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Minutes of the review meeting held on 14-06-2022 at 2:30 PM at Sheikhbagh Srinagar under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF /Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council.



The meeting was attended by the following officers of the Council.

1. Sh. Asaf Mehmood Sagar, IFS Director JKFRI/Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council. (Attended online).
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Research Division Srinagar.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Research Division Jammu. (Attended online)
4. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, ACF (Attended online)
5. Sh. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFRI.
6. Sh. Rakesh Verma I/c Range Officer (Attended online)
7. Sh. Parvaiz Shagoo I/c Range Officer
8. Sh. Imtiyaz Bhat, Silt Analyst JKFRI
9. Miss. Nowsheena Zaffar, Intern (NBA)
10. JRFs from Kashmir
11. JRFs from Jammu (Attended online)

Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS, PCCF (HoFF) / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council in his opening remarks apprised the officials of the Council about the future activities to be carried forward by the Council and finalization of targets for the year 2022-23. He insisted on enhancing the speed of works such as uploading of information on Dashboard, activation of BMCs and updation of PBRs. He informed that training of District Level BMCs and cosultation programme for line departments on UT Level Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan be organized in Banquet Hall Srinagar on 25th June, 2022.

The item wise deliberations/ discussions of review meeting are as follows.

S. No.	Agenda Item	Deliberation and Decision taken
1.	Review of updation of PBRs	The Chairman was apprised that 1426 PBRs have been updated till March 2022, 132 PBRs updated during May,

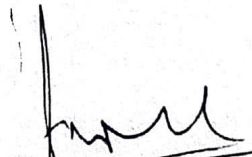
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		<p>2022 and 150 PBRs stand assigned to JRFs in June, 2022.</p> <p>Decision: The process of updation be carried out in a time bound manner. 1800-2000 PBRs may be updated during 2022-23 involving JRFs, Forest Guard trainees etc. A final figure for 2022-23 be worked out and frozen as a target.</p>
2.	Involvement of Forest Guards in updation of PBRs	<p>The Chairman was apprised that training was conducted for Forest Guard Training School Doomi Akhnoor and KFT Chitternar and PBRs stand allotted for updation.</p> <p>Decision: 350 PBRs be got updated by assigning 2 PBRs to each of the 150 trainee Forest Guards and 25 trainee Foresters during 2022-23. This target be merged with item 1 above to arrive at the target for 2022-23.</p>
3.	Constitution of District level BMCs	<p>The chairman was apprised that 13 District level BMCs have been constituted.</p> <p>Decision: It was decided that a reminder in the form of DO letter shall be sent to expedite the process. Sh. Sanjay Gupta was asked to get the DO drafted with assistance from personal section of PCCF/HoFF.</p>
4.	Operationalization of BMCs	<p>It was informed that 75 BMCs have been selected for operationalization and that funds shall be transferred after the fulfillment of all the codal formalities and opening of the bank accounts for all the BMCs after taking the necessary approvals.</p> <p>Decision: Funds be transferred in bank account of BMCs as per decision of Council in its 3rd meeting. Attention be given to BMCs where Forest Department or TRIFED is working and activate these BMCs also for quick results.</p>
5.	Facilitation of PBR Quality Monitoring Committee	<p>Evaluated PBRs have been received from committee members.</p> <p>Decision (i) It was decided to send 20 more randomly selected PBRs from Kashmir division for evaluation including two Urban Local Bodies.</p> <p>Decision (ii) It was also decided to organize another meeting with the committee during the month of July, 2022 to review the monitoring process.</p>
6.	Formulation of proposal for allocation of staff and separate budget to J & K Biodiversity Council	<p>It was decided to send proposal to Govt. for allocation of staff and separate budget to J&K Biodiversity Council. The staff shall be proposed to be drawn from the overall sanctioned strength of Forest Department.</p>
7.	Integrating DFOs of Territorial divisions officially within the framework of Biodiversity Act, 2002	<p>Proposal to be submitted to Govt. as DFOs are already designated as Nodal Officers. Relevant order of MP Govt. in this regard to be taken as reference and accordingly a proposal shall be drawn alongwith APCCF (Central) under the guidance of PCCF & HoFF.</p>
8.	Signing of MoUs	<p>MoUs after correction have been received from SKUAST-J, SKUAST-K, IIIM and BGSBU. It was decided that the MoUs may be signed at an earliest. Member Secretary may ensure that finalized MoUs are</p>

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		in line with model MoU approved in 3rd meeting of Council and steps be taken to sign the MoUs.
9.	Establishment of J&K Biodiversity Fund	Directions were issued for sending a reminder in this regard to the Administrative Department.
10.	Honorarium to Committee members	Directions were issued for sending a reminder in this regard to the Administrative Department.
11.	E-dashboard progress	Chairman was informed that 2404 BMCs have uploaded the information on E-dashboard. Chairman JK Biodiversity Council appreciated the progress and it was decided that momentum be maintained with the support of field staff of forest department, concerned department(RD &PR) and JRFs engaged by the Council.
12.	CAMP APO 2022-23	It was informed by Member Secretary that CAMP APO 2022-23 of J&K Biodiversity Council has been submitted and requisition letter for release of funds has also been sent to CAMP A Cell. Chairman informed about approval of APO and said that funds can be released now by CAMP A Secretariat.
13.	UT Level Biodiversity Conservation Strategy & Action Plan	It was decided to conduct training of District Level BMCs and consultation programme on 25th June, 2022 in Banquet Hall Srinagar comprising of two sessions. F.N. session: Training of Distt Level BMCs. Resource persons to be Dr. Anzar Khuroo, Dr. N.A. Zeerak, Dr. Khursheed, Sh. T. Rabi Kumar , APCCF (K). A.N. Session: Consultation meeting of UT Level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (with concerned line departments).
14.	LBSAP latest update	It was informed that second Stakeholders Consultation meeting may be held in July, 2022. Response awaited from Miss. Monalisa Sen, ICLEI for the conduct of Second Stakeholders Consultation meeting cum training.
15.	Letters to DFOs for Biodiversity Heritage Sites	The chairman advised to issue reminder to all the DFOs in this regard. Decision: FSI Trained Forest Guards may also be involved in identification of Biodiversity Heritage Sites. A letter be sent in this regard by Member Secretary, J & K Biodiversity Council alongwith reminder to DFOs.
16.	Proposal for additional funds from NBA	The chairman was informed that additional funds from NBA have been received. Decision: All pending UCs be submitted and revalidation of funds be followed with NBA.

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17.	Documentation of Voids / Hakims	A draft list has been prepared. Officials of Council may enquire from Ms Sangite Mitra of NBA on modalities of publication so that required safeguards be taken for publication of list. Decision: Biodiversity Council may consider publication of list with all the safeguards.
18.	Any other agenda with the permission of the chair	The Chairman impressed upon making the Council as a vibrant entity and all staff and JRFs must work hard to meet the objectives and mandate assigned to Council. This must involve new creations in the form of publications, documentary making on niche, areas of Biodiversity Conservation like Climate change and Biodiversity, Pollination, biological control, synchrony between plants and insects etc. The focus on creation of livelihood be also given a special focus.

Chairman Biodiversity Council again reiterated that special efforts be made on constitution of BMCs at District level and uploading of desired data related to BMCs on E- dashboard among various directions issued.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.


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