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**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE PR. CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE)/**  
**CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN**

**MINUTES OF 3<sup>rd</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 26-06-2022 AT RAJ BHAWAN, SRINAGAR.**

3<sup>rd</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 26-06-2022 at Raj Bhawan, 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 online. The Commissioner/ Secretary gave a brief resume of the agenda, listed for the meeting. He mentioned that all the cases cleared in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of UT Board for Wildlife have been cleared by 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 2<sup>nd</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   |
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| 3.1        | Wildlife Clearance for Water supply scheme Sonamarg by Jal Shakti Department, Government of UT of J&K. | The matter was discussed in detail. It was informed that the proposal pertains to improvement of existing water supply scheme for meeting the drinking water | 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 |

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|     |   | needs of Sonamarg and the proposal does not involve felling of any tree.  | the agenda.  |
| 3.2 | Wildlife Clearance for portion of Delhi-Katra Expressway involving area of Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary and Bahu Conservation Reserve in J&K by National Highway Authority of India. | The matter was discussed threadbare and it was informed that project involves the land in Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary and Bahu Conservation Reserve. The User Agency has submitted animal passage plan with required mitigatory measures. The project is Development of Package-17 of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway. | The proposal was cleared by the Board with respect to area of Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary involved in the project for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda. The proposal with respect to area of Bahu Conservation Reserve involved in the project was also cleared by UT Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda. |
| 3.3 | Wildlife Clearance for Macadamization of Road from Limber to Budrali in Limber Wildlife Sanctuary by R&B (PMGSY) Division, Uri-Baramulla.   | The matter was discussed and during the discussion it was informed that the proposal pertains to macadamization of existing kacha road. The User Agency has submitted animal passage plan having provision for underpasses for movement of wild animals.  | 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.   |



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| 3.4   | Wildlife Clearance for Macadamization of Road from Limber to Babagail in Limber Wildlife Sanctuary by R&B (PMGSY) Division, Uri-Baramulla.   | The matter was discussed in detail in which Chief Wildlife Warden informed that it involves only macadamization of existing kacha road without involving widening or felling of trees. It was also informed that animal passage plan for the project 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.  |
| 3.5   | Wildlife Clearance of projects falling in Conservation Reserves.   | Chief Wildlife Warden informed about latest guidelines dated 06.05.2022 issued by the MoEF&CC in which there is mention of reference of cases of only National Parks and Sanctuaries to be referred to Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife for wildlife clearance. | The agenda items was discussed in detail and it was decided that wildlife clearance cases pertaining to areas involving Conservation Reserves shall be considered for clearance by UT Board for Wildlife. |
| 3.5.1 | Wildlife Clearance for Construction of Alternative Alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road (RD 9/600 RD 12/700) due to submergence of Girder Bridge on Nora Nallah by PWD (R&B) Division Kathua. | The matter was discussed & it was informed that existing Nora Bridge shall be submerged in the upcoming Shahpur Kandi Dam. Accordingly, R&B Department has proposed for construction of new  | The proposal was cleared by the UT Board on the terms & conditions given in the agenda.   |



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|              |   | bridge with higher dimensions and area of Their Conservation Reserve shall be required for approach to the new bridge. The User Agency has also submitted animal passage plan for the project.                                    |   |
| <b>3.5.2</b> | Wildlife Clearance for the Widening of Akhnoor-Poonch Road involving part of Shachera Conservation Reserve in Rajouri by Border Roads Organization (BRO). | The matter was discussed in detail and it was informed that proposal involves only widening of existing road which is along the boundary of conservation reserve. The animal passage plan for the project has also been prepared. | The proposal was cleared by the UT Board on the terms & conditions given in the agenda. |

The following issues were also discussed and directions were issued by the Chair:

1. **Human-Wildlife Conflict:**

The Chair expressed concern towards Human-Wildlife Conflict incidents in UT of Jammu & Kashmir. He advised the department to intensify the awareness campaign through various media options so that people even in far flung areas are properly sensitized about do's and don'ts to avoid such conflict incidents thereby minimizing the loss of life.

2. **Operationalization of Trek Routes:**

The Chair directed to involve various organizations and institutions, from the Union Territory and other parts of the country, for more popularization of trek routes to increase the footfall.

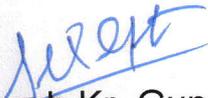
3. **Wildlife Protected Areas and rare & endangered species:**

The Vice-Chairman of the Board advised to intensify the popularisation of wildlife protected areas of UT showcasing their uniqueness and rich biodiversity. He also directed that the department should come up with status of various rare and endangered species in the next board meeting.



At the end, the Chair released a publication "Herpeto-Fauna of Jammu region" published by Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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Chief Wildlife Warden &  
Member Secretary Wildlife Board for  
Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

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Dated: 09.07.2022

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1. Director General of Police, J&K.
2. General Officer Commanding (North).
3. Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) to Govt., Animal/Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K Government.
4. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K.
5. Commissioner Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Ecology Department.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K.
7. Secretary, Department of Tribal Affairs, J&K Government.
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 Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for kind information of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
13. Pr. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary 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.
17. Prof. Anil Kumar Raina, Former HoD., Department of Environmental Sciences.
18. Sh. Mohd Junaid, Assistant professor, Environmental Sciences (ST)
19. Dr. Jagdish Kishwan, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF.
20. Dr. C M Seth, Former Chief Wildlife Warden & Chairman, J&K Pollution
21. Sh. O P Sharma, Former PCCF/Director SFRI & Noted Field Botanist.
22. Dr. D N Sahi, Former Professor. Department of Zoology University of

23. Sh. Nazir Benazir, President National Society on Water Resources, Wetlands & Forests, J&K.
24. Sh. Guldev Raj, Bird Photographer and Head the Himalayan Avian.

  
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Annexure

List of participants who attended 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Wildlife Board for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir held on 26.06.2022 at 11:00 am under the Chairmanship of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K

| S.No. | Name of the Participant        | Designation  | Remarks    |
|-------|--------------------------------|--|------------|
| 1     | Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, IAS      | Chief Secretary, J&K<br>(Vice-Chairman of the Wildlife Board)                              |            |
| 2     | Sh. Atal Dulloo, IAS           | Financial Commissioner (Addl. Chief Secretary) to Government, Animal Husbandary Department | Through VC |
| 3     | Sh. Sanjeev Verma, IAS         | Commissioner/ Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department                          |            |
| 4     | Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS            | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF  |            |
| 5     | Sh. Suresh Kr. Gupta, IFS      | PCCF (Wildlife) / Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K   |            |
| 6     | Sh. Mukesh Singh, IPS          | Addl. Director General of Police (Jammu)   | Through VC |
| 7     | Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chaudary, IAS | Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department   |            |
| 8     | Brig. V. Yadav                 | Representative of General Officer Commanding (North)                                       |            |
| 9     | Dr. Kumar M.K., IFS            | Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu  | Through VC |
| 10    | Sh. Syed F. Hamid              | Managing Director, JKTDC   |            |
| 11    | Sh. Rashid Yahya Naqash        | Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir  |            |
| 12    | Dr. Khurshid Ahmad             | Head, Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST-Kashmir  |            |
| 13    | Sh. Nazir Benazir              | President, National Society on Water Resources, Wetlands & Forests, J&K (NGO)              |            |
| 14    | Dr. Satya Kumar                | Representative, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun                                      | Through VC |
| 15    | Dr. Avtar Kaur Sidhu           | Representative, Zoological Survey of India   | Through VC |
| 16    | Dr. C.M.Seth, IFS (Retd.)      | Former Chief Wildlife Warden & Chairman, J&K PCB.  | Through VC |
| 17    | Sh. O.P. Sharma, IFS (Retd.)   | Former PCCF/Director SFRI & Noted Botanist.  | Through VC |
| 18    | Dr. D.N Sahai                  | Former Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu                               | Through VC |
| 19    | Prof. Anil Kumar Raina         | Former HoD, Deptt of Environmental Sciences, Univeristy of Jammu                           | Through VC |
| 20    | Sh. Guldev Raj                 | Head, the Himalayan Avian (NGO)  | Through VC |
| 21    | Sh. Anil Kr. Atri              | Wildlife Warden, Jammu   | Through VC |
| 22    | Sh. Sohail Ahmad Wagay         | Wildlife Warden, Technical   |            |