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Subject: Record note of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Mr. B.B. Vyas, IAS Chief Secretary, J&K on 10.12.2017 regarding snow preparedness.

A meeting under the Chairmanship of Mr. B.B. Vyas, IAS, Chief Secretary, J&K was held on 10.12.2017 at SKICC to review the arrangements made in connection with the MeT predictions/snow preparedness.

The following Officers participated in the meeting:-

- 1. Principal Secretary to Govt., Home Department, J&K
- 2. Director General of Police, J&K
- 3. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir
- 4. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Kashmir Range, Srinagar
- 5. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar/Bandipora/Budgam/Kupwara
- 6. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar
- 7. Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar
- 8. Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir
- 9. Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Kashmir
- 10. Chief Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir
- 11. Director, Rural Development Department, Kashmir
- 12. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir
- 13. Superintending Engineer, PDD, Srinagar
- 14. Commandant, SDRF
- 15. Director, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department, J&K
- 16. Deputy Director, Food, Civil Supplies & CA Department, Kashmir

Through VC

- Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal/Baramulla/Bandipora/Pulwama/ Anantnag/ Kulgam/ Shopian/Leh/Kargil
- Senior Superintendent of Police, Budgam/ Baramulla/ Sopore/ Bandipora/Pulwama/Awantipora/Anantnag/Kulgam/Shopian/Leh/ Kargil
- 3. Other Divisional Level Officers.

At the outset, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir gave a brief to the Chair about the arrangements/preparedness in view of the weather predictions by the MeT Department. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir apprised the Chair that 3909 roads are to be cleared by R&B Department, Kashmir out of which 1248 roads will be cleared by machines and rest 2661 roads will be cleared manually. The Department will put into service 133 different types of machines viz 73 snow ploughs, 06 snow cutters, 46 snow CATH and 08 Dozers/Unimocks to clear snow from the roads.

Similarly, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir will clear more than 7578 kms of linear road length during this weather. The Department will put 145 various types of machines, including 04 machines deployed on Mughal road, into service to clear snow from the identified roads. Besides, Control Rooms at the Divisional/District Level have been established/set-up by the Department.

Srinagar Municipal Corporation has to clear 1143 lanes/bye-lanes. The Corporation has 17 loaders and 80 other types of vehicles to clear snow from the roads. Besides, 4000 labourers will be put into service to clear snow from lanes/bye-lanes. Further, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir informed the Chair that the Corporation has 80 static dewatering pumps and 155 mobile pumps which would be put into service for dewatering purposes.

Public Health Engineering Department, Kashmir has 106 water supply tankers to cater to the situation. Similarly, the Department has 600 Lift Water Schemes out of which 320 have diesel generator sets and adequate diesel has been stocked in order to face any eventuality.

So far as availability of essential commodities is concerned, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir informed the Chair that Food, Civil Supplies & CA Department has sufficient stocks of food grains. Besides, adequate quantity of LPG, diesel and petrol have been stocked which will meet the requirement for 20-25 days, 25-27 days and 15-20 days respectively.

SDRF teams have been deployed at the respective district headquarters to meet the requirement in case of any eventuality/ snow avalanches.

Director General of Police, J&K informed that helpline established at Police Department and No. 100 can be dialed to seek assistance. Besides, District Administration can seek help from Army/CRPF in case of any exigency.

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After having threadbare discussions, the following directions were

issued:-

1. Chief Engineer, MED, Kashmir requested for procuring 02 additional snow cutters, one for North Kashmir and another for South Kashmir. He was directed by the Chair to send a proposal in this behalf to the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, however, till the snow cutters are procured, CE, MED, Kashmir shall mobile its resources appropriately.

(Action by: CE, MED, Kmr)

2. Director, Civil Supplies & CA Department, Kashmir shall provide 1000 kltrs of kerosene oil to Deputy Commissioner, Budgam for running the generators, etc.

(Action by: Dir., CS&CA Deptt., Kmr)

3. Chief Engineer, R&B, Kashmir/Chief Engineer, MED, Kashmir/Chief Engineer, PMGSY/ 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/Navyug 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 keept 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/Navyug)

4. Director General of Police directed all the Sr. Supdt. Of Police of Kashmir Division to render necessary assistance to their respective District Administration in the hour of crisis.

(Action by: SSPs of Kashmir Valley)

5. Chief Engineer, Electric M&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, Electric Kmr)

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, Kmr)

7. Director, Health Services, Kashmir shall upgrade one ambulance to 4x4 so that it is used for evacuation of patients from the hilly areas where the normal vehicles are not able to ply during inclement weather/slippery road conditions.

(Action by: Dir., Health Services, Kmr)

8. Joint Director, Fire and Emergency Services, Kashmir shall press into service fire tenders/water pumps for dewatering of low lying areas to prevent these areas from getting submerged in consultation with the concerned Deputy Commissioners.

(Action by: JD, Fire & ES, Kmr)

9. 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 pumps in the low lying areas to prevent these areas from getting inundated.

(Action by: Commr, SMC)

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

(Noor Mohammad)

Deputy Dixector

With Divisional Commissioner, 201)

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Dated: 13 .12.2017

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1. All concerned for information and necessary action.

2. Special Secretary/Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu for favour of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

3. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu for information of the Chief Secretary.

4. District Informatics Officer, NIC Srinagar for information. He is requested to upload the minutes of the meeting on the official website of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.