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Subject:

Minutes of the meeting regarding rehabilitation of Dal-Nigeen Lake dwellers and other issues.

As a follow-up action on the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Experts, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir chaired a meeting on 23.03.2019 at 03.30 PM in his office chambers. Besides, the Chairman, the following officers were present in the meeting.

- 1. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar.
- 2. Vice Chairman, J&K Lakes & Waterways Development Authority.
- 3. Staff Officer to Inspector General of Police, Kashmir
- 4. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar.
- 5. Collector, LAWDA Srinagar
- 6. Assistant Executive Engineer, LAWDA Srinagar.
- 7. Tehsildar (North) Srinagar.
- 8. Tehsildar Khanyar (Srinagar).
- 9. Mr. Humayun Rashid, Scientist, Directorate of Environment, Ecology & Remote sensing, Kashmir.

After threadbare discussions, on each agenda point, the following directions were issued:-

Agenda Point No. 1:

Finalization and freezing of the list of families living inside the Dal-Nigeen Lakes and their categorization on the basis of their occupation, availability of authentic documents, etc:

The issue was discussed threadbare. Vice Chairman, J&K LAWDA apprised that report of Socio-Economic Survey (SES) conducted in 1986 is at variance with the recently conducted survey of families living in the area coming under the jurisdiction of LAWDA, around Dal. As such, planning for relocation and rehabilitation of Dal dwellers is getting hampered. Accordingly, it has been decided that the teams shall be constituted for 60 hamlets by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar comprising of the employees from Line departments and LAWDA to identify the exact number of structures/families living inside Dal-Nigeen Lakes along with the size of holding and categorization of families based on their occupation viz vegetable growers, artisans,

donga boats, houseboats owners, etc. for finalization and freezing of the families for relocation and rehabilitation.

The data collected by the teams shall be reconciled with the data already available with LAWDA, so that the families already rehabilitated/undeserving are not considered during finalization and freezing of the no. of families.

Agenda Point No. 2:

Identification and making of the boundary of the Dal-Nigeen Lakes:

It was apprised that Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar has conducted the meeting and necessary directions have been communicated to the Environment & Remote Sensing Department, Kashmir and Regional Director, Survey & Land Records, Srinagar in this context. Accordingly, it was decided that Vice Chairman, LAWDA will supervise the process of identification and making of boundaries of Dal-Nigeen Lakes and will apprise the progress to the Divisional Commissioner on fortnightly basis.

Agenda Point No. 3:

Identification of alternate land parcels for relocation and rehabilitation of Dal Dwellers:

Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar shall identify the land for relocation and rehabilitation of Dal dwellers within 15 days including one site at Chatterhama.

Agenda Point No. 4:

Relocation of security forces presently occupying such structures within the Lake which contribute to the pollution of the lake:

Vice Chairman, LAWDA will share the details of such structures in which security forces are housed with Inspector General of Police, Kashmir and Inspector General, CRPF. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar shall identify the alternate locations for the relocation of security forces on an urgent basis.

Agenda Point No. 5:

Illegal construction in and around Dal Lake; the problem of unabated supply of construction material and coordination with District Police:

The Enforcement Wing of J&K LAWDA shall furnish a list of locations where checkpoints are required to be established and CCTV cameras will also be installed at all these locations. The directions were also issued to Police Department to Page 2 of 3

speed up the process of prosecution in cases where FIRs have been registered so that it can be a deterrent for other violators and furnish action taken report with 15 days.

Agenda Point No. 6:

Action against such hotels/commercial establishments in and around Dal-Nigeen Lakes which have been recommended for closure by the J&K State Pollution Control Board:

A Committee of the Officers from Revenue Department, Tourism Department and LAWDA shall be constituted by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar to inspect the establishments which have been recommended for closure by the J&K State Pollution Control Board. It was also decided that the Committee shall verify whether the hotels inside the Dal Lake have been constructed legally or otherwise. The Committee shall furnish its recommendations within 15 days.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Assistant Commissioner (C),
With Divisional Commissioner,

Kashmir

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1. All concerned for information and necessary action.

2. District Informatics Officer, NIC C/o D.C. Office, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website.