



**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER KASHMIR**

email: [divcomk@gmail.com](mailto:divcomk@gmail.com)

Tele: 0194-2483718 Fax: 0194-2484444, 2477775

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting regarding un-authorized occupation of Pari Mahal, a nationally protected monument in Srinagar.**

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir in his office; regarding the subject hereinabove.

Following officers attended the meeting:

- 1) Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar.
- 2) Deputy Inspector General, BSF, Kashmir Frontier Headquarters, Srinagar.
- 3) Staff Officer to Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar.
- 4) Superintending Archeologist, ASI, Srinagar Circle, J & K, Srinagar.
- 5) Senior Conservation Assistant, ASI, City-Circle Lal Mandi, Srinagar.

At the outset, the chair apprised that Pari Mahal is significantly a historical monument which is managed by the Archaeological Survey of India. He assented to take sustained measures for conservation of the monument & asked the participants to explicate the issues involved so that the same are deliberated upon for furtherance.

Senior Archeologist & Conservation Assistant GRI, Archeological Survey of India, Srinagar Circle informed the chair that Pari Mahal is both "World heritage site" as well as an Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) "Centrally Protected Site" as also listed by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

He added that the site has a domed ceiling with gardens laid out on seven terraces followed by pavilion or *baradari*. However; the absence of maintenance regulation on walls has posed severe threat to the monument as the walls right from the main gateway comprising of hamam, hall and library etc are on the verge of collapse in absence of repairs; yet the repairment cannot be taken up due to occupation of the site by security forces. He further added that the structure



may get more damaged or even collapsed, if not repaired in toto. He informed that Hon'ble Parliamentary Standing Committee of Tourism and Culture, GOI in it's recent visit to the monument has held that the structural part of the monument should be got vacated immediately from the security forces in order to take conservation work on priority basis.

Staff Officer to Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone informed the chair that occupation of Pari Mahal by BSF dates back early nineties wherein the BSF platoon has been assigned the responsibility of protecting all dignitaries residing at Cheshmashahi, where; among other dignitaries, His Excellency, the Governor of J & K is residing and the security cover should continue for area domination. He however held that a balanced view may be obtained or an alternate nearby location may be provided to the BSF platoon, in case of any threat to the "Centrally Protected Site". Deputy Inspector General, BSF, Kashmir Frontier Headquarters, Srinagar conveyed his consent to the view of the Staff Officer and also added that the BSF platoon at Pari Mahal does not comprise of more than ten to twelve men.

The Deputy Commissioner Srinagar who is also holding the charge of Vic-Chairman LAWDA precisely pointed out that the security cover should continue for area domination, yet the Centrally Protected Monument having National Importance like Pari Mahal cannot be mistreated devoid of upkeep. He added that conservation work should take place & in process the administration should reach for alternate space for the BSF platoons in the form of pre-fabricated huts or FRP tents or else in application of modus operandi.

Accordingly, following decision has been taken:-

A team under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar shall visit the site and identify nearby alternate space for BSF platoon. The team shall comprise of a representative, each from:

1. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir,
2. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar,
3. Inspector General, BSF Kmr Frontier Headquarters, Srinagar,
4. Director Floriculture (Gardens & Parks),



5. Conservator Forests, Urban Forestry Srinagar &

6. Superintending Archeologist, ASI, Srinagar Circle, J & K, Sgr.

The spot visit shall be made in the current week and the report of the team shall be disseminated to this end within one week positively.

{Action by: 01 to 06 (As Above)}

(Qazi Irfan) KAS

Assistant Commissioner, Central

With Divisional Commissioner,  
Kashmir.

No. Div.Com/Dev/ 42/2018/8848

Dated: 16-11-2018.

Copy to the:

1. All concerned (A. A.) for immediate compliance.
2. District Information Officer, National Informatics Centre, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes of the meeting on official website of this office.
3. Principal Private Secretary to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for information of the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.
4. Private Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, J & K, Jammu for information of the Hon'ble Governor.
5. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J & K, Jammu for information of the Chief Secretary.
6. Office file.