



**No. SOP(WL)1-1/2020-I
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
FORESTRY & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

Dated: 31.03.2026

Subject: **MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT SUB- COMMITTEE (DDSC) MEETING
2025-26 (WILDLIFE SECTOR) HELD ON 12.12.2024 UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY F&W DEPARTMENT.**

Meeting of DDSC of F&W Department (Wildlife Sector) for the financial year 2025-26, was held on **03.03.2026** at 12:00 Noon under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Forestry & Wildlife Department in the Committee Room of this Department. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Wildlife & Parks Department, Punjab gave detailed briefing on the development scheme titled "Establishment of Wildlife Park and Zoo in District Okara" included in ADP 2025-26 pertaining to Wildlife & Parks Department:

(Rs. in million)

1	Name of Project	Establishment of Wildlife Park and Zoo in District Okara (ADP G.Sr.No.2595)
2	Location (Name of District and Province)	5 K.M. from Okara near L.B.D.C alongside Rao Sikandar Road, Okara City, District Okara, Province Punjab.
3	Sponsoring Agency	Government of the Punjab, Forestry & Wildlife Department
4	Execution Agency	i. Punjab Wildlife & Parks Department ii. Punjab C&W Department iii. Punjab Forest Department
5	Operation & Maintenance	Directorate General of Wildlife & Parks, Punjab.
6	Date of Approval by DDSC / PDWP	05.08.2021 by DDSC (Original) 15.09.2022 by DDSC (1 st Revised)
7	Implementation Period	24-Months (01.07.2021 to 30.06.2023) (Original) 36-Months (01.07.2021 to 30.06.2024) (1 st Revised) 48-Months (01.07.2021 to 30.06.2025) (1 year extension in gestation period vide No.SOP(WL)1-2/2023, dated 12.06.2025) 60-Months (01.07.2021 to 30.06.2026) (1 year extension in gestation period vide No.SOP(WL)1-1/2020, dated 30.06.2025)

8	Total Cost	Rs.167.650m (Original) Rs.215.484m (1 st Revised) Rs.286.009m (Proposed)
9	Funds released & utilized till end June, 2025	Releases Rs.236.804m Utilization Rs.218.036m
10	ADP Provision for 2025-26	Rs.0.500m
11	Proposed PC-I Provision (2025-26)	Rs.67.973m (Additional funds would be diverted from surplus funds of any scheme(s) of this Department.)
12	Annual Recurring Cost	Rs.25.317m (2026-27)
13	Quantitative Objectives / Target	i. Propagation / breeding of local wildlife species. ii. Provide recreational facilities to the people of Okara & adjoining areas. iii. Mass Education regarding importance of wildlife and environment.

14 Reasons for Revision

i. The last / first revised PC-I Scheme was approved by DDSC during its meeting held on 15.9.2022 at a total cost of Rs.215.484m with its gestation period starting from 01.7.2021 to 30.6.2024. The gestation period was further extended by Secretary, FW&F Department upto 30.6.2026.

ii. During the previous financial year 2023-24, the ADP Allocation of funds under Capital Head was Rs.103.508m against the PC-I provision of Rs.150.064m. Hence, there was a short funding of Rs.46.556m resulting into non-completion of certain civil works of the scheme. Similarly, procurement of one Single Cabin Pick 4x2, one Deep Freezer and five Visitors Shelters Canopy etc. could not be made due to price escalation. Moreover, some new items of civil works i.e. provision of Earth Filling, leveling & dressing, External Electrification, and provision of road were added as per site requirement. Provision and installation of Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant 5000 gallons / hour capacity was also added in the PC-I Scheme.

iii. Accordingly, the Buildings Department submitted revised rough cost estimates amounting to Rs.297.959m duly vetted by the Chief Engineer (Central Zone), Punjab Buildings Department, Lahore. The estimates were checked and a meeting of Technical Team of this Department was held on 03.10.2024 at project site with the Executive Engineer, Provincial Buildings Division, Okara and Deputy Director Wildlife, Sahiwal. After detailed discussion and assessment of actual site requirement, the areas of Monkey House and Car Parking were decreased from 5912 Sft. to 4900 Sft. and 54267 Sft. to 35000 Sft. respectively. Moreover, miscalculations in estimates of Podium of Main Gate were also observed which corrected from Rs.22.249m to Rs.14.350m. Resultantly, the total cost of vetted estimates was came to Rs.284.118m instead of Rs.297.959m. Due to enhanced scope of work, requirement of funds during financial year 2024-25 under Capital & Revenue Heads was more than the ADP allocation of funds. Accordingly, the PC-I Scheme was revised at a total cost of Rs.385.046m with

two year's extension in its gestation period till 30.6.2026 to achieve all targets under Capital & Revenue Heads and meet the requisite funds during financial year 2025-26.

iv. The 2nd revised version of Scheme was discussed by DDSC during its meeting held on 12.12.2024 and deferred due to enhanced scope of civil works.

v. As per instructions of competent authority, Special Secretary, FW&F and Director (BSA) etc. visited the Wildlife Park & Zoo on 14.12.2024 for inspection of civil work component. Moreover, as per instructions of Administrative Department, the technical team of this department was also visited the site on 01.03.2025 to rationalize the scope of civil works. A meeting under the chairmanship of Director General, Wildlife & Parks, Punjab was held on 08.04.2025 with the Executive Engineer, Provincial Buildings Division, Okara and Deputy Chief Wildlife Ranger, Sahiwal about reduced scope of civil works. After detailed deliberation, the chair agreed with the reduced scope and advised the Executive Engineer to resubmit the amended revised vetted rough cost estimates after curtailing earth filling component.

vi. After series of reminders, the Buildings Department submitted 2nd amended rough cost estimates amounting to Rs.251.416m duly vetted by the Chief Engineer (Central Zone), Punjab Buildings Department, Lahore. Purchase of Single Cabin Pick-up 4x2 with fabrication (1 No.), Electricity Charges and Repair of Transport deleted from the scheme. Moreover, P.O.L. Charges and Maintenance of Machinery & Store Equipment also rationalized. Publicity & Advertisement charges increased as per requirement.

vii. The PC-I Scheme was revised with its gestation period till 30.6.2026 to achieve all targets under Capital & Revenue Heads. The scheme was discussed by DDSC during its meeting held on 23.12.2025 and again deferred due to enhanced scope of work.

viii. Now, the Buildings Department has submitted 2nd revised amended abstract of cost amounting to Rs.235.025m as per decisions of DDSC meeting held on 23.12.2025. The abstract of cost has been examined and found that Construction of Garage 800 Sft included instead of 216 Sft. The abstract of cost has been corrected by this department and cost comes to Rs.233.432m instead of Rs.235.025m.

ix. Accordingly, the PC-I Scheme has been revised with its gestation period till 30.6.2026 as per the decisions of DDSC meeting to achieve all targets in Capital & Revenue heads. Provision and installation of Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant 5000 gallons / hour capacity has been deleted as the water is found to be fit for drinking purpose w.r.t. parameters tested as per Chemical & Bacteriological Analysis Report of water sample issued by District Water Testing Laboratory, Public Health Engineering Department, District Okara.

Deliberation:

3. The Directorate General of Wildlife & Parks, Punjab further explained that the land comprising upon 28 acres & 5 marla situated 5-Km short to Okara near L.B.D.C. alongside Rao Sikandar Road, Okara City and near to Lahore - Multan Road has been transferred to Punjab Wildlife & Parks by the concerned department. The local public want such recreational facility in their city as none is currently available to them. The Project of Wildlife Park and Zoo has been designed to provide better recreational facilities.

and atmosphere to the visitors as well as enhancing the welfare of wildlife through well-developed animal / bird housing facilities.

4. Chair directed that construction of Monkey House will be as per approved Technical Sanction as deviation from approved Technical Sanction is not admissible. Similarly, Pacca Water Course will also be as per approved Technical Sanction and no revision in this regard is allowed. For the disposal of rain water, water recharge wells may be considered. Publicity & Advertisement Charges shall be Rs.02.500 million and proposed Development of Land & Landscaping shall be carried out at a cost of Rs.05.000 million.

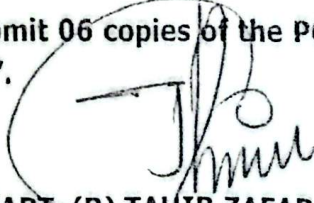
5. Assistant Chief (FW&F), Planning & Development Board was of the view that there should be head of Signage instead of Publicity & Advertisement. Section Officer (L&DD/F&W), Finance Department described that any deviation from Technical Sanction should be with the approval of Finance Department as per prevailing law.

6. After detailed deliberation, Committee **approved** the Scheme with following decisions:

DECISIONS:

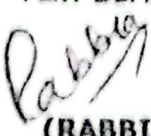
- 1) No deviation from the approved Technical Sanctions shall be allowed.
- 2) Construction of Monkey House will be as per approved Technical Sanction.
- 3) Construction of Pacca Water Course will be as per approved PC-I.
- 4) Publicity & Advertisement Charges to the amount of Rs.02.500 million approved.
- 5) Development of Land & Landscaping at a cost of Rs.05.000 million approved.
- 6) For the disposal of rain water, water recharge well at a cost of Rs.4.543 million will be added.

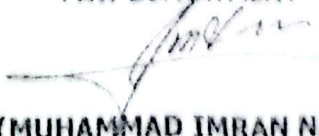
"The proponent shall submit 06 copies of the PC-I Scheme at the earliest for further necessary action".


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1. The Member (Environment) / Chief (Environment & CC), Government of the Punjab, P&D Board Lahore.
2. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Finance Department Lahore.
3. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab C & W Department, Lahore.
4. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Environment Department Lahore.
5. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks Punjab, 2-Sanda Road Lahore.
6. The Director Budget & Accounts (Forests), 24-Cooper Road, Lahore.


SECTION OFFICER (WILDLIFE)

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