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Minutes of 1st meeting of Wildlife Board for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir held under the Chairmanship of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on 23.11.2020 at Civil Secretariat, Jammu

1st meeting of Wildlife Board for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on 23.11.2020. Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir (Vice Chairman of the Wildlife Board) was also present. The list of Members of the Wildlife Board and the officers, who attended the meeting is enclosed as annexure.

At the outset, the Commissioner / Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, welcomed the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Members in the 1st meeting of the Board. She gave a brief account of constitution of the Wildlife Board, Their Conservation Reserve and agenda item with regard to wildlife clearance of the area of the Conservation Reserve involved in the construction of Shahpur-Kandi Dam Project. Thereafter, the Chief Wildlife Warden J&K made a power point presentation on the agenda as given below:

Agenda Item No.1: Wildlife Clearance for Shahpur-Kandi Dam Project, Jammu & Kashmir portion- reg.

1. **Applicant/ User Agency** : Chief Engineer, Shahpur-Kandi Dam Project, Water Resources Department, Punjab.
2. **Name of the Protected Area:** Their Conservation Reserve
3. **Area of the Protected Area Involved in the Project** : 51.08 Ha
4. **Brief Description of Project:** Shahpur-Kandi Dam Project is being constructed on River Ravi by the Water Resources Department, Govt. of Punjab. The Project involves the areas of the State of Punjab and Union Territory of J&K. As per the project report, there will be 55.5 mtr. High concrete Dam with 2 Nos. of Head Regulators, one for Shahpur-Kandi Channel (Punjab) and other for Ravi canal (J&K). The project shall also have 2 Power Houses having installed capacity of 206 MW. The project shall irrigate 32173 Ha of area in J&K. As per



the project report Rs. 271570 lakh has been given as the estimated cost of the project.

5. **Impact:** Due to construction of Shahpur-Kandi Dam, a reservoir upto length of about 11 km shall be created on upstream side of main Dam on right bank of river Ravi. It will involve 51.08 Ha area of Their Conservation Reserve which includes 38.21 Ha to come under submergence and 12.87 Ha shall come in alignment of Ravi canal and other allied works. The Project shall involve removal of 26544 trees/ poles/ saplings (10214 trees & 16330 poles/ saplings) of 76 species. The project neither involves any corridor of Wildlife in the area nor it fragments the habitat and hence shall not have negative impact on Wildlife of Conservation Reserve.
6. In view of above details, the proposal was placed before the State Board for Wildlife for clearance and recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the following terms and conditions:-
 - i) The proprietary and the legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
 - ii) The user agency shall pay NPV (Net Present Value) which works out to Rs. 3,35,59,560 (Rupees Three Crore, Thirty Five Lakh, Fifty Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty) in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
 - iii) The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
 - iv) No harm to any wildlife species shall be done, if found accidentally in the said area.
 - v) User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, provisions of wildlife Protection Act, directions of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and orders of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in this regard.
 - vi) Waste material including muck generated during execution of project shall be disposed of outside the protected area.
 - vii) The area proposed should not be used by the user agency for any purpose other than proposed.
 - viii) The land so allowed to be used shall be returned to the department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
 - ix) The User Agency shall have to abide by all the conditions laid down in the sanction order issued by the Competent Authority.
 - x) The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wildlife Warden J&K for further submission to MoEF&CC, Government of India.

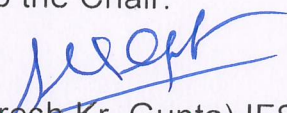


After the presentation, the agenda was discussed. Dr. C.M. Seth suggested that while preparing the plan for utilization of Net Present Value (NPV) amount, the Department of Wildlife Protection should keep provision for conservation measures for Sarus crane which reportedly visits the adjoining areas. He also suggested for making over bridges for wildlife crossing on the canal portion passing through the Conservation Reserve as per the feasibility worked by the Department of Wildlife Protection. Dr. Jagdish Kishwan suggested that Biodiversity Impact Assessment can be considered subsequently in the area and an additional adjoining area can be explored for inclusion in the Conservation Reserve. Prof. Anil Raina suggested that slopes along the reservoir should be smoothed at feasible locations by the Department of Wildlife Protection so that wild animals can have easy access to water. After the discussion, the board observed that the Forest / Wildlife Department shall consider the suggestions made by the members while preparing the plan for the utilization of NPV amount.

Decision:

The Board considered the proposal and cleared the same for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and condition given in the agenda.

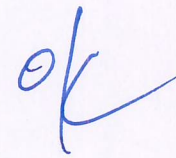
The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.


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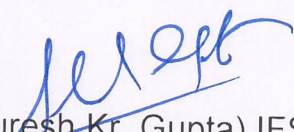
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1. Director General of Police, J&K.
 2. General Officer Commanding (North).
 3. Principal Secretary to Government, Animal & Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K Government.
 4. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for kind information of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
 5. Commissioner/ Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Ecology Department.
 6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Jammu & Kashmir.

7. Secretary to Government, Tribal Affairs Department, J&K Government.
8. Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
9. Director, Botanical Survey of India.
10. Director Zoology Survey of India.
11. Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation.
12. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary for the kind information of the Chief Secretary.
13. Dr. Khursheed Ahmad, Head, Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST, Srinagar.
14. Prof. Anil Kumar Raina, Deptt. of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu.
15. Mr. Mohammad Junaid, Assistant Professor, Environmental Sciences.
16. Dr. Jagdish Kishwan, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF.
17. Dr. C.M. Seth, Former Chief Wildlife Warden & Chairman, J&K Pollution Control Board.
18. Mr. O.P. Sharma, Former PCCF/ Director, SFRI & noted Field Botanist.
19. Dr. D.N.Sahi, Former Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu.
20. Dr. Kartik Satyanarayan, Chief Executive Officer, Wildlife SOS.
21. Dr. Anish Andheria, President, Wildlife Conservation Trust.
22. Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Team Leader, J&K WWF-India.
23. Mr. Nazir Benazir, President, National Society on Water Resources, Wetlands & Forests, J&K.
24. Mr. Guldev Raj, Bird Photographer and Head, the Himalayan Avian.


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Chief Wildlife Warden &

Member Secretary, Wildlife Board for
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List of Members and Officers who attended the 1st meeting of Wildlife Board for the U T of Jammu & Kashmir held on 23.11.2020.

A) Members

1. Smt. Sarita Chauhan, IAS Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.
2. Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF J&K
3. Shri Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K
4. Shri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Inspector General of Police (Crime) J&K
5. Smt. Rehana Batul, Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, J&K Government.
6. Shri Nisar Ahmed, Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation (through VC)
7. Dr. Arif Bashir, Technical Officer, Representative of Principal Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry.
8. Dr. Avtar Kour, Representative of Zoological Survey of India. (through VC)
9. Prof. Anil Kumar Raina, former HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu.
10. Dr. Khursheed Ahmad, Head Division of Wildlife Sciences-SKUAST. (through VC)
11. Sh. Mohammad Junaid, Assistant Professor, Environmental Sciences
12. Dr. Jagdish Kishvan, Former Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF (through VC)
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17. Mr. Guldev Raj, Bird Photographer and Head, the Himalayan Avian.

(B) Officers other than Members

1. Dr. Kumar M.K. (IFS) Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu.
2. Shri Rashid Yahya Naqash, Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir (through VC).
3. Shri Sohail Ahmad Wagay, Technical Officer, Department of Wildlife Protection.