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**Subject: Minutes of the meeting regarding stopping of shooting stones enroute Holy Cave from Baltal Axis.**

Consequent upon the directions of the Hon'ble Governor, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Baseer Ahmad Khan, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on 07.07.2018 at 10.30 A.M. to discuss the measures to be taken to mitigate the danger of shooting stones happening at different spots enroute Holy Cave from Baltal.

Following Officers participated in the meeting:-

1. Director, Rural Development Department, Kashmir, Srinagar
2. Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Kashmir
3. Chief Engineer, Beacon C/o 56 APO
4. Superintending Engineer, PW (R&B) Department, Ganderbal/Bandipora
5. Representative of APCO.

At the outset, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir expressed concern regarding the threat to life of Shri Amarnathji Yatrics because of the shooting stones taking place at different spots enroute Holy Cave on Baltal Axis and desired to install Gabion/Mesh wire at critical spots in order to protect the lives of the Yatrics moving on the Baltal track.

When enquired, Chief Engineer, Beacon apprised the Chair that they do not have the expertise to install the Gabion/Mesh wire.

After threadbare discussions, the following decisions were taken:-

S. No.	Decision taken	Action by
1.	Chief Engineer, Beacon will start the work on breast walling at the critical spots near Holy Cave on Baltal route where Gabion/ Mesh wire will be installed from today i.e. 07.07.2018.	CE, Beacon
2.	Superintending Engineer, PW (R&B) Deptt., Ganderbal/ Bandipora to start work on erection of Gabion/ Mesh wire at the spots where shooting stones are taking place enroute Holy Care on Baltal track. Gabion/Mesh wire to be provided by APCO and Director, RDD, Kashmir who informed that the material is available with Assistant Commissioner, Development, Ganderbal from today 07.07.2018.	Dir., RDD, Kmr SE, PW(R&B)Deptt., Gbl/Bpr ACD, Ganderbal Rep. of APCO



3.	Work, which is currently under progress, on the side drain to be completed by Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir, Srinagar within a week's time.	CE, I&FC, Kashmir
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The Chair enquired from CE, I&FC, Kashmir about the progress made with regard to strengthening of the embankments of various Nallahs in South Kashmir. CE, I&FC, Kashmir apprised the Chair that tendering has been initiated for 14 spots out of 25 spots identified by respective Deputy Commissioners for strengthening of embankments of Lidder, Bringee and Veshaw Nallahs and further informed that execution of work has been undertaken at 06 spots.

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

(Qazi Irfan) KAS  
Assistant Commissioner  
With Divisional Commissioner  
Kashmir

Dated: 07/07/2018

No: Divcom/Dev/63/2018/I

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- ✓ 1. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal for information. He will report compliance by the concerned of the above mentioned directions by the afternoon today.
2. All concerned for information and necessary action.
- ✓ 3. Private Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, Raj Bhavan, J&K Srinagar for kind information of the Hon'ble Governor.
4. District Informatics Officer, NIC C/o DC Office, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website.
5. Telephone Operator of this office for immediate necessary action.