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To,

1. Secretary
Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department
2. All Member, PDWP

**Subject: MINUTES / DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF 25TH PROVINCIAL
DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY (PDWP) DATED 05.09.2025
(SECTOR: FW&F)**

I am directed to enclose herewith minutes of the 25th PDWP meeting held on 05th September, 2025 under the chairmanship of Chairman P&D Board, for information and further necessary action of the following item (s):-

Agenda Item No.	ADP No. (2025-26)	Name of the Item	Approved Cost (Rs. in million)
01	2604 (New)	Implementation of Master Plan of Safari Zoo, Lahore (Phase-II)	6,963.192

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	GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD FW&F SECTION
MINUTES OF 25TH PDWP MEETING HELD ON 05.09.2025	
Agenda Item No.01	Implementation of Master Plan of Safari Zoo, Lahore (Phase-II) ADP No. 2604 (New)
Date & Time:	05.09.2025 (Friday) At 10:15 A.M
Venue:	AKS Auditorium P&D Board
Participants:	List Attached

Introduction:

The Sr. Chief (Env. &CC.), P&D Board briefed the forum that the project titled "Implementation of Master Plan of Safari Zoo, Lahore (Phase-II)" has been included in the ADP 2025-26 under GS. No. 2604 as a new scheme. She further added that the Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department has submitted the PC-I for the project, with an estimated cost of Rs. 6,999.424 million and a gestation period of 24 months (till June 2027), for the consideration of the PDWP.

2. She further informed that, through the implementation of this project, the AD aims to modernize zoo infrastructure and operations with advanced designs, technologies, and amenities in line with international standards. The project focuses on promoting conservation by combining recreation with wildlife-based attractions, positioning the zoo as a national model of innovation, education, species care, and sustainable tourism. It also emphasizes ecological restoration through greenery and eco-sensitive landscaping, along with improved housing, services, and management zones for staff welfare. The AD also plans the construction of new facilities, including a Hippopotamus House, Crocodile Pond, Theme Park, Immersive Education and Experience Center and a Walk-through Bird Aviary, along with the up-gradation and rehabilitation of existing facilities such as the Aquarium, local and exotic ungulate safaris, lake, and the Residential Colony.

Discussion:

3. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, briefed the forum on the scope of the project and informed that, following the successful implementation of Phase-I of the Safari Zoo, Lahore, the Wildlife Department has planned Phase-II, which will introduce advanced facilities for conservation, education, awareness, and recreation in line with global best practices. He added that a key lesson learned from Phase-I was the overwhelming public response to the fish aquarium established during that phase. The aquarium is also one of the primary contributors to the high revenue generated by Safari Zoo, Lahore. In view of this, the department has proposed to expand the aquarium in Phase-II by introducing additional aquatic species. The existing aquarium covers an area of 8,000 sq. ft., whereas the proposed facility will span 30,000 sq. ft., making it one of the largest in Southeast Asia. Furthermore, the current shark tank has a capacity of 6,500 gallons, housing four sharks, whereas in the proposed expansion, the shark tank

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will have a capacity of 250,000 gallons and will house more than 30 dwarf sharks of three different species, along with various other fish species.

4. While discussing the component of the 'Immersive Education and Experience Centre', the forum inquired whether the proposed component involved the use of immersive holographic content. The Secretary, Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department responded that the proposed component would utilize hi-tech projectors, LEDs, projection mapping, immersive sound, visuals, and other effects to create an immersive experience.

5. The forum inquired about the operations and maintenance of Safari Zoo and who would be responsible for its management. The Secretary, FWF Department responded that the department would outsource the facilities at Safari Zoo, Lahore, as was done in Phase-I. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, further added that under the Financial Delegation of Powers 2016, the Wildlife Department is authorized to lease out any zoo or park for a period of 10 years. Using these powers, the AD will lease out the facilities proposed under Phase-II of the project.

6. The forum observed that the price quoted by the AD for a 260 HP tractor was Rs. 4.00 million, whereas the attached quotation reflected Rs. 3.30 million, inclusive of 14% GST. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, explained that the procurement is proposed for the second year of execution; therefore, anticipated price escalation has been incorporated into the estimated cost. The forum directed the AD to rationalize the quoted prices, as per quotes.

7. While discussing the theme park, the Director General, Wildlife & Parks, informed that the most expensive item in the theme park is the provision of a roller coaster. The Secretary, FWF Department added that the ticket price for the theme park would be higher. The forum inquired about the project's business model and observed that if ticket prices are set too high, the public may not be able to afford them, which could affect the project's sustainability. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, responded that, at present, the department is at a breakeven point regarding the leasing of the zoo in Phase-I, amounting to Rs. 130.500 million. The forum noted that once these facilities are developed, the AD will be in a better position to generate additional revenue.

8. The forum further directed the department to ensure that eco-friendly materials will be used for the construction of huts and lodges, both inside and outside the wilderness area. Furthermore, the facades of these huts should be designed in harmony with eco-tourism principles. The forum also directed that the area surrounding the theme park should be maintained as green space, as depicted in the master plan.

9. The forum inquired about the sewerage plan of the Safari Zoo, Lahore, specifically whether the existing system was sufficient or if modifications would be required. The Secretary, FWF Department, responded that since multiple facilities are being established in the Safari Zoo—such as an immersive cinema, a wildlife hospital, and a theme park—the funds allocated by the department for sewerage, amounting to

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Rs. 32.299 million, would only cover the sewerage system within the proposed residential area. He further added that the department would work out the cost required for the sewerage system of the entire Safari Zoo, Lahore, and that the expense would be met within the overall cost already presented before the PDWP. The forum agreed with the proposal of the department.

10. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, informed that three types of water bodies are planned for the Safari Zoo, including the already existing lake, which is naturally replenished through seepage. The new facilities will comprise a crocodile pond and a hippo pond (within the aquarium). The forum inquired about the mechanism for changing water in these facilities, to which the Director General responded that the cost for installing a drainage and sump system has been incorporated in the project.

11. The forum further inquired about accessibility for elderly and differently-abled persons in the zoo. In response, the Director General, Wildlife & Parks, informed that designs for washrooms and ramps for these groups will be incorporated into the detailed estimates. The forum directed the AD to ensure that ramps and washrooms for the elderly and persons with special needs are included in the zoo's design to facilitate easy access.

12. A member of the forum noted that if the department has completed Phase-I of the project, the PC-IV should be submitted to the DG (M&E) for evaluation. In response, the Director General, Wildlife & Parks, clarified that Phase-I has only been completed to the extent of civil works, while the procurement of animals is still pending; therefore, the PC-IV cannot be submitted at this stage. The forum advised the AD to design the procurement schedule in a way that aligns with the construction activities.

13. The human resource component of the project was also discussed. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, stated that only one post of Project Director at PPS-10 has been proposed in the PC-I for project implementation. The forum agreed with the single project post proposed by the AD.

Decisions:

4. After detailed deliberations, the forum unanimously approved the scheme and following decisions were made:

- i. The scheme was approved at a cost of Rs. 6,963.192 million till June 2027 subject to fulfillment of all codal, legal / procedural formalities by the Sponsoring Department as well as Executing Agencies.
- ii. The AD will develop a comprehensive business model for the entire project.
- iii. The AD will ensure the use of eco-friendly materials in the construction of wooden lodges, both inside and outside the jungle area, with facades designed to align with the concepts of eco-tourism and biodiversity.
- iv. The AD will ensure that the area surrounding the 'Theme Park' is developed

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as a green zone, in accordance with the master plan of Safari Zoo, Lahore.

- v. The procurement schedule of the project in the PC-I should be designed to synchronize with the construction activities.
- vi. Ramps and washrooms for the elderly /persons with special needs should be included in the zoo's design to ensure easy access.
- vii. The AD shall recheck the price of each item against its quotation to avoid cost escalation.
- viii. All vehicles procured by the AD shall be properly branded as the property of the FWF Department.
- ix. AD to comply with the observations raised by the Technical section of the P&D Board.
- x. ToRs of consultancy shall be vetted / cleared by the Consultancy section of the P&D Board.
- xi. The AD to revise the PC-I accordingly and upload it to SMDP Portal.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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