

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Srinagar

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Meeting regarding issues pertaining to Hotel Tour/ Travel, Grievances of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of Kashmir.

Consequent upon the directions given by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir convened a meeting on 21-12-2019 at 2.00 P.M in order to understand the issues of the Association so as to make out a proposal be placed before the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor for consideration.

Following officers/ non-officials participated in the meeting:-

- 1) Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar
- 2) Vic Chairman, J&K LAWDA.
- 3) Director, Tourism Kashmir
- 4) Commissioner, SMC Srinagar
- 5) Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kashmir
- 6) Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Srinagar

Non-Officials:

- 7) S. Ashiq (President, KCCI)
- 8) Dr. A. M. Mir
- 9) Dr. R. A. Punjabi
- 10) Manzoor Ahmad Pakhtoon

After a threadbare discussion with representatives of organizations, following issues were raised by the members of Association.

1) Issues regarding Internal Repairs: The Association members brought into the notice of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir that some of the already constructed hotels situated at the periphery of Dal Lake and located within area of No Construction Zone as per order of Hon'ble High Court J&K need internal repairs which however they were not able to undertake due to court directions. This will also hold good for creating fire exit route for already established hotels falling in the No Construction Zone which so far are without fire exit route in hotels. The chair directed that Director, Tourism Kashmir, VC LAWDA and a senior officer nominated by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar shall prepare a list of such hotels which are in need of immediate repairs situated at the periphery of Dal Lake and place before the Divisional Level Committee of LAWDA headed by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir so that genuine cases

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which warrant immediate internal repairs are submitted before the Hon'ble High Court for permission.

(Action by: DC Sgr/Dir. Tourism/VC LAWDA)

2) Internet facility for Tour & Travel Offices: The representatives of Hotel Tour & Travel Operators vehemently represented for restoring of internet facility in absence of which their business was adversely hit. Director, Tourism Kashmir pointed out that there are 11- Hotel Tour & Travel Operators Associations which act as umbrella organization for large number of Tour & Travel Operators. Director, Tourism Kashmir suggested that if internet kiosks are established at the 11-Association level to be utilized by the Tour & Travel Operators, this will help them in restarting their business effectively. The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir remarked that a proposal in this regard shall be placed before the authorities for establishment of such kiosks at Association level which shall work under the watchful eyes of District Administration. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar / Director Tourism Kashmir in the meanwhile shall identify central locations for establishment of such internet kiosk and share the details with Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for further necessary action.

(Action by: DC Sgr/Dir Tourism/VC LAWDA/Dir Handicrafts)

3) Repairs/ Up-gradation of Boulevard Road: The Association members pointed out that Boulevard Road requires urgent repairs. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department, Kashmir who was present in the meeting has informed that DPR for an amount of Rs. Rs. 6.00 crores has already been prepared and the work for surfacing/ macadamization of the entire road including the Foreshore road also stands incorporated in the plan of R&B. The chair instructed the Chief Engineer to start the surfacing work immediately. However, the macadamization will be started when the weather permits in March. Chief Engineer under took to start the work of surfacing, ditch and pot filling within 15 days.

(Action by: CE R&B Kmr/SE R&B Sgr)

The meeting ended with a vote f thanks to and from the chair.

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- 1) Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K Jammu for information.
- 2) All concerned for information and necessary action.
- 3) DIO, NIC DC Office, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website of this office.
- 4) Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary J&K for information of worthy Chief Secretary.