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To,

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

Subject:

**MINUTES / DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF 20TH PROVINCIAL
 DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY (PDWP) DATED 18.08.2025 (SECTOR:
 FW&F)**

I am directed to enclose herewith minutes of the 20th PDWP meeting held on 18th August, 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)
09	2605 (New)	Revamping and Experience Development of Bahawalpur Zoo	3,479.820

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1. Staff Officer to Chairman
P&D Board
2. Staff Officer to Secretary , (Planning and Development Board)
P&D Board



GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD
FW&F SECTION

MINUTES OF 20TH PDWP MEETING HELD ON 18.08.2025

Agenda Item No.09	Revamping and Experience Development of Bahawalpur Zoo ADP No. 2605 (New)
Date & Time:	18.08.2025 (Monday) at 11:40 AM
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 "Revamping and Experience Development of Bahawalpur Zoo" has been included in the ADP 2025-26 under GS. No. 2605 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. 3,491.942 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 intends to establish a modern and vibrant zoo that will serve as a source of regional pride and a model for other zoos in Pakistan. It envisions the up-gradation and rehabilitation of animal enclosures, improvement of overall infrastructure, and the introduction of new species, along with the incorporation of advanced, first-of-its-kind facilities and concepts in the country. The initiative is designed to improve animal welfare, enhance visitor experience and recreational opportunities, promote education and biodiversity awareness, strengthen security and operational efficiency, and contribute to economic uplift and employment generation.

Discussion:

3. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks briefed the forum that Bahawalpur Zoo, established in 1942 over an area of 33 acres, is currently home to about 1,725 wild animals belonging to 65 species. However, the zoo is facing challenges such as improper pairing and a limited variety of exhibits. To address these issues, the project has been envisaged to upgrade the zoo's infrastructure by establishing new facilities, including a main gate and general area, parking space for 100 cars and 150 bikes, a boundary wall, veterinary complex and hatchery, slaughterhouse, an indoor zoo, animal enclosures/moats, and a birds' aviary. Furthermore, existing facilities such as the Wildlife Museum, auditorium, and housing for bears, lions, hyenas, tigers, and monkeys will be upgraded and rehabilitated. The project also envisions the acquisition of new zoo exhibits.

4. The forum raised a query regarding the execution of the IT component of the project, costing Rs. 420.528 million. The Director General, W&P, explained that third-party consultants would be engaged to supervise this part of the scheme, as the zoo education

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and immersive center is a major component of the project. A member of the forum further inquired about the rationale for charging 2% consultancy fees on IT equipment. In response, the Director General clarified that the consultancy was proposed to ensure supervision of the procurement and installation of the IT component of the project, which includes complex hardware. The forum agreed with the Department's proposal.

5. On a query from the forum about what animals are going to be brought under this project to the BWP Zoo, the Director General, W&P informed that AD has planned to bring Giraffe, Hippo, African kudu, Puma, Blesbok, Addax, Oryx, various species of primates and multiple species of birds.

6. A member of the forum highlighted that lump sum rates were used in some of the civil cost estimates, for which the AD had been requested during the pre-PDWP meeting to provide details. However, the same has not yet been submitted by the AD. The Director General, W&P, informed the forum that detailed estimates of these components will be provided before the issuance of the Technical Sanction and that the estimates will also be vetted by the Technical Section of the P&D Board.

7. A member of the forum inquired about the justification for the 25 project posts on PPS and whether no staff is presently available in the zoo. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, clarified that out of 63 sanctioned posts, only 34 are currently filled. He explained that the proposed positions are essential to ensure smooth implementation of the project. He further informed that, after the completion of the project, the salaries of the staff will be managed through the increased revenue generated by the zoo itself. The forum agreed with the 25 project posts on PPS proposed the scheme.

8. The forum raised a query that there is no provision for a business model in the PC-I of the scheme and how the department will manage to meet the animal feed budget after project completion. Upon this, the Director General highlighted that the current annual footfall of the Bahawalpur Zoo is around 80,000, which is projected to increase to 1.2 million after up-gradation. He added that, similar to the Lahore Zoo and Safari Zoo, Lahore, the Bahawalpur Zoo will also become self-sustainable in generating revenue and meeting its expenditures. He also added that the revamped zoo is also expected to contribute towards meeting some of the future expenses of nearby zoos. The forum directed the department to include a Zoo Management System to effectively monitor the zoo activities and particularly animal feeding.

9. The forum inquired about the availability of CCTV cameras inside the animal enclosures. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, informed that a comprehensive CCTV system, including coverage of animal enclosures, will be installed throughout the zoo to ensure effective monitoring and control.

10. The forum also advised the department to ensure the provision of wheelchair accessibility in the proposed components.

11. After incorporation of decisions of PDWP, the cost of the project was approved at a cost of Rs. 3,479.820 million with the following break-up:

Sr. No.	Detail of Items	Rs. In Million
		Approved Cost
1.	Civil Work	1,862.023
2.	Machinery & Equipment	621.283
3.	Transport	13.300
4.	Cost of Establishment	59.332
5.	Commodities & Services	923.882
	Total	3,479.820

Decisions:

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

- i. The scheme was approved at a cost of Rs.3,479.820 million till June 2027 subject to fulfillment of all codal, legal / procedural formalities by the Sponsoring Department as well as Executing Agencies.
- ii. The department to ensure the provision of wheelchair accessibility in the project.
- iii. The AD shall provide detailed estimates for the components where lump sum rates have been used in the civil cost estimates and the same will also be vetted by the Technical Section of the P&D Board.
- iv. The AD should incorporate a Zoo Management System to effectively monitor overall zoo activities, particularly animal feeding.
- v. All vehicles procured by the AD shall be properly branded as the property of the FWF Department.
- vi. ToRs of consultancy shall be vetted / cleared by the Consultancy section of the P&D Board.
- vii. The AD to revise the PC-I accordingly and upload it to SMDP Portal.

SR. CHIEF (ENV.&CC)
P&D BOARD

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS20th PDWP MEETING, FY 2025-26Dated: 18.08.2025

Name of the Officer	Designation / Department
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