

Div Com bans uncovered ferrying of construction material

Reviews traffic management plan

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Baseer Ahmad Khan chaired a meeting here to review the traffic regulation measures and issues regarding decongestion, encroachment, traffic signals, violation of traffic laws and its regulation in the capital City.

Additional Commissioner Kashmir, VC LAWDA, Commissioner SMC, ASP Traffic, ASP (Police Headquarters), SE R&B, Deputy Director Planning, officers from Regional Transport Office & SDA, Advisor for Traffic Planning & Designing to the Government and other concerned were present in the meeting.

The Divisional Commissioner also reviewed measures to effectively monitor and stop ferrying of uncovered construction material in vehicles. He said it was observed that the building material in the shape of sand, bricks, bajri, clay, dust, cement etc. are being transported uncovered which leads to the flying-off of the dust of the material particles causing air pollution and other environmental issues, besides also polluting water bodies in the process.

He enjoined upon all the stake holders especially Traffic Police, RTO Kashmir and SMC to ensure that the material is covered properly with tarpaulins or canopies during transportation to different locations. He said violators should be dealt strictly as per the relevant law.

Baseer Khan also announces no horn zones from GB Pant hospital to TRC crossing, LD, SMHS and SKIMS hospital areas so that noise pollution can be minimized. He directed traffic police to ensure that no violation should be done on this matter and violators be dealt as per the law.

He further directed the SMC officials to start daily based intense drive to remove all street vendors from Hari Singh High Street, Amira Kadal Bridge, LD hospital area and Batamaloo so that pavements will be

cleared for the pedestrians. He directed Police to provide man power to the SMC and this drive be supervised by SP South city.

On shifting of the general bus stand Batamaloo, the Divisional Commissioner directed RTO Kashmir and Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) officials to shift the bus stand immediately to Parimpora so that the court instructions in this regard are implemented in letter and spirit. He also directed RTO and SDA to furnish the report to his office on daily basis.

During the meeting, the Advisor presented GPS enabled presentation about the pilot project of additional parking management in the city. He informed that additional 3500 parking areas are being surveyed under the pilot survey. The Divisional Commissioner directed the SMC to start work on the modalities immediately on four parking areas in the city which came under the pilot survey.

He also asked SMC, SDA, LAWDA, RTO and Traffic department to work in close coordination for the pilot survey of additional parking areas and said that the SMC will be the nodal agency for this pilot project.

Div Com also directed R&B and SMC to repair all roads in the city on priority basis besides PDD was asked to shift the electric poles coming under road widening and repairs immediately so that pedestrians and commuters do not face any difficulty.

He said that various measures are afoot to decongest the traffic in the City and added that the issue will be sorted out soon.

