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**Subject: Minutes of the meeting regarding Flood Preparedness.**

In view of the incessant rains, flood and weather predictions for the months of June and July, 2019 by IMD, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Baseer Ahmad Khan, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on 13.06.2019 at 2.00 P.M. to take stock of the state of preparedness of the departments.

List of the participants of the meeting is annexed as Annexure-A.

Besides, Deputy Commissioner, Budgam/Pulwama/Shopian/Anantnag/Kulgam/ Baramulla/ Kupwara/Bandipora/Ganderbal participated in the meeting through VC.

At the outset, the Chair informed that the administration has to be on high alert to meet to the challenges arising out of the adverse weather conditions, in order to prevent recurrence of the situation that was witnessed in September, 2014 so that the life and property of the common masses of Kashmir Valley is saved. Further, the Chair reiterated that a mock drill/exercise in this regard needs to be done and there should be no let off by any officer in addressing this situation. Besides, all the concerned departments shall adhere to the directions/instructions given in the meetings conducted in the instant matter. Further, all the concerned officers shall inform the chair the details of the damages caused in the incessant rains on 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> day of this month, so that the matter shall be taken up with the higher authorities for necessary action.

Thereafter Chair also sought feedback from the Deputy Commissioners and the concerned departments with regard to the arrangements for flood preparedness.

Deputy Commissioners apprised the Chair that all basic ground work viz identification of vulnerable areas, identification of Rescue Centres, identification of land for establishment of EOCs, preparation of evacuation plan, database of

volunteers, database of available resources (with govt. agencies and private persons), etc has been conducted. Dy. Commissioners of Kulgam, Pulwama, Budgam and Kupwara informed the chair that they have approached the Disaster Management and RRR Deptt. For release of funds in order to strengthen the beats/embankments, besides repairs/reconstruction of culverts/bridges which were washed out/damaged due to the recent flash floods.

Chief Engineer, I&FC Department, Kashmir apprised the Chair that the water holding capacity of river Jehlum, as compared to 2014 floods, has been increased and measures are being undertaken to further enhance the holding capacity of Flood Spill Channel. However, he requested that funds may be allotted to clear the previous liabilities on account of various works executed for the strengthening of the embankments of river Jhelum and its tributaries at vulnerable spots. He further requested that the Bailey bridge temporarily constructed at Flood Channel near Brzulla Bagat needs to be removed so as to avoid any untoward incident in case the water level rises.

Chief Engineer, EM&RE Department, Kashmir apprised the Chair that 40-50 DG sets are available with the Department and additional DG sets shall be arranged as and when requisitioned by the Deputy Commissioners.

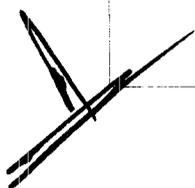
Chief Engineer, PHE Department, Kashmir apprised the Chair that 110 water tankers and adequate number of water storage tanks are available with the department which can be mobilized even at a short notice.

Additional Commissioner, SMC apprised the Chair that 115 mobile dewatering pumps of different capacities have been kept in a state of readiness and will be mobilized as and when required. Besides, loaders/ JCBs and other machinery have been kept in a state of readiness to meet out any situation. He also apprised the Chair that de-silting of maximum number of drains has been carried out and de-silting of the left out drains is going on which will be completed within 15 days.

After threadbare discussions, the following decisions were taken:-

S. No.	Decision taken	Action by
1.	Deputy Commissioners shall establish District Control Rooms in their respective districts which shall have	All DC's

	representatives from all the line departments. The details of the Officers/Officials in the Control Room along with their mobile numbers shall be publicized and also shared with Police/ CRPF and this office as well within three days.	
2.	Deputy Commissioners shall audit its resources and prepare the list of the resources available with them and shall upload the said information on Indian Disaster Resource Network (www.idrn.gov.in) for which User ID Passwords have been provided to them.	All Deputy Commrs
3.	Deputy Commissioners shall identify the low lying villages/areas which may get inundated due to floods and categorize them as per the threat of floods. Besides, database of the population getting affected due to the floods shall be prepared.	All Deputy Commrs
4.	Deputy Commissioners shall also identify rescue centers/ buildings where the affected population shall be temporarily relocated in the event of floods and shall prepare evacuation plan for the purpose. Nodal Officers/ Camp Officers shall be designated for the rescue centers whose details shall be made public/ shared with all concerned.	All Deputy Commrs
5.	Deputy Commissioners shall conduct mock exercises to assess on ground the level of preparedness in case of any eventuality.	All Deputy Commrs
6.	Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Kashmir shall immediately conduct audit of the embankments of river Jhelum and other rivers/Nallahs to identify the critical/vulnerable spots which need immediate repairs/plugging so that immediate measures are taken to avoid any breach on the embankments.	Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir
7.	Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir shall do zoning of river Jhelum and its tributaries/distributaries and issue necessary Orders in respect of Zonal/ Sectoral/ Beat Officers. The Order shall be given wide publicity and also share it with Police and this office as well within three days. The Order shall contain the details of the Officers along with their mobile numbers.	Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir
8.	Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir shall conduct audit of resources and shall prepare list of the material viz geo bags, empty cement bags, etc. which will be required in the	Chief Engineer, I&FC,



	event of calamity.	Kashmir
9.	Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir shall establish Divisional Control Room which shall have representatives from all the line departments. The details of the Officers/Officials in the Control Room along with their mobile numbers shall be publicized and also shared with Police within three days.	Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir
10.	Commissioner, SMC shall conduct audit of the static/mobile dewatering pumps and shall ensure that they are in functional mode and can be put to operation at short notice. Besides, Commissioner, SMC shall keep men and machinery in a state of readiness/ preparedness to meet any eventuality in the event of floods. A fresh mock drill be conducted in this regard .	Commissioner, SMC
11.	Commissioner, SMC will furnish the details vis-à-vis the total length of the drains, length of the drains for which de-silting has been carried out, length of the drains for which de-silting is yet to be carried out and the time by which the de-silting will be completed. Besides, he will share with this office the details of the mobile/static of the dewatering pumps, capacity-wise, upgradation of static pumps carried out, etc. within two days.	Commissioner, SMC
12.	Director, Health Services, Kashmir shall issue duty roster of the doctors/paramedics in respect of the rescue centres so that their services are utilized properly. Besides, she shall keep available all essential medicines/ 4.00 lac chlorine tablets which could be used at the time of need.	Dir. Health Services, Kashmir
13.	Director, Food, CS&CA Department, Kashmir shall make available sufficient stocks of food grains, Kerosene Oil, LPG for the rescue operations for use at the time of need.	Dir., Food, CS&CA, Kashmir
14.	Director, Tourism, Kashmir shall liaise with the President, J&K Shikara Union and direct him to provide shikaras at a short notice in the eventuality of floods.	Dir., Tourism, Kmr
15.	DIG, CRPF North/South, Kashmir and DIG, BSF shall share with the Deputy Commissioner the details, including mobile numbers, of the Nodal Officers, who could be contacted for providing necessary assistance in the event of floods.	DIG, CRPF (North/South), Kashmir DIG, BSF, Kashmir

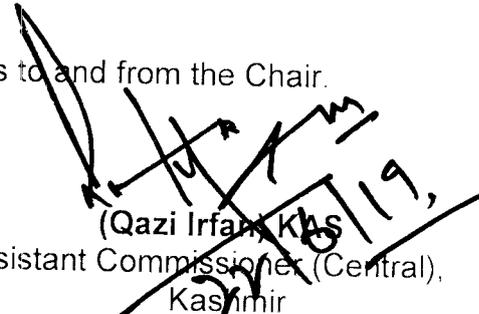


16.	Metrological Department shall get the feedback from Doppler Weather System about the weather forecast and share share on daily basis with all the stakeholders viz Deputy Commissioners, I&FC Department and Department of Disaster Management.	Dir. MET, Kashmir
17.	Chief Engineer, Electric M&RE Department, Kashmir shall arrange DG sets for the rescue centers, on the same analogy as was done last year.	CE, EM&RE, Kmr
18.	Chief Engineer, PHE Department, Kashmir mobilize the water tankers from its available resources to the concerned districts, as per the requisition of Deputy Commissioners.	DCs concerned CE, PHE, Kmr
19.	Director, SKIMS Soura Srinagar shall issue duty roster of the Consultants/doctors/paramedics in respect of the rescue centers so that their services are utilized properly. Besides, he shall keep available all essential medicines which could be used at the time of need.	Director SKIMS
20.	Director, Deptt. of DMRR&R shall make the Control Room at Hari Niwas, Srinagar functional as was done last year.	Dir. DMRR&R
21.	Managing Director, J&K SRTC shall ensure providing of buses for transportation of the affected population to the safer places and trucks for carrying of boats to the affected areas at a short notice.	MD, J&K SRTC
22.	Vice Chairman, LAWDA shall liaise with the President, J&K Shikara Union and ask him to identify 200 shikaras, to be provided at short notice, which may be required in the eventuality of floods. Besides, he shall keep available 05 boats belonging to the said Organization.	VC, LAWDA
23.	Secretary, Regional Red Cross Branch, Kashmir shall arrange water bottles/ biscuits, medicines, etc. as per the past practice.	Sec. Regional Red Cross Kmr.
24.	Director Disaster Management shall provide satellite phones to all the Dy. Commissioners, besides buffer stock of Joi bags available shall be kept to tackle any eventuality within shortest time. The Life jackets shall also be made available for rescue operation.	SDRF/Disaster Management
25.	The Choppers available with this office shall be put on standby mode for utilization in case of flood and flood like situation arises.	

26.	The Bailey bridge/ temporary bridge constructed on the banks of Flood Channel at Bagat Barzulla shall be removed.	Chief Engineer R&B
27.	All the Hospitals shall keep the stock of oxygen cylinders at first floor instead of ground floors.	Dir.SKIMS/G MC/Dir.HSK
28.	The M&E Department shall make requisition through h Dy. Commissioners in case they require any funds.	CE <del>M&amp;E</del> MED KASH

While culminating the meeting, the Chair reiterated that all the departments shall maintain close coordination with each other to deal with any situation arising out of flood calamity and mitigate the suffering of public in case of floods and stressed upon all the concerned departments to conduct mock drills and beat patrolling in low lying areas. Besides safety audit of river / nallah embankments shall also be done.

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

  
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2. All concerned for information and necessary action.
3. District Informatics Officer, NIC C/o DC Office, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website of this office.
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