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NO.12(9) PO(COORD-II)P&D/2025  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
Dated Lahore the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

1. The Secretary to Government of the Punjab,
  - i. Finance Department
  - ii. FW&F Department
  - iii. Environment Protection Department
2. The Secretary, P&D South Punjab Secretariat, Bahawalpur.
3. The Chief Economist / All Members, P&D Board.
4. The Director, Punjab Economic Research Institute (PERI).
5. The Director General, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E).
6. The Chief Executive Officer, Urban Unit, Lahore.

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

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of **67<sup>th</sup> PDWP meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 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. (2023-24) | Name of the Item                   | Approved Cost (Rs. in million) |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6               | 3263 (New)        | Revamping of Lahore Zoo. (Revised) | 2,034.648                      |

(ABRAHAM MALL)  
PLANNING OFFICER (COORD-II)

A Copy, along-with copy of the minutes, is forwarded to the:

| Sr. No. | PARTICULARS                                                                                                                     |
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|         | <b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT BOARD:</b>                                                                                        |
| 1       | Sr. Chiefs:- (Coord. & Mont.) / Chiefs: ENV/FW&F, ECA, Technical, Consultancy / Consultant (Coord)                              |
| 2       | Manager (MIS) P&D Board                                                                                                         |
| 3       | PSO to Chairman, P&D Board.                                                                                                     |
| 4       | PS to Secretary, P&D Board.                                                                                                     |
|         | <b>C.C.</b>                                                                                                                     |
| 5       | Chief (Food & Agriculture), M/o Planning, Dev. & Special Initiatives, Govt. of Pakistan, "P" Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad. |

PLANNING OFFICER (COORD-II)

| GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB<br>PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD<br>FWF SECTION |                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| MINUTES OF 67 <sup>TH</sup> PDWP MEETING HELD ON 25.02.2025             |                                                             |
| Agenda Item No. 6                                                       | Revamping of Lahore Zoo (Revised)<br>ADP No. 3263 (Ongoing) |
| Date & Time:                                                            | 25.02.2025 (Tuesday) At 12:15 P.M                           |
| Venue:                                                                  | Auditorium P&D Board                                        |
| Participants:                                                           | List Attached                                               |

Chief (Env.&CC), P&D Board briefed the forum that the project titled "Revamping of Lahore Zoo" was approved by PDWP in its meeting dated 20.09.2023 at a cost of Rs. 1,836 469 million with a gestation period of 25 months (2023-2025). Later on, the scheme was revised and approved by PDWP in its meeting dated 23.01.2024 at a same cost and gestation period with few changes in scope of work. She further explained that the FWF Department has submitted the revised PC-I of the subject scheme at a cost of Rs. 2,034.648 million and a gestation period of 24 months (2023-26). The reasons of revision are as under:

**Addition of New Scope**

- Boundary wall (Rs. 73.234 M)
- Electrification (Rs. 36.112 M)
- Others (unforeseen expenditures) (Rs.15.000 M)

**Enhancement in Previous Approved Scope**

- Reptile House/ Aquarium (Increased from Rs. 68.215M to Rs. 88.097 M)
- Road Path (Increased from Rs. 36.935 M to Rs.50.258 M)
- Consultancy (Increased from Rs.15.00 to Rs. 40.00 M)
- Making and fixing of sculpture (Increased from Rs. 30.00 M to Rs. 53.00 M)
- Publicity and Advertisement (Increased from Rs.10.00M to Rs. 30.00 M)
- Other Structures (Increased from Rs.15.00 M to Rs. 27.00 M)

**Reduction in Approved Scope**

- Purchase of zoo exhibits (Reduced from Rs.570 M to Rs. 500M)
- Cost of establishment (Reduced from Rs. 3.330 M to Rs. 0.30 M)

The forum was further briefed that the revised PC-I of the subject scheme was discussed in the Pre-PDWP meeting held on 18.02.2025 under the chairmanship of the Secretary P&D Board / Member (Env. & CC.), P&D Board, wherein the change in scope was discussed and deliberated in detail.

**DISCUSSION: -**

3. While discussing the civil component of the revised PC-I, the Chief (Technical) of the P&D Board highlighted that the old boundary wall of Lahore Zoo was constructed using brick masonry, whereas the new wall is proposed to be an RCC structure, which will incur a significant cost. The S.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Circle of the C&W Department responded that the boundary wall was designed by the P&D Design Directorate of the C&W Department after receiving a report from the Building Research Station. Due to the difference in elevation between the Lawrence Road and Lahore Zoo, an RCC wall is proposed instead of brick masonry.

4. The Chief (Technical) further inquired about the inclusion of the HT/LT component, considering that the scheme is set to complete its gestation period on 30.06.2025. The Director General of Wildlife & Parks informed that this crucial component was overlooked during the initial preparation of PC-I. The establishment of new facilities such as Holoverse and the Aquarium has increased Lahore Zoo's overall electricity demand, leading to power tripping and fluctuations, which necessitated the replacement of transformers. While the transformers have already been replaced by Lahore Zoo, the HT/LT panel still needs to be installed under the revised scheme. The forum agreed with the proposal; however, it directed the department to provide load calculations and estimates to the Technical Section of the P&D Board for vetting.

5. The Chair inquired about the proposed increase in the road path component, to which the Director General of Wildlife explained that the minor increase is intended to ensure symmetry in the tuft tile pattern in the main area of Lahore Zoo, as the presence of varying patterns is aesthetically unappealing.

6. Regarding the increase in consultancy charges from Rs. 15 million to Rs. 40 million, the representative of the C&W Department explained that provisions for consultancy charges have been made under both the capital and revenue components of the scheme, while the consultant has been engaged by the client department. Consequently, the funds allocated under the capital component will be shifted to the revenue side. The net increase of approximately Rs. 13 million is due to the expiry of the ECSP consultancy period in August 2024. However, it is now proposed to extend this period until June 2025 to ensure the proper closure of the scheme and the completion of the remaining civil works.

7. The Director General (Monitoring & Evaluation) informed the house that a team from DG (M&E) visited the Lahore Zoo. Among various observations, it was noted that ticket packages have been introduced, including a Rs. 100 entry fee and packages of Rs. 300 and Rs. 500. Visitors paying only the entry fee are restricted from accessing the Holoverse, Aquarium, and Reptile sections of the zoo. The forum observed that multi-tier ticketing has been implemented at the Lahore Zoo, despite the project being funded by the Government of Punjab to provide recreational facilities to the public. There may be additional tickets for certain activities added in the zoo but not for 'animal watching' which is the core purpose of any zoo and legitimate expectation of visitors entering the zoo. The forum was of the view that once a visitor purchases a ticket, they should have access to all animal-watching activities under a single ticket. The forum advised the administrative department to reconsider the proposal for additional or separate ticketing, and if a separate ticket for animal watching is deemed necessary, the matter must be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister.

#### 8. DECISIONS:

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

- i. The scheme was revised and approved at a cost of Rs. 2,034.648 million till June, 2025 subject to fulfillment of all codal, legal / procedural formalities by the Sponsoring Department as well as Executing Agencies.

- ii. ECSP shall provide load calculation and estimates of HT/LT component to the Technical section of P&D Board for vetting.
- iii. The forum advised the administrative department to reconsider the proposal of separate ticketing for specific animal watching, in addition to entry ticket, and if a separate ticket for animal watching is deemed necessary, the matter must be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS****67<sup>th</sup> PDWP MEETING, FY 2024-25****Dated: 25.02.2025**

| Name of the Officer                              |                                | Designation / Department             |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT BOARD</b>          |                                |                                      |
| 1.                                               | Barrister Nabeel A. Awan       | Chairman, P&D Board (In Ch.)         |
| 2.                                               | Dr. Asif Tufail                | Secretary, P&D Board / Member (Env.) |
| 3.                                               | Mr. M. Masood Anwar            | Chief Economist                      |
| 4.                                               | Mr. Abid Bodla                 | Member (ID)                          |
| 5.                                               | Mr. Ahmed Mustajab Karamat     | Member (Social Development)          |
| 6.                                               | Mr. Shafaat Ali                | Member (Health)                      |
| 7.                                               | Mr. Khawar Kamal               | Member (LG&CD / UD)                  |
| 8.                                               | Mr. Aslam Javed                | Member (Agriculture)                 |
| 9.                                               | Mr. Sadaqat Hussain Khan       | Member (Energy)                      |
| 10.                                              | Mr. Agha M. Ali Abbas          | Member (Governance)                  |
| 11.                                              | Mr. Mohsin Abbas Shakir        | Member (Water)                       |
| 12.                                              | Mr. Mahmood-ul- Hassan         | Sr. Chief (RP)                       |
| 13.                                              | Ms. Saba Asghar Ali            | Chief (Env. & CC.)                   |
| 14.                                              | Mr. Abid Inayat Sheikh         | Chief (Technical)                    |
| 15.                                              | Ms. Rabbia Ali                 | Assistant Chief (FW&F)               |
| 16.                                              | Mr. Khalid Javed               | Consultant ID                        |
| <b>P&amp;D BOARD SOUTH SECRETARIAT</b>           |                                |                                      |
| 17.                                              | Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Mundhaira, | Additional Secretary                 |
| 18.                                              | Mr. Ghulam Fareed              | Chief                                |
| <b>URBAN UNIT</b>                                |                                |                                      |
| 19.                                              | Mr. Aleem Akram                | Programme Manager                    |
| <b>DG (M&amp;E)</b>                              |                                |                                      |
| 20.                                              | Ms. Kiran Khurshid             | Director General                     |
| <b>ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT</b>         |                                |                                      |
| 21.                                              | Mr. Noor Ahmad                 | Deputy Director EIA -EPA             |
| <b>PUNJAB ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PERI)</b> |                                |                                      |
| 22.                                              | Dr. Muhammad Avais             | Chief of Research                    |
| <b>FOREST, WILDLIFE &amp; FISHERIES</b>          |                                |                                      |
| 23.                                              | Mr. Muddasir Riaz Malik        | Director General                     |
| 24.                                              | Mr. Junaid Nadeem              | Deputy Director (Headquarter)        |
| <b>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</b>                        |                                |                                      |
| 25.                                              | Ms. Nur-ul-Ain                 | ASF (Economic Services)              |
| <b>C&amp;W DEPARTMENT</b>                        |                                |                                      |
| 26.                                              | Ms. Maryam Adnan               | S.E                                  |
| 27.                                              | Ms. Ayseha Waheed              | SDO                                  |