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Subject: Minutes of the meeting regarding major issues of Gurez area of District Bandipora.

Consequent upon the communication of Deputy Commissioner/ District Development Commissioner, Bandipora, inter-alia, indicating major issues of Gurez, a meeting under the Chairmanship of Shri Baseer Ahmad Khan, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir was held on 03.08.2018 at 3.00 P.M.

Following Officers participated in the meeting:-

1. Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora
2. Director General, Health Services, Kashmir
3. Director, School Education, Kashmir
4. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department, Kashmir
5. Chief Engineer, Electric M&RE Department, Kashmir
6. Chief Engineer, Kishen Ganga Hydro Electric Project
7. Chief Engineer, NHPC
8. Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir
9. Deputy Director, Fire & Emergency Services, Kashmir
10. Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir
11. Chief Education Officer, Bandipora
12. Executive Engineer, Mechanic Engineering Department, North Kashmir
13. Commander, 32 BRTF, Beacon C/o 56 APO
14. Divisional Engineer, BSNL, Srinagar
15. Divisional Engineer (TP), BSNL, Srinagar
16. Sub-Divisional Engineer (TP), BSNL, Srinagar
17. Manager, NHPC

At the outset, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir welcomed the participants and impressed upon them to make strenuous efforts for resolving the issues of Gurez area in time bound manner to alleviate the miseries/sufferings of the populace residing there during winters.

After threadbare discussions, the following decisions were taken:-

1. Approval of Blocks Bagtore and Tulail under BADP:

DC apprised the Chair that Gurez had only one Block viz Gurez. Now, two more Blocks viz Bagtore and Tulail have been created but no funds under BADP are allocated for the said CD blocks. There is need to include block Bagtore and Tulail under BADP.

Decision:

The matter be taken up with the Home Department with the request to take up the issue with the MHA, Govt. of India for inclusion of 02 more CD Blocks of Gurez for purpose of allocation/release of funds under BADP.

(Action by: DC, Bandipora)

2. 30 bedded IPD Hospital at Dawar:

DC apprised that the Project has been approved at a cost of Rs. 7.18 crores out of which an amount of Rs. 2.50 crores have been approved under BADP State Sector Health and requested for providing of balance funds to the tune of Rs. 4.68 crores.

DG, Health Services, Kashmir apprised the Chair funds for the Project have been requisitioned under PMDP and also reflected in the annual Plan. He further agreed to provide Rs.1.00 Cr. for District Hospital Bandipora enabling its completion by 09/2018.

Decision:

DC, Bandipora will submit the proposal of requirement of funds for undertaking the works during the current working season to the Divisional Commissioner for taking up the matter with the Administrative Secretary, H&ME Department and concerned Advisor for immediate release of funds.

(Action by: DG, Health Ser., Kmr/DC, Bandipora)

3. Providing of Fire & Emergency Services in Gurez area:

Deputy Director, Fire & Emergency Services apprised that 02 fire posts/stations are already existing in Gurez and proposal for creation of 02 additional fire posts has been submitted to the Home Department. Besides, he intimated that due to shortage of staff only 08 personnel, 04 at each post, are deployed at these 02 fire posts/stations. When enquired, Deputy Director, Fire & Emergency Services at least 15 personnel would be required to man the new fire posts. He further intimated that in view of the narrow roads/mobility in the area, fire tenders of Medium capacity costing around Rs. 15.00 lakhs each would be required for these fire posts, besides other equipments.

Decision:

Deputy Director, Fire & Emergency Services, Kashmir will submit proposal for purchase of vehicles/ equipment to Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora so that the funds available with him under SDRF are released. Meanwhile, he will initiate the process of procuring the vehicles. Besides, Deputy Director, Fire & Emergency Services, Kashmir will deploy 15 personnel, by internal arrangement, for manning these additional fire posts/stations.

(Action by: DD, F&ES, Kmr/DC, Bandipora)

4. Posting of sanctioned staff under Health, Education, Revenue, RDD, R&B, etc.:

Health Sector:

DG, Health Services, Kashmir apprised that orders of posting in Gurez area was issued in respect of 07 doctors, who filed Writ Petitions before the Hon'ble High Court of J&K and obtained stay orders. However, the Hon'ble High Court has dismissed writ petitions in respect of 02 doctors who were served notice to join at Gurez. One of the doctor has joined at Gurez after termination order was served upon him. He further apprised that to lure the doctors to work in this far flung area, it has been ordered that incentives which include payment of Rs. 50,000/- over and above the salary + chopper ticket + free accommodation will be provided.

Decision:

DG, Health Services, Kashmir to formulate proposal of reservation of posts for the doctors, who work in the remote areas, for promotion and submit it to the Administrative Department for examination/consideration. Doctors selected under ALC reservation should compulsorily serve in this area, for which Director General Health Services shall take steps. Besides, he will furnish list of the doctors who despite orders have not joined at Gurez so far.

(Action by: DG, Health Services, Kmr)

Education Sector:

Director, School Education, Kashmir gave a brief about the vacant posts and apprised that arrangements for the current academic session have been made. Besides,

the Department is in the process of convening DPC for grant of promotion to the eligible teachers and their posting in the said area.

Decision:

Director, School Education, Kashmir to ensure that the orders of posting of the staff in Gurez area are issued within a month.

(Action by: Dir., Education, Kmr)

5. Upgradation of Bandipora Gurez-Tulail road (160 kms):

Commander, 32-BRTF apprised that blacktopping has been completed upto Razdan top. Further, he intimated that Beacon has been asked by I&FC Department to vacate the premises where RCC headquarter of Beacon is located at Sumbal. Besides, he raised some issues of encroachments, etc. which are putting hurdles in the smooth execution of the work.

Decision:

Chief Engineer, Beacon will ensure that the work of macadamization of road upto Tulail is completed during the current working season and will issue necessary instructions to the concerned to work on double shift basis to bring impetus to the work. Besides, DC, Bandipora to look into and resolve the issue of vacation of RCC headquarter of Beacon at Sumbal belonging to I&FC. Commander, 32-BRTF will bring all the issues to the notice of DC, Bandipora who will constitute a team of Officers for their resolution.

(Action by: DC, Bpr/CE, Beacon, Kmr)

6. Sanctioning of Tourism Development Authority for Gurez:

Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir apprised that the matter has been taken up with the Administrative Department, Tourism for accord of approval/issuance of orders thereof, but till date nothing has been heard/received in this behalf from the higher authorities.

Decision:

Director, Tourism to issue a reminder in the matter with a copy to this office along with the previous correspondences.

(Action by: Dir. Tourism, Kmr)

7. Issues related to Education:

Director, School Education, Kashmir apprised that around Rs. 2.00 crores are required by the Department either for completion of the school buildings or for payment of compensation on account of acquisition of land.

Decision:

Director, School Education, Kashmir will submit the proposal of requirement of funds in the order of priority to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir through Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora so that the matter is taken with the Hon'ble Governor for allotment of funds.

(Action by: Dir., Education, Kmr/DC, Bpr)

8. Enhancement of Power Supply to Gurez area:

Chief Engineer, Electric M&RE, Kashmir intimated that financial implications for enhancing power/electricity supply from 05 to 07 hours have been worked out by the concerned Executive Engineer. Further, he apprised that it would not be appropriate/

feasible to enhance the power supply beyond 07 hours as it will increase the maintenance charges of DG sets. He also intimated that 132 KVA is being constructed at Gurez by Systems & Operations Wing of PDD and the said wing of PDD is also erecting towers for laying of 66 kms transmission line with a cost of Rs. 249 crores.

Decision:

Chief Engineer, Electric M&RE, Kashmir to submit the details of requirement of funds to this office within two days on account of supply of power from 05 to 07 hours.

Chief Engineer, Systems & Operations, Kashmir will report within two days the status of construction of Grid Station at Gurez and erection of tower/laying of transmission line along with the details of source of funding.

(Action by: CE, EM&RE/S&O, Kmr)

9. 1.6 MVA Power Project adjacent to Dam site at Wanpora:

Chief Engineer, Kishen Ganga Hydro Electric Project apprised that execution of the work has not started and is still in the tendering stage. He further intimated that tendering process will be completed during the current year and the work will start during the next working season. Further, he intimated that the work on the Project is to be completed within two working seasons.

Decision:

Chief Engineer, Kishen Ganga Hydro Electric Project will ensure that the tendering of the work is completed at the earliest and also make efforts to get the work started. He will also revisit the timeline for early completion of the Project and commissioning thereof. He will share the progress of work with Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora on weekly basis.

(Action By: CE, KGHEP)

10. Construction of Tunnel from Bandipora to Gurez:

Commander, 32-BRTF apprised that survey of the tunnel has been conducted which would be around 17 kms. DPR for an amount of Rs. 9500 crores has been prepared and stands submitted to the higher authorities for approval and funding thereof. However, the Cabinet note has not been approved and has been included in Priority-II works.

11. Providing of Mobile connectivity to Tulail area:

Divisional Engineer, BSNL, Srinagar apprised that Optic Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid upto Kanzalwan. However, there are some RoW issues which need to be addressed. Besides, he intimated that due to poor response, the work of laying of OFC could not be taken up.

Decision:

General Manager, BSNL, Kashmir to send his representative to Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora along with the details of the issues/RoW, for every km, for sorting them out. He should also take steps to improve existing mobile connectivity in the District.

(Action by: GM, BSNL, Kmr)

12. Upgradation of PHC, Badugaam & NTPHC's at Baduaab and Bagtoor to the level of CHCs:

DG, Health Services, Kashmir apprised that it is not feasible to upgrade above mentioned PHC/NTPHCs in view of the shortage of staff, besides, they do not fulfil

the criterion for their upgradation. However, he suggested that they can be converted into Model Hospitals.

Decision:

DG, Health Services, Kashmir to prepare the proposal for upgradation of the above mentioned PHC/NTPHC's to the level of Model Hospital during current financial year.

(Action by: DG, Health Services, Kmr)

13. Providing of land compensation (20) kanal of village Markoot:

DC, Bandipora apprised that the case has been submitted to Administrative Secretary, Revenue in the year 2009-10, however, no funds have been released.

Decision:

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora to furnish the details of the case to the Divisional Commissioner within one week so that the matter is taken up the higher authorities for allotment of funds.

(Action by: DC, Bpr)

14. Shifting of some villages of safer location:

DC, Bandipora apprised that around 400 households of some villages which are prone to avalanches need to be shifted to safer places.

Decision:

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora to identify the habitations which need to be shifted, besides, he shall also identify land/location where they could be settled and submit a proposal in this regard within a fortnight alongwith requirement of funds for rehabilitation.

(Action by: DC, Bpr)

15. Opening of Gurez-Drass road:

Commander, 32-BRTF apprised that alignment of the road has been created, besides, road cutting from Chakwali to Kabulgali (17 kms) has been done. He further intimated that the total length of the road is 65 kms and rest 48 kms fall within the jurisdiction of Project Vijayak of BRO.

16. Approval to the construction of road from Khandayal to Athwathoo, Bandipora and forest clearance of Kangan Barniee road:

Decision:

Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir to follow the case as DPR is already formulated. Meanwhile a detailed report shall be obtained from Forest Department about involvement of trees based on joint survey.

(Action by: CE, PWD, Kmr)

17. Development of Helipads:

DC, Bandipora apprised that DPRs for development of 06 helipads has been prepared and requested for allocation of adequate funds for completion of work on these helipads.

Decision:

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora to furnish the requirement of funds that could be utilized during the current working season so that the matter is taken up with the higher authorities for allotment of funds.

(Action by: DC, Bpr)

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18. Approval of construction of Community and Individual bunkers:

Decision:

Proposal to be taken up with the Home Department by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.

(Action by: Div. Com, Kmr)

19. Establishment of Hot Mix Plant Dawar:

Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir apprised that DPR for an amount of Rs. 5.50 crores for establishment of permanent Hot Mix Plant at Dawar has been submitted to the Administrative Secretary for approval/ allocation of funds, however, the approval is still awaited. He further intimated that a loader for clearance of snow in Gurez area has procured by the Department which has achieved good results as the snow was cleared before its accumulation. He requested that one more loader, which cost around Rs. 80.00 lacs, may be procured out of SDRF.

Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department, Kashmir apprised that portable Hot Mix Plant has been installed by a private firm and the macadamization of the roads will be done on war footing basis.

Decision:

Chief Engineer, MED, Kashmir to furnish the proposal for purchase of loader for snow clearance in Gurez area to the Divisional Commissioner through Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora for consideration/allotment of funds under SDRF.

Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department, Kashmir to ensure completion of the work of macadamization of roads before the onset of winter season.

(Action by: CE, PWD/MED, Kmr/DC, Bpr)

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

(Qazi Irfan) KAS

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Kashmir

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Copy to the:

1. Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora for information and necessary action.
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.