

The Commissioner/ Secretary (Forests) introduced Shri Abdul Gani Vakil, Ex-MLC, as the new Member (Non-Official) of the Forest Advisory Committee. The item-wise agenda of the meeting presented by Shri H.S. Salathia, IFS, Member Secretary, FAC, was discussed and deliberated upon by the participating members and the following decisions were taken:-

Agenda Items No.	Proposal	Forest Division	Indenting Agency	Decision of the Forest Advisory Committee
61.01	Proposal to allow use of 27.20 Hectare of forest land for construction of 93 M.W New Ganderbal HEP.	Sindh	JK SPDC	The proposal was deferred with following observations:- i) The Forest Department will give the break-up of all the 1846 number of trees/ poles/ saplings involved under each component of the project indicating the number to be actually cut and that to be effected under the hydrological impact due to construction of the tunnel. ii) The Indenting Agency shall submit the muck disposal plan addressing all issues concerning safe muck disposal in accordance with the parameters already set by the committee headed by the PCCF in Chenani – Nashri Tunnel case of NHAI .
61.02	Revised proposal to allow use of 2.825 Hectare of forest land for construction of road from Admarg to Mohu.	Ramban	PMGSY	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal
61.03	Proposal to allow use of 3.10 Hectare of forest land for construction of Inderwan to Sagam Wuder road.	Anantnag	PMGSY	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal
61.04	Revised proposal to allow use of 13.79 Hectare of forest land for construction of Ukhral-Bhangara road	Ramban	PMGSY	The revised proposal was deferred again as the number of trees / poles involved were still on the higher side. The Indenting Agency will further explore the possibility of reducing the width from 9 metre to 7 metre so that the number of trees/ poles involved is further reduced to the minimum possible.
61.05	Proposal to allow use of 16.268 Hectare of forest land (underground) for construction of Railway Tunnel (T-74 R) Km. 125.267 to Km. 133.928.	Ramban	Northern Railways	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal with additional condition as under:- <i>“ The Indenting Agency shall also take necessary action to meet the parameters for safe disposal of muck as already set by the committee headed by the PCCF in similar another case of Chenani – Nashri Tunnel by NHAI.”</i>
61.06	Proposal to allow use of 3.95 Hectare of forest land for widening /upgradation of road from Charhi Sharief to Yusmarg including Pakherpora link.	Pir Panjal	PMGSY	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal

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61.07	Revised proposal to allow use of 142.56 Hectare of forest land for construction of 690 MW Rattle Hydro Electric Project at Drabshalla .	Doda & Kishtwar	JK SPDC	<p>The proposal was deferred with the following observations:-</p> <p>(i). Large number of trees/poles/saplings (i.e 1764) were involved at the Dumping Site-I with an area of 18.45 Ha. on forest land.</p> <p>(ii) It seemed that no reasonable efforts were made to identify non-forest land or forest land with minimum number of trees/poles involved rather the dumping site on forest land was identified as per the suitability of the Indenting Agency.</p> <p>(iii) “Re-Joint Survey” is required to be done to explore other dumping sites as well so as to identify non-forest land or forest land with minimum number of trees/poles involved.</p> <p>(iv) A detailed report with regard to the number of sites explored and a certificate to the effect that the site with least damage to the ecology of the area was finalized shall be furnished by the Forest Department and the Indenting Agency.</p> <p>(v) The Indenting Agency shall submit the muck disposal plan addressing all issues concerning safe muck disposal in accordance with the parameters already set by the committee headed by the PCCF in Chenani – Nashri Tunnel case of NHAI .</p>
61.08	Proposal to allow use of 5.45 Hectare of forest land for construction of Hardmandguri Canal.	Spl Forest Div, Kulgam	Irrigation & FC	<p>The proposal was deferred with the observation that a joint team of the Indenting Agency, Forest Department, Horticulture Department, District Officers of the other line Departments and the local stake-holders would enquire into the benefits that would accrue vis a vis damage to the ecology of the area with the extension of the already existing canal. The joint team constituted by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir, and the Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control, Kashmir, would submit a detailed report enumerating the reasons of justification for the extension of the canal.</p>
61.09	Revised proposal with regard to use of 9.57 Hectare of forest land for dumping sites and diversion approaches for Mandial Bridge and Tunnel under Sawalakote Hydro – Electric Project.	Batote	JK SPDC	<p>The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal with the observation that the payment of penalty imposed for violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, shall not be at the cost of the Government exchequer.</p>
61.10	Proposal to allow felling of 1713 number of trees /poles of Social Forestry Department coming in four-laning of NH-IA from Hanzipora to Pujteng.	S.F. Division, Anantnag	NHAI	<p>The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal</p>

61.11	Proposal to allow use of 0.30 Hectare of forest land for widening of Basoli-Bani-Bhaderwah road (KM. 89 to Km. 102).	Billawar	GREF	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal
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61.12	Proposal to allow use of 3.897 Hectare of forest land for construction of Gandoh-Sinoo-Jai road upto village Rajpura (Km 0 to 18) by PWD (R&B) in Bhaderwah Forest Division.	Bhaderwah	PWD (R&B)	The proposal was deferred with following observations:- (i). Large number of trees/poles were involved and thus the proposed width should be reduced to 6 or 7 metre so as to minimize the damage. (ii) Present mode of connectivity in the area and the distance up to the road head to be given. (iii). To explore the possibility if the Indenting Agency can provide funds to the Forest Department to construct the forest road passing through the forest land with minimum width and minimum damage to the ecology.
61.13	Proposal to allow use of 6.30 Hectare of forest land for construction of road from Jai to Joura.	Bhaderwah	PWD (R&B)	The proposal was deferred with following observations:- (i). Large number of trees/poles were involved and thus the proposed width should be reduced to 6 or 7 metre so as to minimize the damage. (ii) Present mode of connectivity in the area and the distance up to the road head to be given. (iii). To explore the possibility if the Indenting Agency can provide funds to the Forest Department to construct the forest road passing through the forest land with minimum width and minimum damage to the ecology.
61.14	Proposal to allow use of 1.71 Hectare of forest land for laying of G.I. Pipe Line from Jai to Chakrabathi and construction of Reservoir, Filtration Plant and Sedimentation Tank.	Bhaderwah	PHE	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal
61.15	Proposal to allow use of 0.57 hectare of additional forest land for construction of Parna-Bunda road (from take-off point Km 43 SKS highway) under PMGSY in Marwah Forest Division.	Marwah	PMGSY	The proposal was deferred as the proposed width of the road (i.e. 12 metre) was on higher side. The Indenting Agency would reduce the width of the road to 6 or 7 metre so as to minimize the damage to the ecology.
61.16	Proposal to allow use of 0.0279 hectare of forest land for construction of 3000 gallons of Slow Sand Filtration Plant at Charat by PHE in Udhampur Forest Division.	Udhampur	PHE	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the proposal
61.17	Proposal to allow use of	Nowshera	PHE	The Proposal was approved on the terms and conditions

	0.0105 hectare of forest land for construction of 10,000 gallons of Water Reservoir at Ganya by PHE in Nowshera Forest Division.			as laid down in the proposal
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The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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