



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

MINUTES OF 5th 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 ON 09-02-2024 AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU.

5th 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 09.02.2023 at Civil Secretariat, Jammu. Shri Atal Dulloo, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir (Vice Chairman of the Wildlife Board) attended the meeting through online mode. The list of members of the Wildlife Board and the officers who attended the meeting, in person and through online mode, is at annexure 'A'.

At the outset, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, welcomed the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and Officers who participated in the meeting. Thereafter, he gave an overview of the agenda of the meeting. He apprised that all proposals recommended by the UT Board for Wildlife in its 4th meeting held on 06.06.2023 have been cleared by the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MOEF&CC), Govt of India and further follow up action has been taken.

Thereafter, a Power Point Presentation was made by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu & Kashmir. He apprised about action taken with regard to decisions taken in the 4th meeting of Wildlife Board and presented the agenda items. The agenda point-wise discussion and decisions taken in the meeting are as under:

Agenda No.	Agenda	Discussions	Decision of the Wildlife Board
5.1	Confirmation of minutes of the last Board meeting.	Discussed.	Confirmed.
5.2	Action taken on the decisions of 4 th meeting of Wildlife Board for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir held on 06.06.2023.	Report on action taken with respect to decisions of the Board was discussed.	The Board took note. Also, the Board agreed to the proposal to request the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife, MOEF&CC for constituting an Expert Committee to look into the whole matter of de-notification of a portion of

			the City Forest National Park, Srinagar and rationalization of its boundaries.
5.3	Kangdori Ski Lift in Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project does not involve felling of any tree and has significant potential to promote winter tourism.	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.
5.4	Water Supply Scheme Amshipora Shamshipora Borihallan Padpawan.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.5	Construction of Rapid Sand Filtration Plant (RSFP) for WSS Amshipora Shamshipora.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.6	Water Supply Scheme – Construction of Service Reservoir and Laying/ Fitting of pipes, Veersaran of Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary, Anantnag.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.7	Water Supply Scheme – Construction of Service Reservoir and Laying / Fitting of pipes at Sangnard of Khiram Conservation Reserve, Anantnag.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	The proposal was cleared by the Board on the terms and conditions given in the agenda. User Agency to be informed accordingly.
5.8	Water Supply Scheme – Construction of Service Reservoir and Laying / Fitting of pipes, Nallah	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of

	Overa of Overa – Aru Wildlife Sanctuary, Anantnag.	to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	National Board for Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.
5.9	Water Supply Scheme – Construction of Service Reservoir and Laying / Fitting of pipes, Ladi, Anantnag.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.10	Water Supply Scheme – Construction of Service Reservoir and Laying / Fitting of pipes, Khelan Gujran of Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary, Anantnag.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.11	Water Supply Scheme – Construction of Service Reservoir and Laying / Fitting of pipes, Gulmarg, Baramulla.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.12	Power system improvement by way of construction of new 33/11 kV 3.15 MVA receiving station at Surinsar.	The proposal was discussed. The Board noted that the proposal is essential to provide power supply to villages covered in the project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.13	Retrofitting of water supply scheme Baktha under Jal Jeevan Mission.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.14	Water Supply Scheme Dub Chilla under Jal Jeevan Mission.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this	The proposal was cleared by the Board for recommendation to the Standing Committee of National Board for

		project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	Wildlife on the terms and conditions given in the agenda.
5.15	Water Supply Scheme Hajibal Shalgam under Jal Jeevan Mission.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.16	Drinking water supply scheme Channi Mansar under Jal Jeevan Mission.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide assured drinking water supply to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree.	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.
5.17	4G Saturation Project – Construction of 4G mobile tower at Village Chanaid, District Udhampur.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide mobile connectivity to villages covered in this project. Also, the project does not involve felling of any tree. On a query by the representative of Botanical Survey of India, the Board was apprised that the project does not fall in the core area of the Sanctuary.	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.
5.18	Construction of 30-meter span RCC Bridge and Taryad to Pathwar Road including upgradation of existing road under PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota, District Jammu.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide road connectivity to villages covered in this 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.
5.19	Construction of Road from Challana to Balad involving area of Surinsar - Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary under PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota, District Jammu.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide road connectivity to villages covered in this 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.


5.20	Construction of Yatri Niwas and Disaster Management Centre by Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB) at Bahu Conservation Reserve, Jammu.	The proposal was discussed. The Board was apprised that the proposal pertains to Construction of Yatri Niwas and Disaster Management Centre by Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB) at Bahu Conservation Reserve, Jammu. The Board took note that the project is essential to provide basic amenities to pilgrims and there is no alternate suitable site.	The proposal was cleared by the Board on the terms and conditions given in the agenda. User Agency to be informed accordingly.
5.21	Chhat Operational Track, Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that the project is essential in view of operational requirements of Army.	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. The Board further directed that the Impact Assessment of the project shall be carried out by the user agency for placing before the Standing Committee of National Board.
5.22	Requirement of Vehicles for Man-Wild Animal Conflict Management.	The proposal was discussed. The Board took note that 10 more rescue vehicles are required for effective management of human-wild animal conflict situations. The Board also noted that requirement of funds for procurement of 10 animal rescue vehicles is already reflected in the REVEX BE 2024-25.	The proposal was approved by the Board.
5.23	Status Note on Jambu Zoo.	The Board was apprised about the present status of zoo. It was informed that Jambu Zoo covering an area of 163 hectares with 18 wild animal enclosures and allied infrastructure was opened for public by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor on	The Board agreed with the proposals under Phase II of Jambu Zoo. The Board further directed the Wildlife Protection Department to give wide publicity to Jambu zoo and to take following measures in this regard:

		<p>29.05.2023. Further, sourcing of animals as per the approved plan is complete now.</p> <p>The Board was apprised about the proposal to further augment the infrastructure including construction of enclosures and more sourcing of animals in its Phase II.</p> <p>The Chair expressed need for giving vide publicity to Jambu Zoo in order to attract more visitors. In this regard several members suggested ways to reach out to students and pilgrims.</p>	<p>a) Promotion of Jambu Zoo at important places like Airport, Railway Station and Highways.</p> <p>b) Regularly organizing cultural, food and other festivals in Jambu Zoo.</p> <p>c) Promotion of Jambu Zoo by advertisement on social media.</p> <p>d) Harnessing footfall from pilgrims visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra.</p> <p>e) Reaching out to students by organizing competitions and felicitating the best ones.</p>
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Besides, the Board discussed the following issues:

- a) Representative of the Director, Botanical Survey of India (BSI) desired to involve BSI at the time of joint survey/inspections in all proposals relating to wildlife clearance. The Board agreed to inclusion of BSI representative in joint surveys with respect to big projects involving more than 10 ha only, if required.
- b) Vice Chairman of the Board (Chief Secretary, J&K Govt), stressed on the need to expedite utilization of the available funds received under Mitigation Plan for Kishtwar High Altitude National Park. He suggested that the Department should prepare DPRs before June 2024 in order to expeditiously utilize the funds.
- c) The Chair desired to expedite de-notification of Trikuta Wildlife Sanctuary.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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Copy to the:-

1. Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Forest, Environment & Ecology Department.
2. Special Director General of Police (Crime), J&K.
3. General Officer Commanding (North).
4. Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Production Department, J&K (Animal Husbandry).
5. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/HoFF, J&K.
7. Secretary to Government, 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. Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu/ Kashmir.
13. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K Govt.
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. Mr. Mohd Junaid, Assistant professor, Environmental Sciences, Government Degree College Mendhar Poonch.
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. Mr. O P Sharma, Former PCCF/Director SFRI & Noted Field Botanist.
22. Dr. D N Sahi, Former Professor. Department of Zoology University of Jammu.
23. Mr. Nazir- Be-nazir, 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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List of participants who attended 5th 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. Atal Dulloo, IAS	Chief Secretary, J&K (Vice-Chairman of the Wildlife Board)	Through VC
2	Sh. Dheeraj Gupta, IAS	Financial Commissioner (Addl. Chief Secretary) Forest, Ecology & Environment Department	
3	Sh. A.K.Choudary IPS	Director General of Police (Crime)	
4	Sh. Shailendra Kumar, IAS	Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department	
5	Dr. Roshan Jaggi, IFS	Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF	
6	Sh. Sarvesh Rai, IFS	PCCF (Wildlife) / Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K	
7	Dr. C.M.Seth, IFS (Retd.)	Former Chief Wildlife Warden & Chairman, J&K PCB.	
8	Sh. Anant Tayal	Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department	
10	Brigadier Amit Rao	Representative of General Officer Commanding (North)	
11	Shri Rakesh Ji	Representative of Managing Director, JKTDC	
12	Sh. Rashid Yahya Naqash	Regional Wildlife Warden, Headquarter	
13	Dr. Khurshid Ahmad	Head, Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST-Kashmir	
15	Sh. Nazir Benazir	President, National Society on Water Resources, Wetlands & Forests, J&K (NGO)	
16	Dr. Avtar Kaur Sidhu	Representative, Zoological Survey of India	Through VC
17	Dr. Ambrish Kumar	Botanical Survey of India	Through VC
18	Dr. D.N Sahai	Former Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu	
19	Prof. Anil Kumar Raina	Former HoD, Deptt of Environmental Sciences, Univeristy of Jammu	