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Subject: Minutes of review meeting held under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir on 14/07/2021 regarding the arrangements for commemoration of Muharram-ul-Haram, 1443 (Hijri).

A meeting under the chairmanship of Shri Pandurang K. Pole (IAS), Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir was held on **14/07/2021** at **03:00 PM** regarding the subject cited above.


At the outset of the meeting, the chair welcomed all the participants impressed that Muharram-ul-Haram, 1443 (Hijri) shall be celebrated as per the past practice, however, in view of spread of COVID-19 all the SOPs / guidelines shall be adhered in letter and spirit. Besides, all the necessary arrangements shall be put in place for the convenience of the people and the decision of commemoration of Muharram-ul-Haram shall be left up to the Shia Organization for which all the DCs / SSPs shall be in touch with them. The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir reiterated that the developmental works which are part of current year's developmental action plan shall be taken up for execution so that the facilities are made available to the Shia Community in advance before the commencement of the Muharram-ul-Haram.

Shia Political Conference appraised the Chair about the important dates on which the procession will be held in various districts, are as under:

6 th Muharram-ul-Haram	Gulshan Bagh to Zadibal
7 th Muharram-ul-Haram	Kathi Darwaza to Hassanabad
8 th Muharram-ul-Haram	Guru Bazar to Dalgate
9 th Muharram-ul-Haram	Mandibal to Zadibal
10 th Muharram-ul-Haram	Abi Guzar to Lal Chowk
11 th Muharram-ul-Haram	Rainawari to Hassanabad and Zadibal interiors.
25 th Muharram-ul-Haram	Mirgund to Budgam

After the threadbare discussions the following decisions were

taken:

S. No.	Directions / Instruction given by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir	Action By
1.	All the Deputy Commissioner of Kashmir Division in consultation with line departments shall formulate a plan, so that the arrangements for commemoration of Muharram-ul-Haram 2021 are organized in right manner. Besides, all the DCs shall involve the local	All DCs / Line Departments 

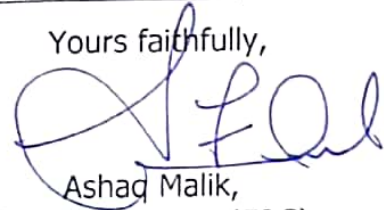
	leaders of Shia dominated area, to take stock of the facilities and make arrangements accordingly.	
2.	Joint Control Rooms shall be established at District Level in coordination with the Police. The Helpline Numbers of the Control Rooms shall be made public through electronic / print and social media.	All DCs/ SSP
3.	Police Department shall make foolproof security arrangements during Muharram processions in all the Districts in order to avoid any untoward incidents during the processions. Further, the Police Department shall deploy sufficient number of Police Personnel in all Shia dominated areas especially with Muharram processions as per past practice. Besides, vigilant security arrangement shall be made at sensitive place to thwart / deal with any incident during the processions.	IGP Kashmir / All DCs and SSPs
4.	Director, SKIMS / Principal, GMC Srinagar / Director, Health Services Kashmir shall ensure availability of ambulances equipped with necessary doctors and paramedics and shall organize blood donation camps in Shia dominated areas in coordination with Shia organizations.	Dir. SKIMS / Pr. GMC Srinagar / Dir. Health Services Kashmir
5.	Round the clock Medicare facilities shall be ensured by Health Department for which adequate para-medical staff shall be made available. HOD SPM GMC Srinagar / Regional Redcross Committee and Civil Defence shall also ensure Medicare facilities in the Shia dominated areas, especially during the processions. Similar arrangements shall be put in place in the Districts by the concerned CMOs. It was informed that the better health facilities are not available at Public Health Centre Harwan Shalimar, the Chair directed that DHSK shall ensure deployment of para-medical staff at PHC Shalimar alongwith all required medicines / equipments.	Dir. SKIMS / Pr. GMC Sgr / Dir. Health Services Kmr. / H. Secretary Reg. Redcross Society, Kmr.
6.	Sufficient firewood shall be provided to Shia dominated areas well before commencement of Holy Month of Muharram-ul-Haram.	All DCs / GM SFC Kmr.
7.	Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department shall ensure distribution of all essential commodities in Shia dominated areas by 10 th to 15 th August. The department shall also intensify the market checking through the constituted teams and submit a weekly report to this office.	Director, FCS & CA Deptt. Kmr. Jt. Dir. Legal Meterology Kmr.
8.	Commissioner, SMC informed 60,000 street lights and	Commr. SMC /

	140 High Mass lights are to be installed in district Srinagar. The Chair directed that SMC shall explore the possibility of providing / installing the high mass lights near the Imambaras. Besides, the existing 58000 street lights, 137 high mass lights shall be made functional. The ULB shall also make functional all the Street / High Mass Lights on all streets along procession routes in the City / Towns. Also the KPDCL / LAWDA / Tourism Department shall ensure functioning of the street lights / high mass lights coming under their purview.	VC LAWDA Sgr Dir. ULB Kmr / Dir. Tourism Kmr. / CE KPDCL Kmr.
9.	R&B Department shall ensure repair / renovation of roads particularly Muharram procession routes in consultation with DCs especially in Shia dominated areas. The Bargi Harwan road shall also be taken up for macadamization. Besides, SMC / ULB shall ensure repair of lanes / drains in Shia dominated areas on war footing basis.	Commr. SMC / Dir. ULB Kmr. / CE R&B Kmr.
10.	KPDCL shall ensure uninterrupted power supply during Muharram days in Shia dominated areas. Besides, ensure functioning / repair of the damaged transformers within the timeline fixed by the Govt. that is 8 hours in District Srinagar / Towns and 24-48 hours in Rural Areas. Further, the standby Gensets shall also be made available to the Imambaras (if required) as per the past practice.	CE KPDCL Kmr.
11.	Adequate measuring shall be taken to provide drinking water to general public especially in the Shia dominated areas during the Holy Month of Muharram-ul-Haram. Besides, Tanker service shall also be made available wherever is required.	CE PHE (Jal Shakti) Kmr.
12.	Traffic Department shall lay out traffic management plans for upcoming Muharram procession so as to avoid inconvenience to the general public. Adequate transport arrangements shall be ensured during the Holy Month of Muharram-ul-Haram, especially during late hours after the processions on 10 th & 11 th Muharram, culminate, in consultation with Shia Organizations. The traffic plan / deployment chart shall be framed by SSP Traffic Srinagar / Rural Kashmir and RTO which shall be given wide publicity via print / electronic media for the convenience of general public. The traffic plan shall be submitted to this office in advance of ten days before commencement of Muharram-ul-Haram.	IGP Traffic / All DCs / GM SRTC / RTO Kashmir / SSP Traffic City / Rural.
13.	LAWDA shall ensure adequate measures in the Shia	VC LAWDA

	areas located in Dal Lake to provide civic facilities during the Muharram processions.	
14.	SMC / ULB shall conduct special cleanliness drives in City / Towns, especially in the Imambaras / Shia dominated areas / procession routes.	Commr. SMC / Dir. ULB Kmr.
15.	Adequate number of fire tenders shall be kept available near Imambaras during Muharram by Fire & Emergency Services. Besides, special deployment shall be made on 10 th and 11 th Muharram and other processions.	Jt. Dir. F & ES Kashmir.

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

Yours faithfully,



Ashad Malik,
Deputy Director (E&S),
With Divisional Commissioner,
Kashmir.

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Dated: 19/07/2021

Copy to the:

1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K.
2. Inspector General of Police / Traffic Kashmir.
3. Director, SKIMS Soura Srinagar for information and necessary action.
4. Principal, Govt. Medical College Srinagar for information and necessary action.
5. Deputy Commissioner / SSPs of Kashmir Division for information and necessary action.
6. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar for information and necessary action.
7. Director, Urban Local Bodies / FCS & CA / Tourism / Health Services Kashmir for information and necessary action.
8. Vice Chairman, J&K LAWDA Srinagar for information and necessary action.
9. Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir for information and necessary action.
10. Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Department Kashmir for information and necessary action.
11. Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL Kashmir for information and necessary action.
12. Chief Engineer, PHE (Jal Shakti) Department Kashmir for information and necessary action.
13. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Security Kashmir for information and necessary action.
14. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Traffic City Srinagar / Rural Kashmir for information and necessary action.
15. Joint Director, Legal Meteorology Kashmir for information and necessary action.
16. Joint Director, Fire & Emergency Services Kashmir for information and necessary action.
17. General Manager, State Forest Corporation Kashmir for information and necessary action.
18. General Manager, Road Transport Corporation Kashmir for information and necessary.
19. District Informatics Officer, NIC Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website of this office.
20. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary for information of worthy Chief Secretary J&K.
21. Honorary Secretary, Regional Redcross Society Srinagar for information and n/a.