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Subject:- Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on 27.02.2018 regarding implementation of State Water Policy.

A meeting under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir was held on 27.02.2018 at 3.00 P.M. regarding implementation of State Water Policy.

All the Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir Division except Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar participated in the meeting through Video Conference. However, the officers from Jammu who were supposed to participate in the meeting through Video Conferencing could not participate due to some technical snag in the system.

List of the participants who attended the meeting is enclosed as

Annexure-A.

At the outset, the Chair impressed upon the Officers that initiatives shall be taken to conserve the water bodies whether falling within the demarcated forest area or beyond the boundaries of forest area as they are prone to different onslaughts both due to human intervention like encroachments, deforestation, contamination, etc. and due to natural disasters like landslides, vagaries of nature e.g. loss in the water table due to low rainfall, etc. He asked them to collect data by way of mapping down of forest areas, mapping down areas of the water bodies, both superficial and ground water, within and outside the forest areas; ascertain their present status vis-à-vis their peripheral area, status about their shrinkage/expansion, capacity, usage, quality of water, factors responsible for its contamination, measures employed to achieve its purity, measures to be taken to ensure to get it to its original status, etc. He impressed upon the Officers Forest, I&FC, PHE departments to share the data on the subject with the respective Deputy Commissioners so that it is dovetailed with the data collected by the District Level teams which would exactly help in finding out the capacity/usage/discharge and other parameters of each water body including river/nallah/tributary/stream, etc. However, it was pointed out that contamination of water bodies is mainly due to draining of untreated sewerage waste of the human habitations residing near to them. Conservation and protection measures to be taken shall also be reflected in the report. The data collected shall be evaluated and physically seeing/verifying it. He further impressed upon them to

Representative from University of Kashmir apprised the Chair that mapping of the water bodies has already been done in the year 2010 and the data formulated would form the basis for the present survey/census.

Chief Engineer, PHE, Kashmir apprised the Chair that a Plan has been formulated to overcome the scarcity of water during summer and will be implemented in letter and spirit.

After threadbare discussions, the following decisions were taken:-

S. No.	Decision taken	Action by
1.	Deputy Commissioners will constitute teams with the Officers from Forest, I&FC and Revenue Departments for conducting of survey/ census and collection of data of the water bodies and submit the report/plans to this office within one month.	All Deputy Commissioners
2.	Pollution Control Board/Forest/I&FC and PHE Departments will share the district-wise data available with them on the subject with the respective Deputy Commissioners so that it is dovetailed with the present data.	PCCF, Kashmir CE, I&FC, Kashmir CE, PHE, Kashmir Reg. Dir., PCB, Kashmir
3.	University of Kashmir will share the data, district-wise, available with them with the Office of Div. Com. Kashmir so that the same is forwarded to the respective Deputy Commissioners.	Registrar, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
4.	Srinagar Municipal Corporation shall intensify the cleanliness drive on the banks of river Jhelum and its distributaries.	Commissioner, SMC

(Noor Mohammad)

Deputy Director

With Divisional Commissioner

Kashmir

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1. Chairperson, J&K State Water Resources Regulatory Authority, Jammu for favour of kind information.
2. All concerned for information and necessary action
3. District Informatics Officer, District Informatics Centre, DC Office, Srinagar with the request to upload it on the official website of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.