

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 04-04-2013 AT 3.00 PM WITH FOREST DEPARTMENT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF WORTHY. DEPUTY COMMISSONER-CUM-DPC (MGNREGA), DRDA, KANGRA AT DHARAMSALA

The following officers were present in the meeting:-

1. Sh. Rohan Chand Thakur, ADC-cum-PD, DRDA, Kangra at Dharamsala.
2. Sh. Abhitab Gautam, Conservator of Forests, Dharamsala
3. Sh. Basu Kaushal, Divisional Forest Officer, Dharamsala.
4. Sh. Kulbir Singh Rana, Deputy Director-cum-PO DRDA, Dharamsala.
5. Sh. Pardeep Kumar, BDO, Sullah
6. Sh. Surjeet Singh, BDO, Rait.
7. Sh. Saleem Azam, BDO, Nagrota Bagwan.

The Chairperson welcomed all the participants and apprised that during the interaction with PRIs in various blocks, various issues pertaining to the implementation of Rural Development works in forest areas have been raised which are required to be clarified for smooth implementation of the works. The Conservator of Forests outlined the provisions of various Forest Laws as follows:-

1. Non-forestry activities are not permissible in Forest areas by any Agency including Forest Department.
2. In such areas, core forestry activities such as plantation, water harvesting, soil conservation and allied works can be executed but only by the Forest Department.
3. In case of 11 No. specified activities approval for diversion on Forest land upto 1.00 hac. under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 can be sought by Govt. Departments by following the prescribed procedure.
4. For other works permission under FCA is required by following the prescribed procedure.

In view of the provisions explained above, the following actions were decided to be taken.

1. All BDOs will be asked to supply the list of GPs having more than 30% area covered by Forest Department.
2. The Forest Department is to be named as the Executing Agency in the case of all the works to be carried out in forest areas in these GPs under MGNREGA. Such works must also be related to core forestry activities explained above

3. Divisional Forest Officer, Dharamshala will make available a check lists of all documents/formalities for preparation of FCA cases alongwith one sample approved case so that the executing agencies may be suitably guided in this behalf.
4. A proposal for inclusion of crematoriums in the list of permissible activities for general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be moved by Deputy Commissioner, Kangra.

The Chairperson thanked all the participants for attending the meeting.

*Commend*  
Deputy Commissioner-cum-  
District Programme Coordinator (MGNREGA)  
DRDA, Kangra at Dharamshala.

Endst. No. DRDA/Meeting/ *525-31* Dated *16/4/13*  
A copy is forwarded to all the participants of the meeting for favour of information and necessary action please.

*Commend*  
Deputy Commissioner-cum-  
District Programme Coordinator (MGNREGA)  
DRDA, Kangra at Dharamshala