

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir Divisional Commissioner Kashmir

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Subject:

Record note of the meeting held on 30-10-2017 regarding traffic management of Srinagar City and winter preparedness.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department, J&K in presence of Hon'ble Minister for Education and Divisional Commissioner Kashmir on 30.10.2017 in the meeting hall of the Office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir regarding traffic management in Srinagar city and winter preparedness in Kashmir Division.

The following Officers attended the meeting.

- 1. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar
- 2. Inspector General of Police, Traffic, J&K
- 3. Deputy Inspector General of Police, SKR Srinagar
- 4. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Traffic, Kashmir, Srinagar
- 5. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar
- 6. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, Srinagar
- 7. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar
- 8. Vice Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority, Kashmir
- 9. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Deptt/PDD (EM&RE)/ MED Kashmir
- 10. Sr. Supdt. Of Police, Traffic (City), Srinagar
- 11. Sr. Supdt. Of Police, Traffic (Rural), Kashmir
- 12. Superintendent Engineer PW(R&B) Srinagar 13. Mr. Anuj Malhotra, Traffic Advisor to Govt.
- 14. Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir, Srinagar
- 15. Deputy Director, CA&PD Deptt., Srinagar.

At the outset the Chair intimated that huge traffic jams are observed on every road, especially from Dalgate to Parimpora which results in increase of the travelling time of the commuters, thereby putting the general public to a great inconvenience. He impressed upon the Officers to put in their efforts to overcome the menace of traffic jamming/congestion. The Chair advised the Traffic authorities that during peak hours i.e. 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. focus should be laid on regulating the traffic instead of checking the documents, etc/issuing challans, which causes traffic jam.

The Chair also sought from the participants' feedback about the winter preparedness with regard to their respective departments.

Director, Food, Civil Supplies, CA & PD Department, Kashmir apprised the Chair that stocking of the essential commodities in the far flung areas which remain cut off from the Valley during winter season has been completed. However, assured that the pending supply of required quota of sugar will be dispatched within a week's time.

Chief Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir apprised the Chair that 149 snow clearing machines are available with the Department which have been kept at stand-by to meet any eventuality during snowfall.

Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation apprised the Chair that sufficient dewatering pumps have been kept at stand-by for carrying out dewatering of the low lying areas during rains/snowfall in the winter season.

After threadbare discussions/deliberations, the following decisions were taken:-

- 1. All the street vendors shall be removed in Srinagar city especially H.S.H.S., Regal Chowk, Batmaloo, etc. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar shall provide necessary magisterial support and Sr. Supdt. Of Police, Srinagar shall provide adequate Police assistance to Commissioner, SMC in this behalf.

  (Action by: DC, Sgr / Commr., SMC/SSP, Sgr)
- 2. Sr. Supdt. Of Police, Traffic (City), Srinagar shall temporarily utilize the premises of erstwhile Govt. Press at Lal Chowk for keeping/parking of the confiscated vehicles till alternative arrangements are made.

(Action by: SSP Traffic (City) Sgr)

3. No vehicle should be allowed to ply on the Jhelum bund and the bund should be made vehicle free.

(Action by: CE, R&B, Kmr/SSP Traffic (City) Sgr)

4. Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir shall issue colour coding of the vehicles as per the ranges (North/Central/South) of Kashmir Valley immediately in order to avoid ferrying of vehicles unauthorizedly in Srinagar city.

(Action by: RTO, Kashmir)

7. To look into the complaint regarding overcharging by the Sumo /Cab drivers plying their vehicles from Parimpora to Lal Chowk, Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir shall ensure that reasonable fares are charged by the Sumo/Cab drivers from the commuters so that they do not face any inconvenience/ difficulty. For this purpose, RTO, Kashmir shall himself check the passenger vehicles randomly. In this behalf SSP Traffic (City) shall also take necessary action under law for charging of high fare. RTO, Kashmir shall notify the approved rates through print media.

(Action by: SSP, Traffic (City), Sgr/RTO, Kashmir)

6. Chief Engineer, Electric M&RE, Kashmir shall ensure that minimum power curtailment shall be made during the winter and ensure that curtailment schedule is notified through electronic and print media and implemented in letter and spirit (Action by: CE, EM&RE, Kashmir)

Director, Food, CA&CS Department, Kashmir shall ensure complete stocking of essential commodities of Kashmir Division, especially the areas which remain cut off during winter is completed so that the consumers do not face any inconvenience on account of non-availability and he will provide adequate stock of ration to the private Ration dealers in the Srinagar City to facilitate the general public.

(Action by: Dir., Food, CS, CA&PDD, Kashmir)

Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar shall 8. accompany the Hon'ble Minister to the site near Khidmat Building to select the site for installation of high efficiency dewatering pump which will cater dewatering of Lal Chowk and adjoining areas. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar will demarcate sufficient quantum of land for the purpose.

(Action by: Commr., SMC, Sgr)

Chief Engineer, PHE, Kashmir shall ensure availability of water tanker supply to the scarcity areas during winter season.

(Action by: CE, PHE, Kmr)

10. Chief Engineer, Electric M&RE, Kashmir shall procure adequate no. of transformers from transformer bank so that the damaged transformer is replaced on the same day and the consumers do not suffer on this count.

(Action by: CE, EM&RE, Kmr)

11. DIG Traffic Kashmir intimated that there is a shortage of trained personnel in traffic department and there should be at least 02 additional companies of Police personnel for traffic department to regulate the traffic in the Srinagar city. The Chair directed IG, Traffic, J&K to examine the issue and till then IGP, Kashmir Zone will provide one Company of Armed Police Personnel, as agreed to by him, for tackling the menace of traffic jam.

(Action by: IGP, Kmr Zone/IGP Traffic J&K)

12. RTO Kashmir/SSP traffic Srinagar should ensure that buses/ cabs should be available during the late hours for inconvenience of general public

(Action by: RTO Kashmir/SSP Traffic)

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

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