

**OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD  
CHAKRATA CANTT.**

**PROCEEDING OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD TO BE HELD ON 26.06.2024 AT 1300 HRS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD CHAKRATA.**

**The following were present: -**

1. Brig. Alin Deb Saha, SM, President, Cantonment Board Chakrata
2. Shri R.N. Mandal, CEO/Member Secretary.
3. Shri Anil Chandna, Nominated Member, Cantonment Board Chakrata.

**01. PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN CASE OF FIRE HAZARD OUTBREAK IN ORDER TO ENSURE SAFETY AND PROPERTY FROM THE FIRE INCIDENCES.**

Reference GOI, MoD, (PDDE CC), Lucknow Cantt letter no. 56660/Firewatcher/Uttarakhand/C-245-B dated 20/06/2024.

The GOI, PDDE CC Lucknow Cantt has issued advisory to all Cantonment situated in the hilly terrain in Uttarakhand for taking preventive measures in case of fire hazard outbreak in order to ensure safety and property from the fire incidences. In order to prevent forest fire in Cantt. area the PDDE, CC has issued directions for conducting a special Board Meeting on the crucial matter of fire hazard outbreaks in Cantonment areas.

**Office report: -**

In order to prevent forest fires and to ensure safety and to minimize the loss of life & property from the fire incidences following steps have already been taken by the Board:-

Cantonment Board Chakrata vide its CBR No. 14 dated 28/02/2024 considered the report dated 01/02/2024 of the Forest Ranger (Officiating), Cantonment Board, Chakrata regarding engagement 12 fire watchers in the Cantonment for 3 months w.e.f 15.03.2024 to 15.06.2024 on the prevailing rates and usual term and conditions as per the State Forest Department of Uttarakhand State and approved the engagement of 12 firewatcher in the Cantonment.

In continuation to the above, liaison with state govt. authorities has also been established resultant to which a temporary firefighter chowki had also been set-up at Chilmiri Neck, Forest Fire Chowki as an reliable unit during forest-fire outbreaks.

During the year following fire-hazard outbreaks were reported in this office, details of the same are as under:-

Date of Fire Incident	Approximate area affected by the fire outbreak	Compartment Number
23/03/2024	0.5 hectare	Chilmiri Compartment No. 10
24/04/2024	0.5 hectare	Chilmiri Compartment No. 10
12/04/2024	01 hectare	Lorli Compartment No. 04
23/04/2024	1.5 hectare	Patia Dhar Compartment No. 04
24/04/2024	1.5 hectare	Chilmiri Compartment No. 06
25/04/2024	1.5 hectare	Chilmiri Compartment No. 06
26/04/2024	0.5 hectare	Chilmiri Compartment No. 06
26/04/2024	1.5 hectare	Patia Dhar Compartment No. 04

05/05/2024	1.0 hectare	Lorli Compartment No. 05
06/05/2024	0.5 hectare	Lorli Compartment No. 05
18/05/2024	0.5 hectare	Saintauli Compartment No. 04
19/05/2024	0.5 hectare	Saintauli Compartment No. 04
28/05/2024	01 hectare	Chilmiri Compartment No. 05
01/06/2024	1.50 hectare	Chilmiri Compartment No. 11
15/06/2024	1.50 hectare	Chilmiri Compartment No. 2A

The afore-mentioned fire-outbreaks were effectively contained and extinguished by the Forest Guards and Fire Watchers of Cantonment Board Chakrata. It has also been noticed that most of the fire-outbreaks were deliberate rather than natural fires.

In view of the aforesaid and in order to prevent fire-outbreaks in near future it is proposed that fire-lines/fire-lanes may be created to define the boundaries of the Cantonment forest and to minimize the loss of forest assets.

Theses fire-lines/ fire-lanes can be an effective measure for containing the fire spreading from the downhill before that fire reaches the Cantonment forest.

**Resolution 01:** The matter was discussed in length by the Board and it is found that the steps taken by the Board to prevent and control forest fires are satisfactory. The Board suggested following points to mitigate and prevent forest fires:

1. Creation of Fire-lines, as they are essential for controlling wildfires, protecting property, ensuring safety, preserving ecosystem, supporting firefighting efforts and limiting spread and damage.
2. Construction of Rainwater Catch-pits nears fire-lanes and areas prone to forest-fire.
3. Floating of a campaign to create awareness among people about the need of forests and battle against forest-fires.
4. Procurement of efficient and proper gears for Forest Guard and Fire Watchers to maximize their potentials in an event of forest-fire-outbreak.
5. Insurance of individuals concerned with forest-fire-fighting.
6. Disposal of dry leaves by promoting local villagers into using dry leaves for revenue generation and to reduce combustibles.
7. Imposing of heavy fine on the individuals who are found responsible for forest-fire-outbreaks.

The Board further directed the CEO to submit a detailed proposal alongwith financial implication in the next Board meeting, for obtaining of financial sanction from the Board.

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Chief Executive Officer  
Cantt. Board Chakrata

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President,  
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Cantonment Board, Chakrata