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**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN**

**MINUTES OF 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE WILDLIFE BOARD FOR UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI MANOJ SINHA, HON'BLE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR HELD ON 10-07-2021 AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT SRINAGAR.**

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Wildlife Board for Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir was held under the chairmanship of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir (Chairman, Wildlife Board for UT of Jammu & Kashmir) on 10-07-2021 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 enclosed as annexure.

At the outset, Commissioner/Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department welcomed the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and Officers who participated in person and through virtual mode. Commissioner/Secretary gave a brief resume of the agenda, listed for the meeting and also highlighted the necessity of obtaining wildlife clearance for critical infrastructure projects that would benefit the public. He informed that after clearance of the cases by the Wildlife Board for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir, these will be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, for clearance from Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.

Thereafter, a detailed Power Point Presentation was made by Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu & Kashmir. He also informed the Board about action taken with regard to decision taken in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Wildlife Board, followed by discussion on agenda items sequentially. The following decisions were taken in the meeting:-

Agenda No.	Agenda	Discussions	Decision of the Wildlife Board
2.1	Wildlife Clearance for construction of road from Mantalai to Gamsadu passing through Sudhmahadev Wildlife Conservation Reserve	The matter was discussed threadbare. It was informed that the proposed road will provide connectivity to five settlements in the area which are yet unconnected. The adequate provision for mitigatory measures like speed breakers and under passes have been also kept in the project.	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.

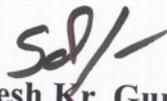
2.2	Wildlife Clearance for construction of road from Barkunda to Kharwa passing through Sudhmahadev Wildlife Conservation Reserve.	Chief Wildlife Warden informed that only 0.225 Ha area of Conservation Reserve is involved in the project and it will provide road connectivity to five habitations for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time. It was mentioned that animal passage plan has also been prepared.	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.
2.3	Wildlife Clearance for construction / upgradation of road from Kothar to Ponthal passing through Surinsar – Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary	The agenda item was discussed and during discussion it was informed that the major part of proposed road has alignment on the periphery of the sanctuary. Provision for mitigatory measure through speed breakers and under passes was also mentioned and included.	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.
2.4	Wildlife Clearance for construction of Snow Harvesting Structure by DRDO in Jawahar Tunnel Chakore Conservation Reserve.	During discussion, it was mentioned that only 0.6 ha area is required for creating artificial trap berm for snow harvesting to ensure supply of water to existing field Research Station of DRDO at D-10 top in the area. The proposal does not involve any felling of trees. The proposal has significance with respect to scientific research.	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.
2.5	Wildlife Clearance for construction of Ramp based multi level car parking at Panjtirthi, Jammu by Jammu Municipal Corporation involving 0.1 ha area of Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary.	The agenda with regard to construction of multistory parking by Jammu Development Authority on its land was discussed. With regard to instant proposal, it was informed that 0.1 ha adjoining land of the sanctuary is coming in the alignment of approach road and boundary wall of the project. The involved area	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.

		is adjoining the existing road. The project shall decongest traffic in the area.	
2.6	Wildlife Clearance for Improvement/Widening of Lakhanpur Thein Road From RD 12/700 to RD 17/100 through Thein Conservation Reserve	The agenda item was discussed and it was informed that the project entails only widening of the existing road. It was also mentioned that the project shall benefit 4 tehsils namely Billawar, Mahanpur, Basohli and Bani.	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.
2.7	Wildlife Clearance for Construction of Road from Dhar Road Larey to Sumal passing through Surinsar – Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary	During discussion, it was informed that the proposed road shall provide connectivity for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time to 805 souls of village Sumal. Mitigatory measures like construction of speed breakers and under passes were also mentioned.	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.
2.8	Wildlife Clearance for construction of Water supply Scheme at Checki Dara, Ganderbal by Jal Shakti Department involving 0.1 ha area of Dara Conservation Reserve	The agenda was discussed and during discussion it was informed that only 0.1 ha area of Dara Conservation Reserve is required for water supply scheme. It was mentioned that the project will supply drinking water and benefit about 7000 population of village Dara and adjoining habitations.	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.
2.9	Procedure to be followed by the Wildlife Board for Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir	The agenda item was deliberated in detail. However, it was discussed that in item No: 8, the quorum shall be not less than 50%.	The agenda item was approved by the Board. However, it was decided that in item No: 8, the quorum shall be “ <b>Not less than 50%</b> ”.



At the end, the Chief Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir advised the department to ensure that plantation is taken up in affected areas by planting 5 times the number of trees involved in felling for all the cleared projects.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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2. General Officer Commanding (North).
3. Principal Secretary to Govt., Animal/Sheep Husbandry Deptt., J&K Govt.
4. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of 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, Department of Tribal Affairs, J&K Govt.
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. Private Secretariat to Chief Secretary for the kind information of worthy Chief Secretary.
13. Sh. Kartick Satyanarayan, Chief Executive Officer, Wildlife SOS.
14. Dr. Anish Andheria, President, Wildlife Conservation Trust.
15. Dr. Khurshid Ahmed, Head Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST.
16. Prof. Anil Kumar Raina, Former HoD., Deptt. of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu.
17. Mr. Mohd Junaid, Assistant professor, Environmental Sciences (ST).
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. Mr. Nazir Benazir, President, National Society on Water Resources, Wetlands & Forests, J&K.
23. Mr. Guldev Raj, Bird Photographer and Head, The Himalayan Avian.

  
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## Annexure

List of participants who attended 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Wildlife Board for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir held on 10.07.2021 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Shri Major Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K

S.No.	Name of the Participant	Designation	Remarks
1	Sh. Nitishwar Kumar, IAS	Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K	
2	Sh. Sanjeev Verma, IAS	Commissioner/ Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department	
3	Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS	Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests/ HoFF	
4	Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS	Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K	
5	Sh. Alok Kumar, IPS	Inspector General of Police (CIV)	
6	Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, IAS	Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department	
7	Brig. Mohit Nautiyal	Representative of General Officer Commanding (North)	Through VC
8	Dr. Kumar M.K., IFS	Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu	Through VC
9	Smt. Purnima Mittal	Director, Animal Husbandry Kashmir	
10	Sh. Nisar Ahmad	Managing Director, JKTDC	
11	Sh. Rashid Yahya Naqash	Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir	
12	Dr. Satya Kumar	Representative Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Through VC
13	Dr. Avtar Kaur Sidhu	Representative Zoological Survey of India	Through VC
14	Sh. Kartick Satyanarayan	Chief Executive Officer, Wildlife SOS	Through VC
15	Dr. Anish Andheria	President, Wildlife Conservation Trust	Through VC
16	Dr. Arif Bashir	Technical Officer, Animal Sheep Husbandry/ Fisheries	
17	Dr. Khurshid Ahmad	Head, Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST-Kashmir	
18	Prof. Anil Kumar Raina	Former HoD, Deptt. of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu	Through VC
19	Dr. Mohd Junaid	Assistant Professor, Environmental Sciences.	Through VC
20	Dr. Jagdish Kishwan	Former PCCF/HoFF.	Through VC
21	Sh. O.P. Sharma	Former PCCF/Director SFRI	Through VC
22	Prof. D.N Sahai	Former Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu.	Through VC
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