

**MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF STATE BOARD FOR WILDLIFE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE FOREST MINISTER ON 02.06.2010 IN HIS OFFICE CHAMBERS, SRINAGAR**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife was held under the chairmanship of Jenab Mian Altaf Ahmad, Hon'ble Minister for Forests, Wildlife, Environment and Ecology on 02.06.2010 in his office chambers. A list of participants who attended the meeting is at Annexure.

The meeting started with the brief background of the proposed agenda items by the Member Secretary and it was followed by discussion on these items.

**Agenda No. 1**

**Proposal for diversion of land for construction of four laning of National Highway-1A from Jammu to Udhampur passing through Ramnagar and Nandni Wildlife Sanctuaries in Jammu.**

The Member Secretary informed the committee about the proposal for construction of four laning of National Highway-1A from Jammu to Udhampur passing through Ramnagar and Nandni Wildlife Sanctuaries in Jammu is proposed to be widened from two lane facility to four lane facility alongwith bridges on the hillside. In the Nandni Wildlife Sanctuary the existing alignment has been abandoned from km 21.2 to 27.2 because of sharp and steep gradients where the road widening is not feasible. Four tunnels have been proposed so that the ecological balance is not disturbed and 4.4 km of road is abandoned and restored.

He further informed that in I.A. No. 2151-2152 in I.A. 566 the permission for geotechnical investigation and survey, Ramnagar & Nandni Wildlife Sanctuaries in the State of J&K had earlier been accorded by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 01.02.2008. It was explained during the meeting that 2375 trees/poles had been enumerated for felling including some khair trees.

The representative of the National Highway Authority of India pointed out that tree felling will not be to the extent reflected in the enumeration list

prepared by the Wildlife Department. It was decided that the enumeration of the trees likely to be involved in the widening be carried out again jointly by the representative of the National Highway Authority, Wildlife Department and a complete enumeration list with dia-classes, be jointly verified and submitted for further necessary action. The representative of the user Agency and Wildlife Department will complete the assignment within 7 days in association of the Forest Department, if required.

It also came into the discussion that Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife had advised the State Government that while proposing any diversion for non forestry purpose in future, the State Government should also propose equivalent or more area than the area proposed for diversion for inclusion in the Protected Area Network of the State. Dr. Ranjitsinh pointed out that instead of equivalent area proposed for diversion, double the area of the area required for diversion should be proposed for addition in that protected area or if not feasible in some other protected area. The representative of the Forest Department (Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir and Chief Conservator of Forests, Central) present in the meeting agreed to the proposal. It was decided that in the first instance area proposed for further addition be identified adjoining Nandni Wildlife Sanctuary, else it may be proposed in some other sanctuary. The Forest Department will therefore initiate immediate necessary action for addition of more area in addition to already area identified i.e. 21.37 hectares. The proposal for diversion was agreed for recommendation in principle after receipt of revised enumeration list and the area proposed for addition in the Protected Area Network (PAN).

## **AGENDA No. 2: (Supplementary Agenda)**

### **Diversion of 66.6 hectares land for construction of Phobrang-Marsimikla-Hot spring road in Ladakh**

Member Secretary informed the committee that Government had already issued Govt. order No: 438-FST of 2009 Dated: 11.11.2009 for diversion of 27 hectares area. However, the Central Empowered Committee has clarified vide its letter dated 18.01.2010 that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has already granted permission for the construction of road with a length of 37 km from Phobrang-Marsimikla and has expressed the view that no further permission for implementing the project is necessary from the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Central Empowered Committee has advised to take up necessary follow up action for implementation of the project

subject to compliance of stipulated conditions. In view of CEC clarification, it was decided that Govt. Order will be issued with the necessary modifications given below.

- i) The Protected Area involved in the construction of Phobrang-Marsimikla road (37 km length) is 66.6 hectares;
- ii) An amount of Rs. 13.84 crores as balance of 39.6 hectares of Non-forest land falling within the sanctuary shall be deposited in the compensatory Afforestation Fund as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order.

Besides, above said agenda items, one of the members expressed that the meetings of the standing committee should be convened quarterly and issues related to management and betterment of wildlife shall also be incorporated in such meetings in future.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair

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**Chief Conservator of Forests  
Wildlife / Ecotourism  
Member Secretary**

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Dated: .07.2010

Copy for information to members of the Standing Committee for State Board for Wildlife:

1. Shri Abdul Gani Vakil, Hon'ble MLC.
2. Commissioner / Secretary, Forest Department, J&K.
3. Commissioner / Secretary, Tourism Department, J&K.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K.
5. Secretary, Revenue Department, J&K.
6. Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K.
7. Inspector General of Police, Home Guards (representative of Director General of Police, J&K).
8. Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh, Chairman, WTI, New Delhi.
9. Shri S. D. Swatantra, IFS, Retired PCCF.
10. Director, Forest Protection Force J&K.
11. Chairman, Wildlife Conservation Society.
12. Sh. Yawar Ali, Advocate, J&K High Court.
13. Special Assistant to the Hon'ble Forest Minister for information of the Hon'ble Minister.
14. Record file.

## Annexure

### LIST OF MEMBERS AND OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT IN THE MEETING

1. Shri Abdul Gani Vakil, Hon'ble MLC
2. Shri Atal Dulloo, Commissioner / Secretary, Tourism Department
3. Shri Shantmanu, Commissioner / Secretary, Forest Department
4. Shri Shafat Ahmad, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir
5. Shri A. K. Singh, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central O/o PCCF
6. Shri Pritam Chand, IFS, Chief Wildlife Warden J&K
7. Shri Gopal Reddy, IPS Inspector of General Police
8. Shri Tushar K Sharma, Special Secretary, Forest Department
9. Shri Tariq Ali, Additional Secretary, Revenue Department
10. Dr. M. K. Ranjitsinh, Chairman, WTI, New Delhi
11. Col. M. K. Jain, Project Director, NHAI
12. Shri S. D. Swatantra, IFS, Retired PCCF
13. Shri Liyaqat A Dar, Joint Director, Forest Protection Force Kashmir
14. Shri Yawar Ali, Advocate, J&K High Court
15. Smt Ifshan Dewan, WLW Headquarters
16. Shri Bilal Habib, Representative WECS
17. Shri Deepak Khanna, IFS, CCF-Ecotourism / Wildlife (Member Secretary)

Subject: Draft minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Forest Minister on 02.06.2010

1. There is no response at the moment from Conservator of Forests (WL), Jammu in the matter of fresh enumeration of trees to be felled on the alignment as per the discussions in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Standing Committee for State Board for Wildlife. The draft minutes had earlier been proposed but we are unable to process for want of details from CF(WL), Jammu. If approved, the draft minutes may be sent to Administrative Department for approval of Hon'ble Minister.

Chief Conservator of Forests  
(ET/WL)

Chief Wildlife Warden