



No. SOP(WL)1-2/2026
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
FORESTRY & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Dated: 12.05.2026

Subject: - **MINUTES OF 7th DEPARTMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SUB- COMMITTEE (DDSC) MEETING**
(List of Participants attached)

The 7th DDSC meeting of F&W Department for the FY 2025-26 was held on 01.05.2026 at 11:00 AM (Friday) under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Forestry & Wildlife Department through zoom link. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chair welcomed the participants. Following schemes of Wildlife Sector were considered:

1. **PUNJAB WILDLIFE CENSUS (PHASE-II) FROM BASELINE TO ACTION**

PROJECT PROFILE:

1.	Project Title	Punjab Wildlife Census (Phase-II) From Baseline to Action (Proposed in ADP 2026-27)
2.	Location	Punjab
3.	Sponsoring Agency	Forestry & Wildlife Department
4.	Executing Agency	Directorate General, Wildlife & Parks Punjab
5.	Operation & Maintenance	Directorate General, Wildlife & Parks Punjab
6.	Cost of the Project	Original Proposed: 671.550 million
7.	ADP 2026-27	Scheme is proposed to be included in the ADP 2026-27
8.	Gestation Period	Original proposed: 24 Months (2026-27 to 2027-28)

FINANCIAL PHASING:

(Rs. in million)

Sr. #	Components	2026-27	2027-28	Total Cost
1	Machinery, Stores & Equipment	17.750	-	17.750
2	Cost of Establishment	14.188	14.612	28.800
3	Commodities & Services	308.500	316.500	625.000
Total		340.438	331.112	671.550

DELIBERATION:

The Additional Chief Wildlife Ranger, Central Zone apprised the forum that till date no census of biodiversity (fauna and flora) has been conducted in Punjab to determine the exact number of species existing along with their population status. Consequently, the directorate has been unable to develop a Red Data Book. The proposed project intends to validate the biodiversity data of phase-I project for fauna and flora while also continuing the census for the next two years. The objectives and justification of the project include:

- i. Continue the census of fauna and flora in Punjab to generate a first of its kind database.
- ii. Development and completion of the Punjab Wildlife Red Data Book with integration/linkage to the official Punjab Wildlife website.
- iii. Assessment of population trends, and seasonal movements, through multi-season surveys and census.
- iv. Ensuring continuity, comparability, and technical standardization of Phase-I and Phase-II datasets.
- v. Engagement of communities, educational institutions, and stakeholders.
- vi. Strengthening the technical capacity of the Department.

2. In response to the observations of Planning & Development Board, the Additional Chief informed that the initial reports of the census conducted during Phase-I has been received and it is under review. The data will be accordingly disseminated after review / approval of relevant forum. Regarding the role of communities, he highlighted that it is essential to engage the local communities and impart awareness to ensure their active participation in wildlife conservation. On a query that why the inventory procured under Phase-I could not be used, Additional Chief clarified that the Phase-I included only procurement of vehicles, while no field equipment was available hence only essential equipment have been incorporated. The P&D Board and Finance Department raised observation that the allocation of operational heads should be rationalized. In response the Chair directed that the allocations under the heads POL, TA/DA and Stationery may be deleted.

DECISION

After detailed deliberation, the scheme was approved subject to adherence to the following decisions:

- i. Operational head of POL shall only be of Rs.2.000 million, while Operational Heads of Stationery and TA/DA shall be deleted.
- ii. Quotation of each item to be procured be made part of PC-I.
- iii. HR shall be cleared from PDWP.
- iv. Observations of P&D Board and their annotated reply shall be made part of PC-I.
- v. ToRs of Consultancy i.e. Hiring of Wildlife Survey Firm shall be cleared by the Consultancy Section of Planning & Development Board.

"The proponent shall submit 07 copies of the PC-I Scheme at the earliest but not later than 03-days for further necessary action".

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF WILDLIFE COMMUNICATION HUB AND EXPERIENCE FACILITIES IN PUNJAB

PROJECT PROFILE:

1.	Project Title	Establishment of Wildlife Communication Hub and Experience Facilities in Punjab
2.	Location	Safari Zoo, Lahore, Punjab
3.	Sponsoring Agency	Forestry & Wildlife Department
4.	Executing Agency	Wildlife & Parks, Punjab
5.	Operation & Maintenance	Wildlife & Parks, Punjab
6.	Cost of the Project	Original proposed: 540.793 million
7.	ADP 2026-27	The scheme is proposed for inclusion in ADP 2026-27
8.	Gestation Period	Original Proposed: 36 months (2026-27 to 2028-29)

FINANCIAL PHASING:

(Rs. in million)

Sr. No.	Component	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total
1.	Conservancy & Works	100.795	-	-	100.795
2.	Machinery, Store, Tools & Equipment	10.000	-	-	10.000
3.	Cost of Establishment	16.800	18.144	19.595	54.539
4.	Commodities & Services	157.759	104.600	113.100	375.459
Total		285.354	122.744	132.695	540.793

DELIBERATION:

The Senior Manager Projects, PMU apprised the forum that the Wildlife & Parks Department, Punjab has made significant progress in conservation and eco-tourism; however, a gap persists in structured communication, outreach, and visibility of departmental initiatives. A previously established Wildlife Communication Hub proved effective but could not be sustained due to its project-based nature.

2. To address this, the project titled "*Establishment of Wildlife Communication Hub and Experience Facilities in Punjab*" has been proposed to institutionalize a centralized and sustainable communication mechanism, along with development of experience-based visitor facilities. Major components include establishment of a Wildlife Communication Hub, development of Wildlife Promotion Cafeteria and Elevated Camp Office at Safari Zoo Lahore through EPC mode, continuation of Wildlife Float Shows, strengthening of digital media outreach, and procurement of modern tools including thermal sensor drones. Key Justifications include:

- Establishment of a structured and sustainable communication system
- Enhancement of public awareness and conservation outreach
- Promotion of eco-tourism through improved visitor engagement
- Strengthening of digital media presence and departmental branding
- Integration of modern technology for documentation and monitoring
- Ensuring continuity and effectiveness of communication functions

3. In response to P&D Board observations, it was clarified that thematic civil works are proposed through EPC mode due to their specialized nature, while thermal sensor drones are essential for wildlife documentation. Wildlife Float Shows are aimed at public awareness, whereas cafeteria facilities will be outsourced for service improvement and revenue generation.

4. It was further clarified that operational expenditures (POL, TA/DA, vehicle hiring, media campaigns) are essential for field outreach across Punjab, with no vehicle procurement proposed. The existing communication setup is nearing completion, and the present project aims to institutionalize and sustain these functions. Cost estimates are based on prevailing market rates and detailed in the PC-I annexures.

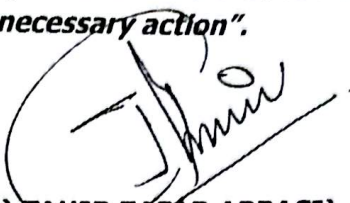
DECISION

After detailed deliberation, the scheme was approved subject to adherence to the following decisions:

- i. Amount of T.A./D.A., POL and Hiring of Vehicles will be rationalized.
- ii. Civil work components proposed of EPC mode will be executed upon detailed cost estimate basis and EPC mode will be removed.
- iii. Estimates for Civil Works be got vetted from C&W Department.
- iv. Contingency should be within 2% of the total cost of the scheme.
- v. Executing agency shall ensure quality & quantity of proposed works.
- vi. Quotation of each item to be procured shall be made part of PC-I.
- vii. HR shall be cleared from PDWP.
- viii. ToRs of Consultancy i.e. Design and Resident Supervision shall be cleared by the Consultancy Section of Planning & Development Board.
- ix. Final responsibility of rates, quality & quantity shall rest with the authority competent to accord technical sanction, and the executing agency should make payment to the firm / concerned agency.

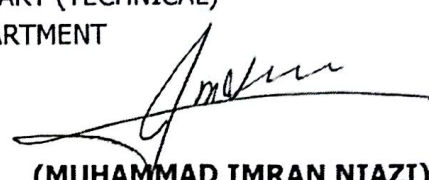
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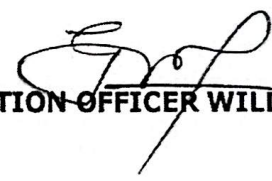

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Copy is forwarded for information and further necessary action to the following: -

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2. The Secretary Govt. of Punjab, Finance Department Lahore.
3. The Director General (Wildlife & Parks), Punjab, Lahore.
4. The Addl. Secretary (PM&E), F&W Department
5. Project Director, Project Management Unit in Punjab.
6. The Director, B&A (Forests), Lahore.


SECTION OFFICER WILDLIFE

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PS to the Secretary, F&W Department.