga section on USBRL Project in Mahore Forest Division by Northern Railway.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda, however, strict monitoring shall be done as per instructions given in the minutes of 97 th FAC meeting.
98.02	Proposal to allow use of 3.637 Ha of forest land for portal development of Main and Escape Tunnel T13 P1 on Katra-Dharma section of USBRL Project by Northern Railway in Mahore Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda, however, strict monitoring shall be done as per instructions given in the minutes of 97 th FAC meeting.
98.03	Proposal to allow use of 1.455 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Khawas to Dhaleri in Mahore Forest Division by PMGSY.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda. However, the User Agency shall provide the status of previously sanctioned roads in Mahore Forest Division.
98.04	Revised proposal to allow use of 0.956 Ha of forest land for widening of Handwara Lach Nowgam road (Chantipora to Nowgam) from Km 0.00 to Km 15.66 by GREF in Langate Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda.
98.05	Proposal to allow use of 39.104 Ha of forest land for widening of road from CL-09 Km 9.320 to Km 34.675 from Kalaroos to Sonapindi Gali, in Kamraj Forest Division by GREF (Beacon).	The proposal was approval as per terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda.
98.06	Proposal to allow use of 1.071 Ha of Forest land for construction of water storage tank at Redden Kupwara by Irrigation Department in Kehmil Forest Division.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda
Supplementary agenda items.		
98.07 (S)	Diversion of 0.459 Ha of forest land from Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable for Indian Army by the network for spectrum (NFS) cell, Director of Signals, Ministry of Defense in Jammu Region.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda,

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98.08 (S)	Diversion of 49.125 Ha. (26.1 Ha from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary and 23.025 Ha. from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary) *for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable for Indian Army by the network for spectrum (NFS) cell, Director General of Signals, Ministry of Defense in Ladakh Region, Leh.	Proposal was approved on terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda
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“Chief Secretary observed that certain directions have been issued in the 97th meeting held on 20.05.2017 which need to be followed strictly while implementing the decisions in respect of the approved proposals. He made it clear that monitoring be intensified and supervised by the concerned DFO himself. It was further observed that before rolling out PMGSY projects, there is a need to seek prior consultation from the Forest Department to facilitate construction of roads as per the timelines. For this purpose, a separate meeting of the concerned officers will be convened to work out the modalities. It was also decided that CE PMGSY will give a report on the roads passing through forest area and their general impact.”

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Ab. Gani, IFS 15/06/2017
 Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
 (Member Secretary)
 Forest Advisory Committee