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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
FORESTRY, WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
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Subject: **MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT SUB- COMMITTEE (DDSC) MEETING 2025-26 (WILDLIFE SECTOR) HELD ON 26.03.2026 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 **26.03.2026** at **11:30 AM** 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 "Experience Development at Captive Facilities in Punjab (ADP G.Sr.No.2597)" included in ADP 2025-26 pertaining to Wildlife & Parks Department:

1	Name of Project	Experience Development at Captive Facilities in Punjab (ADP G.Sr.No.2597)
2	Location (Name of District and Province)	Districts Lahore and Bahawalpur, Province Punjab.
3	Sponsoring Agency	Government of the Punjab, Forestry & Wildlife Department
4	Execution Agency	Punjab Wildlife & Parks Department
5	Operation & Maintenance	Punjab Wildlife & Parks Department
6	Date of Approval by DDSC / PDWP	15.11.2024 by DDSC (Original) 27.05.2025 by DDSC (1 st Revised)
7	Implementation Period	12-Months (01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025) (Original) 24-Months (01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026) (1 st Revised) 24-Months (01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026) (Proposed)
8	Total Cost	Rs.599.361m (Original) Rs.599.361m (1 st Revised) Rs.797.371m (Proposed)
9	Funds released & utilized till end June, 2025	Releases = Rs.597.361m Utilization = Rs.505.854m
10	ADP Provision for 2025-26	Rs.213.833m
11	Proposed PC-I Provision	Rs.291.517m

	(2025-26)	(Additional funds of Rs.77.684m would be diverted from surplus funds of any scheme(s) of this Department.)
12	Annual Recurring Cost	-
13	Quantitative Objectives / Target	The Experience Development at Captive Facilities project aims to enhance visitor engagement and education at wildlife captive facilities in Punjab. The project focuses on creating immersive, interactive, and educational experiences that foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of wildlife conservation among visitors.
14	Reasons for Revision	The original PC-I scheme was approved by DDSC during its meeting held on 15.11.2024 at a total cost of Rs.599.361 with its gestation period starting from 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025 and 1st revised scheme was approved by DDSC during its meeting held on 27.05.2025 at the same cost & gestation period. The PC-I scheme titled "Experience Development at Captive Facilities in Punjab" was earlier revised without any increase in cost but with an extension in the gestation period up to 30.06.2026. This revision was necessitated due to interlinked procurement processes requiring extended timelines, particularly the import and installation of 3D and SMD screens, as well as execution of certain service related components including development of a QR-based mobile application, branding, publicity, and media promotion, which were to be carried forward into the next financial year. Additionally, technical reassessment revealed that the originally approved 20 KVA generators were insufficient to meet the power requirements of the 3D screens. Based on recommendations from Engineering Consultancy Services Punjab (Pvt.) Ltd. The generator capacity was revised to 70 KVA, resulting in an increased estimated cost that was accommodated through internal budget readjustment. Furthermore, load assessment for the Dancing Fountain at Safari Zoo necessitated the installation of a separate 630 KVA transformer, which was incorporated as a distinct electrification component. Accordingly, the 1st revised PC-I was approved with unchanged cost but extended gestation period during the DDSC meeting held on 27.05.2025. The 2nd revision of the approved PC-I scheme is being proposed due to an increase in project scope arising from the exceptional public response to visitor oriented attractions at Safari Zoo, Lahore. The Wildlife Float Shows have become a major attraction, requiring an additional allocation of Rs.12.500 million to sustain their expanded operations. Moreover, Rs.35.903 million is proposed for procurement and installation of essential mechanical and allied components of the Dancing Fountain to ensure its safe and smooth functioning. In addition, development of a Giraffe Café and an African Village is proposed to enhance visitor experience, as giraffes and various African ungulate species—procured under separate projects—are now available at Safari Zoo. This revision increases the project cost due to scope enhancement, while the gestation period remains unchanged.

Deliberation:

3. The Chair apprised that in view of Public demand and under the direction of the Chief Minister, Punjab, number of Wildlife Float Shows were increased on daily bases during the Basant festival and Eid Holidays to entertain the large gathering of Public. Therefore additional amount is required to cater additional operations in this regard. The Chair further apprised that since Lahore safari Zoo has received Giraffe, therefore, some additional expenses on their care are required to acclimatize them. Moreover, Giraffe Cafeteria as per international standard is proposed to be included to provide state of the art entertainment to the visitors.

4. Section Officer, L&DD/F&W, Finance Department opinioned that Planning & Development Board may be consulted for provision of additional funds. The Assistant Chief (FW&F), Planning & Development Board explained that due to short funding, provision of additional funds would be difficult. She added that pending liability may also be avoided.

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

DECISIONS:

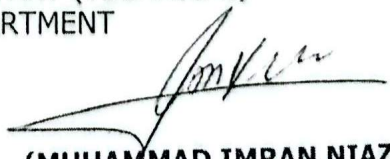
- 1) Branding, Advertisement & Publicity component proposed at a cost of Rs. 10.000 million shall be deleted.
- 2) Services Rendered for media promotion amounting to Rs. 5.000 million shall also be deleted.
- 3) Scheme is approved at a total cost of Rs. 782.371 million, keeping rest of the proposed revision intact but subject to provision of additional funds from "Eco-Tourism at Changa Manga and Wetlands, Uchhali & Chashma" scheme of wildlife sector.

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


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SECRETARY F&W DEPARTMENT


(CH. HAYAT HASSAN)
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (TECHNICAL)
F&W DEPARTMENT


(RABBIA ALI)
ASSISTANT CHIEF (FW&F)
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

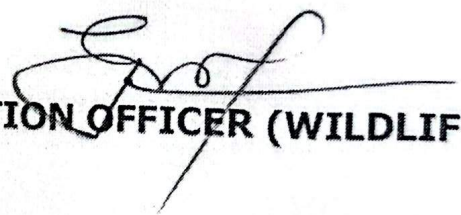

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1. The Member (Environment), Government of the Punjab, Planning & Development Board, Lahore.
2. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Finance Department, Lahore.
3. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab Communication & Works Department, Lahore.
4. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Environment Protection and Climate Change Department, Lahore.
5. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks Punjab, 2-Sanda Road, Lahore.
6. The Director Budget & Accounts (Forests), 24-Cooper Road, Lahore.

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SECTION OFFICER (WILDLIFE)

PS to the Secretary, FW&F Department.

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23.4.2026.