

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF STATE BOARD FOR WILDLIFE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE FOREST MINISTER, MIAN ALTAF AHMAD HELD ON 5th September, 2014 AT 03:00 P.M. AT CHESHMASHAHI FOREST HUT, SRINAGAR

The 8TH 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 05.09.2014 at Forest Hut, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar.

The following officers participated in the meeting:-

1. Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh
WTI = Member
 2. Commissioner/Secretary to Government
Tourism Department = Member
 3. Secretary to Government
Forest Department = Member
 4. Commissioner/Secretary to Government
Revenue department = Member (Represented by Special Secretary,
Revenue Department)
 5. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) = Member
 6. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) = Member
 7. Director, Forest Protection Force = Member
 8. Shri S.D. Swantantra, IFS
Retired Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests = Member (Non-Official)
 9. D.G. Police = Member (Representative of DG Police)
 10. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Wildlife/Eco-tourism) J&K = Member Secretary
- User Agency
11. Shri K.D.Singh
NHPC Limited, Bursar
Hydroelectric Project, Chenab Nagar-II,
Distt: Kishtwar.

Agenda item No.1: Action taken on minutes of 7th meeting of Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife

It was informed by PCCF (Wildlife) that the necessary action stands taken in this case and the proposal after incorporating necessary modifications has been submitted to NWLB.

Agenda item No. 2: Proposal for issuance of “No Objection” for undertaking the Survey & Investigation activities for construction of Bursar Hydroelectric Project in Kishtwar High Altitude National Park.

Shri M.K. Ranjit Singh, during discussion about the grant of permission for survey observed that user agency should clearly bring about the impact of the project on wildlife both inside the wildlife area and outside the national park including eco-sensitive zone going to be proposed as well.

The Commissioner/Secretary, Tourism Shri Shailendra Kumar had observed that before the survey one can't be sure of the extent of damage to be caused and what other things would be required for the feasibility of this project.

The representative of user agency on the issue of EIA/EMP study clarified that this permission will cover the EIA and EMP studies as well.

Shri M.K. Ranjit Singh further observed that a condition should be included that this permission to carry out survey should not be taken as permission for construction of the project. This is purely for carrying out survey and investigation only.

The committee agreed upon the proposal subject to additional conditions mentioned above with the further rider that no damage whatsoever shall be caused to the environment and ecology of the area during the survey/investigation.

Agenda item No.3: Permission for laying of 24” dia Natural Gas Pipeline from Bhatinda (Punjab) to Jammu (J&K) passing within vicinity of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary.

Shri M.K. Ranjit Singh pointed out that no EIA/EMP study has been conducted in the instant matter including the Eco Sensitive zone in the area wherefrom the gas pipe line is passing.

The Committee deferred it for want of detailed EIA/EMP study in proposed area falling in the Eco Sensitive zone of Wildlife Sanctuary.

The committee deferred it for want of detail EIA/EMP study in Jammu region.

Agenda item No. 4: Construction of stand along Ring Road Bypass around Srinagar city under NHDP Phase VII – permission for taking up Non Forestry Activities in Hokersar Wetland Reserve.

The Commissioner/Secretary, Tourism Shri Shailendra Kumar suggested that 'No Horn' zone should be declared during winter in the vicinity constituting the eco-sensitive zone of wetland. He further suggested that the most modern sound barrier with suitable

height should be installed alongside the road with warning sign boards. He also stressed upon for fixed speed limit for vehicles along the stretch of highway passing through nearby wetland area.

The committee agreed upon the proposal with additional conditions mentioned above.

Agenda item No. 5: Construction of stand along Ring Road Bypass around Jammu City of Jammu & Kashmir under NHDP Phase 4th – permission for taking up Non Forestry Activities in Kukrian Conservation Reserve.

Proposed 4 lane Ring Road Bypass for NH – 1A connecting Raya Morh – Nagrota, Jammu Bye pass option 1B was agreed upon with the condition that sound proof barriers of suitable height will be installed and fixed speed limit for vehicles will be ensured along the stretch of highway passing through Wildlife area / Wetland Conservation Reserve.

The committee agreed upon the proposal with additional conditions.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.

Sd/-
Member Secretary
Standing Committee of
State Board for Wildlife
Chief Conservator of Forests
(Wildlife/Eco-tourism/)

No: WLP/Tech/SCSBWL/8th /2014/59-69

Dated: 08-12-2014

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh, WTI, New Delhi.
2. Director General of Police, J&K
3. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Tourism Department, Srinagar
4. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Srinagar.
5. Secretary to Government, Forest Department, Srinagar.
6. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial).
7. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife).
8. Director, Forest Protection Force, J&K Government, Srinagar.
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