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**MINUTES OF 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WILDLIFE BOARD FOR UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR ON 06-06-2023 AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR.**

4th meeting of the Wildlife Board for Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir was held under the chairmanship of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir (Chairman, Wildlife Board for UT of Jammu & Kashmir) on 06-06-2023 at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar. Shri Arun Kumar Mehta, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu & 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 attached.

At the outset, Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department welcomed the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and all the Members and Officers who participated in person & online and briefed about significant works of Department of Wildlife Protection. He mentioned that all the cases cleared in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of UT Board for Wildlife which required further clearance by Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife, have been cleared in its 69<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thereafter, a presentation was made by Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu & Kashmir. He also presented the Action Taken Report before the Board with regard to decisions taken in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Wildlife Board, followed by discussion on agenda items sequentially.

During the discussions, Dr. C.M. Seth expressed gratitude to Hon'ble Chairman for dedicating the Jambu Zoo to public. He appreciated the layout of Jambu Zoo and suggested establishing a Fossil Park adjoining Jambu Zoo. Shri Nazir Be Nazir lauded the efforts of the Department in restoration of wetlands and handling Human-Wildlife Conflict. He suggested for having Wildlife Rescue Teams at Block Level with adequate equipment and manpower. He also mentioned establishing City Forests/ Nagar Vans in various municipalities. Dr. Khursheed

Ahmad mentioned taking up of Conservation Breeding Centre at Tral in project mode, which has been operationalized recently.

After detailed deliberations, the following decisions with respect to Agenda Items were taken: -

<b>Agenda No.</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussions</b>	<b>Decision of the Wildlife Board</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Wildlife Clearance for laying GI pipe of 80mm dia near Chowka Nallah, Kosar Mantalai in Sudhmahadev Conservation Reserve.	The matter was discussed in detail. It was informed that the proposal pertains to providing water supply to Integrated Development of Tourist Facility at Mantalai, District Udhampur and the proposal does not involve felling of any tree.	Approved
<b>4.2</b>	Wildlife Clearance for Construction of uni-directional tunnels by National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) involving area of Sudhmahadev Conservation Reserve.	The matter was discussed threadbare and it was informed that proposal pertains to construct two uni-directional tunnels connecting Sudhmahadev area of Udhampur district with Khellani – Goha area of Doda district. The project involves only underground work and no felling of trees is involved.	Approved
<b>4.3</b>	Wildlife Clearance for development of wayside amenities along Mughal Road at Peer-Ki-Gali (Nilana Top) involving 0.75 ha area of Tatakutti Wildlife Sanctuary by Tourism Department	The matter was discussed and during the discussion it was informed that the Tourism Department (Poonch Development Authority) proposes	Approved

	(Poonch Development Authority)	to construct way side amenities along Mughal Road at Peer-Ki-Gali (Nilana Top) involving 0.75 ha area of Tatakutti Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposal does not involve felling of any tree.	
4.4	Proposal for rationalization of boundaries of City Forest National Park.	The proposal was discussed, and it was informed that rationalization of boundaries has been proposed in view of existing infrastructure and activities associated with it due to which objectives of wildlife conservation are not being met in the area.	It was decided that the ramifications/full justification of widening the scope of the area to be excluded/de-notified, over what had been recommended by the Expert Committee, shall be examined. Proposal with full justification, clearly delineating the boundaries be brought before the Board.
4.5	Wildlife Clearance for Improvement/Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme Ringal Pathwar under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Surinsar-Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary.	The matter was discussed and it was informed that the Jal Shakti Department proposes construction of two (02) Ground Storage Reservoir (GSR) (i.e 10000 & 30000 Glns capacity) and the laying of GI pipe of 80 mm & 15 mm diameter at village Ringal, Khari Khore, Pathwar and adjoining areas. The proposal will benefit 697 souls.	Approved

4.6	Wildlife Clearance for Improvement/Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme Pounthal under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Surinsar-Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary	The matter was discussed and it was informed that the Jal Shakti Department proposes construction of one (01) T/W Sump Tank & Pump Room 25×20 M, one (01) no. Ground Storage Reservoir (GSR) (i.e. 10000 Glns capacity) and the laying of GI pipe of 80 mm & 15 mm diameter at village Pounthal and adjoining areas. The proposal will benefit 435 souls.	Approved
4.7	Wildlife Clearance for Improvement/Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme Sagoon, Panjoa under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Surinsar-Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary	The matter was discussed and it was informed that the Jal Shakti Department proposes construction of one (01) T/W Sump Tank & Pump Room 25×20 M, one (01) no. Ground Storage Reservoir (GSR) (i.e. 30000 Glns capacity) and the laying of GI pipe of 80 mm & 15 mm diameter at villages Sagoon, Panjoa and adjoining areas. The proposal will benefit 3348 souls.	Approved
4.8	Wildlife Clearance for Improvement/Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme Bargha Taryar under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Surinsar-Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary	The matter was discussed and it was informed that the Jal Shakti Department proposes construction of one (01) T/W Sump Tank & Pump	Approved

		Room 20×20 M, two (02) nos. Ground Storage Reservoir (GSR) (i.e. 20000 & 20000 Glns capacity) and the laying of GI pipe of 80 mm & 15 mm diameter at village Bargha-Taryarand adjoining areas. The proposal will benefit 1267 souls.	
<b>4.9</b>	Enhancement of ex-gratia relief to the victims of Wildlife Animal attacks	During discussion it was informed that number of deaths and injuries to humans due to wildlife conflict have decreased from 400 cases in 2013-14 to 94 cases in 2022-23. The department is paying ex-gratia to victims at the rates sanctioned vide Government order No. 244-FST of 2014 dated 23.07.2014. It was proposed to adopt the ex-gratia rates for death and injury to humans due to wild animal attacks as mentioned in MoEF&CC communication dated 09.02.2018.	Approved
<b>4.10</b>	Wildlife Clearance for upgradation and re-development of J&K Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC) unit Aru, Pahalgam	The proposal was discussed and it was informed that Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC) proposes to	Approved

		undertake upgradation and redevelopment of its unit at Aru, Pahalgam to cater to the needs of tourists and to be operationalized on outsourcing basis. The said unit is in existence before notification of Sanctuary and proposal does not involve any felling of trees.	
<b>4.11</b>	Wildlife Clearance for upgradation and redevelopment of Hotel Ashok, Jammu located in Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary	During discussion, it was informed that Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC) proposes to undertake upgradation and redevelopment of its unit at Jammu to cater to the needs of tourists and to be operationalized on outsourcing basis. The said unit is in existence before notification of Sanctuary and proposal does not involve any felling of trees.	Approved
<b>4.12</b>	Wildlife Clearance for upgradation and redevelopment of Hotel Ashok, Gulmarg located in Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary	The proposal was discussed and it was informed that Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC) proposes to undertake	Approved



		redevelopment/ reconstruction of its unit at Gulmarg to cater to the needs of tourists and to be operationalized on outsourcing basis. The said unit is in existence before notification of Sanctuary and proposal does not involve any felling of trees	
<b>4.13</b>	Wildlife Clearance for widening of drainage channel (Phase-II) across Hokersar Wetland Conservation Reserve by Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Kashmir	While discussing the proposal, it was informed that phase I of the project was cleared by the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife in its meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2014. The case was sanctioned vide Government order No:230-FST of 2016 Dated 01.09.2016. The Phase I has been completed. The present proposal is Phase II of the project whereunder the User Agency proposes to widen the drainage channel across Hokersar Wetland from existing 30 Mtr to 80 Mtr width.	The proposal was cleared by the UT Board subject to condition that chances of increase in siltation due to increase in width of the Flood Spill be re- examined and approval of the Vice Chairman of the Board obtained.
<b>4.14</b>	Wildlife Clearance for “Retrofitting of Water Supply Scheme Their” under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Their Wildlife	The matter was discussed and it was informed that Jal Shakti Department proposes construction	Approved

	Conservation Reserve.	of Drilling of 03 No's Bore-wells, 04 No's of Tube Wells with pump rooms, 05 No's of 10000 Gls sump tank/ GSRs, 02 No's of 20000 Gls GSRs alongwith associated infrastructure for providing water supply to the public of village Thein and adjoining areas.	
4.15	Wildlife Clearance for "Retrofitting of Water Supply Scheme Basantpur" under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Thein Wildlife Conservation Reserve	While discussing the proposal, it was informed that Jal Shakti Department proposes the construction of drilling of 03 No's bore-wells, 04 No's of pump rooms, 07 No's of 10000 Gls sump tank/ GSRs alongwith associated infrastructure to provide water supply to the public of village Basantpur and adjoining areas.	Approved

During the meeting, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor released Hangul Census Report 2023. While appreciating the work of the Department of Wildlife Protection, the Hon'ble Chairman and Vice Chairman also issued following directions;

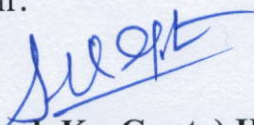
- a) The awareness videos of the Department showing birds in the wetlands should have natural sounds of birds instead of recorded sound.
- b) Since visitors are allowed mostly in buffer zone of Dachigam National Park, the department should increase the number of permissions ensuring no detrimental affect on ecology.





- c) To encourage trekking in Forest & Wildlife Areas, National and International organizations besides universities should be approached.
- d) There will be zero tolerance to poaching/ hunting. Any violations in this regard should be dealt severely under Law.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
**(Suresh Kr. Gupta) IFS**  
**Chief Wildlife Warden &**  
**Member Secretary**  
**Wildlife Board for Union Territory of**  
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2. Additional Chief Secretary (Financial Commissioner) to Govt., Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Deptt., J&K Govt.
3. Director General of Police, J&K.
4. Principal Secretary to Govt., Forest, Ecology & Environment Deptt.
5. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF.
7. Secretary to Government, Department of Tribal Affairs, J&K.
8. Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
9. Director, Botanical Survey of India.
10. Director, Zoological Survey of India.
11. Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation.
12. Pr. Private Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of UT of J&K for kind information of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
13. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K for the kind information of worthy Chief Secretary.
14. Dr. Kartik Satyanarayan, Chief Executive Officer Wildlife SOS.
15. Dr. Anish Andheria, President Wildlife Conservation Trust.
16. Dr. Khurshid Ahmed, Head Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST, Kashmir.
17. Dr. Mohd Junaid, Assistant professor, Environmental Sciences.
18. Dr. Jagdish Kishwan, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF.

19. Dr. C M Seth, Former Chief Wildlife Warden & Chairman, J&K Pollution Control Board.
20. Mr. O P Sharma, Former PCCF/Director SFRI & Noted Field Botanist.
21. Dr. D N Sahi, Former Professor, Department of Zoology University of Jammu.
22. Prof. Anil Kumar Raina, Former HoD., Deptt. Of Environmental Sciences.
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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Annexure

List of participants who attended 4th meeting of the Wildlife Board for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir held on 06.06.2023 at 03:00 pm under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K.

S.No.	Name of the Participant	Designation	Remarks
1	Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, IAS	Chief Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir (Vice Chairman of Wildlife Board)	
2	Sh. A. K. Choudhary, IPS	Special Director General of Police (Crime)	
3	Sh. Dheeraj Gupta, IAS	Principal Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Deptt, J&K	
4	Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, IAS	Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir	
5	Sh. Roshan Jaggi, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K	
6	Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K	
7	Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, IAS	Secretary to Government, Department of Tribal Affairs, J&K	
8	Sh. Minga Sherpa, IAS	Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation	
9	Sh. B.A Khan	Director General (Sheep Husbandry Kashmir), Representing Addl. Chief Secretary (Financial Commissioner) Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, J&K Government	
10	Dr. Parag Nigam	Representative of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Through VC
11	Dr. Avtar Kaur	Representative of Zoological Survey of India	Through VC
12	Dr. Kumar Ambrish	Representative of Botanical Survey of India	Through VC
13	Dr. Kumar M.K., IFS	Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu	Through VC
14	Sh. Rashid Y. Naqash	Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir	
15	Dr. Harpreet Kaur	Special Secretary (Technical), Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, J&K	Through VC
16	Dr. Khurshid Ahmed	Head Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST	
17	Dr. C M Seth	Former Chief Wildlife Warden & Chairman, J&K Pollution Control Board	Through VC
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20	Prof. Anil Kumar Raina	Former HoD., Deptt. Of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu	Through VC
21	Dr. M. Junaid Jazib	Assistant Professor, Environmental Sciences	Through VC
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24	Sh. Sohail Ahmad Wagay	Wildlife Warden, Technical	

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