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Subject:-Record note of the meeting held on 11.10.2018 under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir regarding arrangements/winter preparedness.

A meeting under the Chairmanship of Shri Baseer Ahmad Khan, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir was held on 11.10.2018 to review the arrangements of snow clearance/winter preparedness and availability of essential commodities.

List of participants is enclosed as **Annexure** "A".

At the outset, the Chair took review of the decisions/directions given in the previous meeting and sought feedback from the HoDs of the concerned departments.

Chief Engineer, MED, Kashmir apprised the Chair that the Department has geared-up its men & machinery and has been put in a state of readiness to meet any eventuality. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department, Kashmir provided the details of the road length (macadamized) to cleared by the Mechanical Engineering Department. He also intimated the details of the road length to be cleared by his department for which tendering process has been initiated. Deputy Commissioners intimated that winter stocking of the essential commodities in the areas which remain cut off from the district headquarters during winters has almost been completed and the balance requirement, if any, is in transit and is expected to reach at their respective destination within a couple of days. Commissioner, SMC apprised the Chair that desilting of the drains has been completed.

After deliberations, the following directions were issued by the Chair:-

1) Deputy Commissioners shall establish District Level Control Rooms. with representatives from all line departments, for redressal of the grievances of the public. The telephone nos. of the control room shall be given wide publicity through electronic and print media for information of the general public.

(Action by: All DCs)

Chief Engineer, MED Kashmir shall prepare Action Plan for clearance 2) of snow from the roads, within two days, and share the same with the Deputy Commissioners/ CE, PWD/CE, PMGSY and this office as well. However, to clarify the jurisdiction of PWD and MED for clearing the snow from the roads, the roads shall be colour coded as per the priority.

(Action by: CE, MED Kmr)

Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kashmir / Chief Engineer, MED Kashmir / Chief Engineer, PMGSY Kmr / Chief Engineer, BEACON shall keep

their men and machinery in a state of readiness for clearing the snow from the roads falling under their respective jurisdiction. Similarly, Vice President, RAMKY shall keep its men and machinery in a state of readiness for clearing the snow from the roads falling under its jurisdiction. However, they may keep their Administrative Secretaries informed in case they need to do work of emergent nature beyond the procedures.

(Action by: CE, R&B/MED/PMGSY/Beacon Kmr/ VP, RAMKY Sgr)

4) Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kashmir shall finalize the stage contracts for snow clearance by 17th of October, 2018.

(Action by: CE, PWD (R&B) Kashmir)

5) Chief Engineer, PDD (EM&RE) Kashmir shall keep its men in the state of readiness to ensure immediate restoration of electric supply in case of any breakdown.

(Action by: CE, PDD (EM&RE) Kashmir)

6) Chief Engineer, PHE Kashmir shall keep its men in the state of readiness to ensure immediate restoration of water supply in case of any breakdown. Besides, tankers shall be pressed into service wherever required.

(Action by: CE, PHE Kashmir)

7) Director General, Fire & Emergency Services, J&K, in consultation with the concerned Deputy Commissioners, shall press into service fire tenders/water pumps for dewatering of low lying areas to prevent them from getting submerged.

(Action by: DG, F&ES J&K Sgr/DCs)

8) Commissioner, SMC shall ensure that no snow is accumulated on the inner roads/lanes/bye-lanes and also immediately press into service the mobile dewatering in the low lying areas to prevent them from getting inundated. He shall also ensure that the static dewatering pumps working on electric connections are supplement with DG sets and HSD so that they are kept functional during power failure. Further, he will ensure that the desilting of drains, if any pending, shall be carried out on war footing basis to prevent water logging.

(Action by: Comm. SMC)

9) For safe evacuation of people from avalanche prone areas, Disaster Management shall gear up its men & machinery and hold mock drills regularly in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners.

(Action by: DCs/Dir., DMRR&R, J&K/Comdt. SDRF)

10) Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag/Baramulla will ensure that the road connectivity to tourist resorts of Pahalgam and Gulmarg shall not get snapped during snowing.

(Action by: DC, Bla/Ang, CE, MED Kashmir)

11) Chief Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir shall deploy additional snow clearance machines and snow cutters to the respective districts. Beacon will also deploy snow clearance machines and snow cutters at National Highway, Mughal Road and hilly areas.

(Action by: CE, MED Kmr/CE, Beacon)



To overcome the problem of overloading at Viligam, Kupwara, Chief Engineer, Systems & Operations (PDD), Kashmir will ensure that 20 MVA transformer, getting spared due to augmentation, is lifted from Kulgam and installed at Viligam, Kupwara within 20 days.

(Action by: CE, S&O (PDD), Kmr)

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

(Qazi Irfan), KAS

Assistant Commissioner (C),
With Divisional Commissioner

Kashmir

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