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Subject: Minutes of the meeting regarding Market Checking.

In view of reports about the sale of essential commodities like vegetables, fruit, mutton, etc. on exorbitant rates, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Baseer Ahmad Khan, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on 11.05.2019.

Following Officers participated in the meeting:-

1. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar
2. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar
3. Controller, Legal Metrology Department, J&K, Kashmir
4. Director, Sheep Husbandry, Kashmir
5. Director, Food, Civil Supplies & CA Department, Kashmir, Srinagar
6. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir
7. Director, Animal Husbandry, Kashmir
8. Chief Engineer, Electric M & RE, Kashmir
9. Chief Engineer, Public Health Department, Kashmir
10. Senior Superintendent of Police, Traffic (City), Srinagar
11. Superintendent of Police, Traffic (Rural), Kashmir
12. Superintendent of Police (Hqr), Srinagar
13. Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar
14. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Police Control Room, Kashmir
15. ADO C/o Zonal Police Headquarter, Kashmir

Besides, Deputy Commissioner, Budgam/Pulwama/Shopian/Anantnag/ Kulgam/ Baramulla/ Kupwara/Bandipora/Ganderbal along with SSsP and Sectoral Officers participated in the meeting through VC.

At the outset, the Chair intimated the participants that there are large scale reports/complaints about the sale of essential commodities, especially vegetables, fruits, mutton, chicken, etc on exorbitant rates. The Chair further intimated that some unscrupulous business community is taking undue advantage of the recurrent road closure by hoarding the goods and creating scarcity, thereby indulging in profiteering/ black marketing. The Chair stressed upon the participants to constitute interdepartmental market checking teams/Committees and ensure market checking on daily basis till last day of Ramadhan, so that no free hand is given to the shopkeepers indulging in profiteering/ black marketing. The Chair further stressed upon them to remain extra careful, especially in view of the Holy Month of Ramadhan, in mitigating the problems of the general public particularly on account of availability of essential

commodities. The Chair impressed upon the participants that strict action should be taken against the hoarders/black marketers so that it could be prove as a deterrent.

Thereafter, the Chair sought feedback from the respective Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir Division.

Deputy Commissioners apprised the Chair that the massive market checking drives have been started well before the start of the Holy Month of Ramadhan and shared the below details about market checking and fine imposed on the erring shopkeepers thereof.

S. No.	Name of the District	No. of shops/ business establishments checked	Fine imposed/ recovered (in Rs.)	Adulterated milk/ juice destroyed	Rotten vegetables destroyed
1.	Pulwama	670	15,000/-	120 litres	-
2.	Shopian	200	7,000/-	-	-
3.	Kulgam	490	39,000/-	-	200 kgs
4.	Ananthenag	911	1,34,000/-	-	270 kgs
5.	Bandipora	310	46,000/-	-	300 kgs
6.	Baramulla	1287	40,000/-	75 liters	
7.	Kupwara	580	1,40,000/-	-	450 kgs
8.	Budgam	690	73,000/-	50 litres	110 kgs
9.	Srinagar	1300	2,80,000/-	-	-
Total		6438	7,74,000/-	245 litres	1330 kgs

Deputy Commissioners assured that the drives will be intensified and conducted till the Holy month of Ramadhan is over. Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama and Bandipora informed that shops, 10 in each district, who were found indulging in profiteering, were sealed by the market checking squads. It was also apprised that districts are not facing any shortage of essential commodities; however, the Deputy Commissioners raised a common issue about the non-availability of Sugar.

Deputy Commissioners of South Kashmir Range pointed out that the Petroleum products especially MS (Petrol) will last for 2-3 days in case the supplies are not restored/replenished. Similarly, Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama/Budgam/Kulgam/Shopian/Baramulla/Bandipora pointed out that frequent disruption in electricity is witnessed especially during Sehri and Iftari times.

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora pointed out that the construction work on the Grid Station at Bandipora/ erection of transmission towers and laying of

transmission lines from Ganderbal to Bandipora, which will feed the grid station, is going at a slow pace. Besides, the Deputy Commissioner intimated that funds for payment of compensation to the land owners, whose land has been acquired for construction of towers, have not been yet placed with the Collector for disbursement.

Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara apprised that there is a huge demand from the people of Tangdar for allotment of Atta, however, Director, Food, CS&CA intimated that 06 truckloads of Atta, from the overall saving in District Pulwama, have been dispatched to Tangdar. Director, Food, CS&CA Department, Kashmir further intimated that around 4000 quintals of Sugar are available with the Department, however, instructions have not been issued by the Administrative Department with regard to its allocation to the Districts. He further intimated that pre-emptive measures have been taken for allocation of Atta to the Districts wherefrom the demand is received so that the demand of the people is met.

Chief Engineer, EM&RE, Kashmir apprised that the Chair that disruption in the electricity, as reported by the Deputy Commissioners, is because of overcharging of Lassipora Grid Station, Pulwama and Ahmadpora Grid Station at Magam, Budgam and their augmentation is going on, however, the issue with regard to disruption in electric supply at Sehri and Iftari times will be looked into for early redressal, so that the general public does not face any inconvenience.

Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar apprised the Chair that sanitation drives are being conducted continuously for maintaining proper hygiene and to prevent spread of diseases. Besides, he pointed out that the Corporation is facing shortage of manpower, especially linemen which is badly affecting in the installation/repairs of streetlights. Further, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir informed that sanitation drives are being carried out in all towns, especially around Shrines and Jamia Masjids.

After threadbare discussions, the following decisions were taken:-

S. No.	Decision taken	Action by
1.	Deputy Commissioners shall constitute market checking squads for conducting market checking on daily basis to crusade against the profiteering and to discipline the black marketers/profiteers, so that essential commodities are made available to the consumers at the rates notified by the Competent Authority.	All DCs/SSPs Dir., FCS&CA, Kmr Joint Controller, Legal Metrology, Kmr



2.	The market checking squads shall submit daily report to the Deputy Commissioners who will submit the consolidated report to this office on daily basis by 4.00 P.M.	All DCs
3.	SSPs shall provide a dedicated contingent of Police with the market checking squad.	All SSPs
4.	Strict action, as per the relevant provisions of law, shall be taken by the market checking squads against the shopkeepers/business community found indulging in profiteering/ black marketing	All DCs/SSPs Dir., FCS&CA, Kmr Joint Controller, Legal Metrology, Kmr
5.	Regarding construction work on the Grid Station at Bandipora and erection of transmission towers/laying of transmission lines from Ganderbal to Bandipora, a separate meeting will be held on Monday (13.05.2019) at 10: 30 A.M. with all stake holders and Additional Commissioner, Kashmir will coordinate the meeting.	Addl. Commissioner, Kashmir
6.	Director, Food, CS&CA Department, Kashmir will vigorously pursue the matter of allocation of Sugar to the Districts with the Administrative Department and will intimate the Divisional Commissioner accordingly.	Dir., FCS&CA, Kmr
7.	Director, Food, CS&CA Department, Kashmir will, within 03 days, make additional allocation of Atta to the Districts wherefrom the demand has been received and intimate the Divisional Commissioner accordingly.	Dir., FCS&CA, Kmr
8.	IOCL will take appropriate steps for restoration/ replenishing of the depleted stocks, within two days, and furnish a report in this behalf to the Divisional Commissioner. Further, IOCL will share the mobile numbers of the contact persons of the respective Oil Companies with the Deputy Commissioners and direct them to remain in touch with the Deputy Commissioners sharing the feedback about the availability of Petroleum products.	State Coordinator, IOCL
9.	Chief Engineer, Electric M&RE, Kashmir will depute 3-4 linemen from his department to the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, so that installation/repairs of streetlights is taken on war footing basis.	Commr., SMC, Sgr CE, EM&RE, Kmr

10.	Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar will conduct special sanitation drives and will maintain proper hygienic conditions in the city, especially Shrines, mosques where congregations are held. Similarly, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir will ensure conduct of special drives within the limits of Municipal Committees/Urban limits.	Commr., SMC
11.	Director, Sheep Husbandry/Animal Husbandry shall deploy teams at Lower Munda Toll Post for doing health audit of the livestock (sheep/goats/poultry birds), so that no unhealthy livestock enters the Valley for human consumption.	Dir., Sheep Husbandry, Kashmir Dir., Animal Husbandry, Kashmir

While concluding the meeting, the Chair reiterated upon the participants to ensure strict compliance of the directions, so that the general public feels a sigh of relief from the menace of profiteering/black marketing.

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

(Qazi Irfan) KAS
Assistant Commissioner (Central),
Kashmir

Dated: 13/05/2019

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1. All concerned for information and necessary action.
2. Officer on Special Duty to Advisor (K) to Hon'ble Governor, Civil Secretariat, J&K, Srinagar for kind information of the Advisor
3. Private Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, Raj Bhavan, 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 of this office.
5. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of J&K for kind information of the Chief Secretary.

