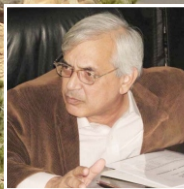




Malik M. Asif Bha Awan
Minister for FW&F



Maj. Shahnawaz Badar (R)
Secretary FW&F Deptt.



Naeem Tawana,
Addl. Secretary, FW&F Deptt.



Shabbeer Ahmad Rana
CCF, Central Zone, Lhr.



Mahmood Latif,
Director B&A, Forests

SECRETARY WELCOMED BACK BY FOREST DEPARTMENT

Major Shahnawaz Badar (R), Secretary FWF department re joined his job after recovery and his absence was really felt by entire Department. We all wish for his good health, long life and prosperity and hope to work with him with enhanced enthusiasm and dedication

NEW MINISTER, FRESH ENTHUSIASM

After the General Election 2013, Malik Muhammad Asif Bha Awan, belonging to District Khushab, took the oath as Minister for Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department and assumed his duties with fervor, enthusiasm and commitment. He received full briefing on the present status of Punjab Forest Department and its performance. The presentations were arranged in the committee room, in the office of the Secretary Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, Dr. Aamar Ahmed, who formerly introduced various departments followed by the briefing given by Mr. Shabbier Ahmad Rana, CCF Central Zone Lahore. On this occasion, Mr. Irshad Ahmad Sheikh CCF, PM&E Punjab, Ch. Tariq Mahmood, CF, Extension & Publicity Circle, Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim and Kamran Babar, were also present. Representative of D.G. Wildlife and D.G. Fisheries also introduced their departments. The Minister for forests ensured the departments of his cooperation and support and in return, demanded hard work with honesty. He further told that the Govt. of Punjab wishes to improve the working of the Department in accordance with the vision of the Honorable Chief Minister of Punjab and expected patriotism and cooperation of the entire staff in the best interest of the country.



MINISTER INSPECTED JALLO PARK AND LAHORE KASUR ROAD

Malik Muhammad Asif Bha Awan, Minister for Forests, inspected Jallo Park and Afforestation Lahore Kasur Road, in detail and issued instructions to improve it further. He showed his satisfaction on the maintenance works, but asked Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ, Lahore, to do more, and bring it up to the standard required by Chief Minister Punjab. He appreciated the efforts of SDFO Jallo Park and his staff.



Minister for Forests, issuing instructions at Jallo Park, Lahore,
Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, CCF CZ, Lahore, is also present



Minister for Forests, at Jallo Park
with Chief Conservator of Forests



Minister for Forests, is giving interview
to Electronic & Print Media

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY JUNE 05, 2013

The World Environment Day is an annual event that is aimed at being the biggest and the most widely celebrated global day for the positive environmental action. The theme of this year, 2013, is "THINK, EAT, SAVE". The aim is to reduce wastage of food by becoming aware of the environmental impact of food waste and loss across the food chain supply. Punjab Forest Department also played its part in the celebration of the World Environment Day on June 05, 2013 as Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed, DFO Publicity & Extension Division, delivered a speech on the 'Role of the Forest Department in the improvement of environment of the country', in Post Graduate College Township Lahore, where Mr. Ejaz Butt, Principal Boys College along with Mrs. Farzana Saeed, Principal Girls College Township chaired the sessions. Dr. Ejaz Butt paid tribute to the Punjab Forest Department for its great contribution in increasing tree cover and improving the environment and he particularly appreciated the landscaping of Govt. College Township, Lahore which reflects world standard. The Publicity staff of Punjab Forest Department, hoisted colorful banners and streamers carrying awareness messages and organized a forest stall displaying the Publicity material.



A BIG ACHIEVEMENT BY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, DEVELOPMENT & WORKING PLAN, LAHORE



Shahid Rasheed Awan

Area statement of all the Forest of Punjab was prepared by the staff of Development and Working plan GIS Lab under the supervision of Muhammad Abdul Basit, Conservator of Forests, Development &



Muhammad Abdul Basit

Working Plan and Mr. Shahid Rasheed Awan, Deputy Secretary Planning, FW&F Department. The information provided in the report gave a picture of locations of Forests resources, their areas/extent, status of stocking and available blank area segregated into plantable and unplatable blank areas. The report required that data should be updated periodically by adding the data pertaining to the plantation carried out in different Forest areas in the intermediary period. The information is planned to be utilized for the next phase assignment of mapping all areas employing the services of GIS Lab of the Department. The efforts of the Mr. Shahid Rashid Awan Deputy Secretary Planning for preparation of this report were appreciated by the Dr. Aamar Ahmed, Secretary FW&F Department. The contributions and input of conservator of Forests, D&WP Circle and his staff were also recognized in the Administrative Department by awarding Honorarium to all the officers/officials, of D&WP, Lahore.

COMBATING DESERTIFICATION TECHNIQUES IN ARID LANDS (11-17 JUNE, 2013 TURKEY)

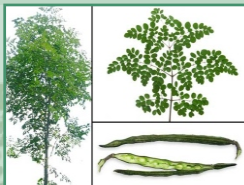
The Turkish Ministry of Forestry & Water Affairs with the assistance of Turkish International Cooperation and coordination Agency (TIKA) organized the subject training course participated by 43 participants from different countries including Pakistan. The course was attended by **Mr. Shahid Rashid Awan**, Deputy Secretary (Planning) as a country representative. In the country paper presented by the Deputy Secretary (Planning), the drought / floods, deforestation, water logging & salinity, wind and water erosion, over grazing and climate change as reason of desertification in Pakistan. The General Directorate for Combating Desertification, Turkey, also offered for sharing of concept papers of projects for implementation in Pakistan with the financial assistance of TIKA. Similarly, offer was also made for joint projects between PFRI and Forestry Research Institute at Mersin, Turkey.



Shahid Rasheed Awan, Deputy Secretary Planning, FW&F Deptt., at Turkey
SOHANJANA (سہانجا) (B EN OIL TREE, MALUNGGAY)
A CHRISMETIC TREE

It is a well known tree of Indo-Pak region, found in humid area where annual rainfall. It is a multipurpose tree used for medicines other than woody value. The physicians term its leaves as treatment for more than 300 diseases like eye, heart, skin, dysentery and other diseases like influenza, the strengthened brain, joints pain & Epilepsy, treatment of liver and stomach diseases growth of hairs, stones in the kidney & Gall bladder, germs of teeth and treatment of burns, discharging spittle from mouth, alleviating the ear pain, eczema, asthma burning complaints and infection of ending marks of injury. In view all the benefit arisen for the mankind, Sohanjana is a miraculous tree endowed upon us by the nature. Thus we should put emphasis on its cultivation based on its medical value and other benefits.

Nighat Chughtai, Research Officer Gatwala, Faisalabad.



INAUGURATION OF FOREST REST HOUSE

Dr. Aamer Ahmed, Secretary FW&F Deptt., inaugurated the newly renovated Forest Rest House, at Forest Colony 108-Ravi Road, Lahore. Shabber Ahmad Rana, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, Lahore, Sheikh Muhammad Irshad, CCF, PM&E Punjab, Muhammad Yusuf, CF, Lahore, Muhammad Abdul Basit, CF D&WP, Lahore, Mian Zahoor Ahmad, DFO Lahore, were present there. Shahid Rasheed Awan, Deputy Secretary Planning, FW&F Deptt., briefed Secretary about the detail of renovation and its quality work. Dr. Aamer Ahmed, planted a tree in the vicinity of Rest House.



Dr. Aamer Ahmed, Secretary FW&F Deptt., planted a tree at Forest Rest House, Forest Colony, 108-Ravi Road, Lahore. with CCF, CZ, Lhr

ATTITUDE AND OBJECTIONS OF THE FARMERS TOWARDS TREE PLANTING

Part 2...

Some usual objections to raising trees on farm and waste lands are enumerated below: Trees cast shade; Trees take away water; Trees take away nutrients; Birds sit on the trees and pick up grain; Roots obstruct ploughing; Trees do not allow aerial sprays; Marketing problem, especially of unwanted species; Insects and diseases hosts for crops; Trees serve as alternate hosts; Permission needed in certain areas to cut trees on one's own land; Trees harbor insects harmful to man; Trees house bad spirits; Trees are a hiding place for robbers; Things such as health care, education, jobs and income to keep families together are given priority; Trees have a long time frame to be useful economically; Due to land tenure the people do not like to work hard for somebody else who would reap the benefits; Traditional grazing rights conflict with the growing nomadic grazing are a threat for all tree planting effort by the population; Fear that the government might take over the land after initial tree planting investment; There is a legacy of hostile relations between forestry officials and the people living around forest areas; When constraints on planting are great and benefits unclear, land shortage may be seen or cited as an obstacle; Seasonal competition for labour Planting of trees and showing of crops may come at the same time. Farmer spends the critical period for food crops; Tree planting and protection may conflict with opportunities to earn off farm income; People do not wish to miss out cash earnings; There is a mistrust of the profit distribution system when planted on state marginal lands or communal lands. Some of these objections are genuine but most of these can be settled, convincing the farmer that the trees are his friends and would serve not only to save his crops from the ill effects of weather but also subsidize his income to a great extent. No substantial increase in the tree wealth of the country can be expected if planting remains confined to government owned lands only. Unless the farmer joins the forestry in this crusade, it would never be possible to achieve the desired targets. The farming community will have to appreciate that the trees are in no way a hurdle in the practice of agriculture but as a matter of fact are essential for the preservation and protection of not only the crops but also the land itself. Tree planting campaigns have succeeded in educating about the value of trees; tree farmers have now to be motivated to take up the integrated use of land. A crop of dedicated foresters is needed who have the energy and patience to reach every nook and corner of the land and win over the confidence of the farmer.

By: M.I. Sheikh (Late), Ex. Chief Conservator of Forests (Retd.) and Former Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar.



M.I. Sheikh (Late) with Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim (2003)



Minister for Forests, addressing senior officers with Dr. Aamer Ahmed, Secretary FW&F Deptt. and Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ Lahore



Minister for Forests, inquiring about the Wildlife park from visitors at Jallo Park, Lahore with Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ, Lahore