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Subject: Minutes of the meeting regarding arrangements to be made for Annual Mela Mata Kheer Bhavani-2019.

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on **21.05.2019** at **4.00 P.M.** regarding the subject hereinabove.

Following officers /representatives attended the meeting:

- 1) Relief Commissioner, Migrants, J & K.
- 2) Director Tourism, Kashmir.
- 3) Director Health Services, Kashmir.
- 4) General Manager, SRTC.
- 5) Chief Engineer, R & B, Kashmir.
- 6) Chief Engineer, PDD, Kashmir.
- 7) Sr. Superintendent of Police Traffic Rural, Kashmir.
- 8) Sr. Superintendent of Police, Traffic City Srinagar.
- 9) Superintending Engineer, PHE, Srinagar.
- 10) Joint Director Fire & Emergency Services, Kashmir.
- 11) Deputy Director Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir.
- 12) Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies Kashmir.
- 13) Director Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction.

Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, Budgam, Shopian, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kulgam Bandipora & Additional Deputy Commissioner Pulwama/ Kupwara attended the meeting via video conferencing.

Besides, Convener, Mata Kheer Bhavani Yatra Welfare Society (Kiran Wattal), President Kashmiri Pandit, Sangarsh Sammitti (Shri Sanjay Ticko), President All Party Migrants Coordination Committee (Shri Vinod Pandit) and General Manager Dharmarth Trust (Shri Bhat) also attended the meeting.

At the outset, the chair apprised the participants that elaborate arrangements be put in place by the line departments for successful conduct of Annual Mela Mata Kheer Bhavani-2019 to the best possible satisfaction of the pilgrims & devotees traveling from all parts of the country as large number of pilgrims are expected.

It was enjoined upon civil and police administration to make all the arrangements during the Mela. Department-wise arrangements and preparedness by different departments was discussed and assessed.

The Chair sought details of preparedness from District Development Commissioner Ganderbal and also the gist of requirements from Convener, Mata Kheer Bhavani Yatra Welfare Society & President Kashmiri Pandit, Sangarsh Sammitti. He also informed that Zeshtha Ashtami is to be celebrated at Tikker in Kupwara, Loktipora in Anantnag and Manzgam, Khanbarni (Devsar) temples in Kulgam district and as such similar arrangements are to be made at these places. Special prayers in this regard will be started in these temples from June 07 to June 12. He also sought report from respective Deputy Commissioners viz-a-viz arrangements made for smooth conduct of Mela Kheer-Bhavani.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal apprised the chair that annual Mela Kheerbhavani falls on 10th June 2019. He added that he has personally visited the spot and took stock of availability of basic amenities viz-a-viz accommodation for devotees, health facilities, transportation and parking facilities & establishment of Joint Control Room etc.

Relief Commissioner, Migrants, J & K informed the chair that one company of Armed forces is in occupation of accommodation at Tulmulla which was specifically reserved for pilgrims during the Mela & same needs to be shifted from there so that there will be no shortage of accommodation for devotees.

After threadbare deliberations, following decisions were taken:-

1. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal/SSP Ganderbal shall vacate one company of armed forces from Tulmulla and shift them to some alternate place till completion of Mela and ensure that the accommodation is specifically reserved for pilgrims during the Mela.

(Action by: DC Ganderbal/SSP Ganderbal)

2. Irrigation and Flood Control Department will ensure proper cleanliness and de-slitting of canal at Tulmulla. Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal shall submit work done report of de-slitting by or before 26th of this month.

(Action by: DC Ganderbal/CE I & FC)

3. Srinagar Municipal Corporation shall ensure that ten mobile lavatories are deployed at Kheerbhavani during the Mela. The Executive Officer Municipal Committee Ganderbal shall ensure timely cleanliness drives at Tulmulla. The committee shall also ensure that all street high-mast lights are made functional or replaced/repared wherever non-functional.

(Action by: Commr. SMC/Executive Officer, Ganderbal)

4. Medical aid camp at Tulmulla shall be established. One Ambulance shall be kept standby for convenience of devotees in case of exigency. PHC's and trauma centers shall be activated in all districts.

(Action by: Dir. Health Services)

5. Fool proof security arrangements shall be made by police at the places/temples where main gatherings shall be held.

(Action by: IGP Kashmir)

6. Power department shall ensure un-interrupted power supply during Mela at Kheerbhavani Tulmulla. All high-mast lights and other lights shall be made functional or replaced/repared wherever non-functional. One genset shall be installed at Tulmulla.

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

7. PHE Department shall ensure potable water supply during the Mela at Kheerbhavani Tulmulla. Also availability of at least two water tankers at Tulmulla during Mela shall be ensured.

(Action by: CE, PHE Kmr)

8. Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal shall form a Joint Control Room at Beehama & designate the nodal officer. Line departments shall share information of officers/officials together with their contact numbers with the nodal officer.

(Action by: Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal)

9. Arrangements of essential commodities including Sugar, K-oil and LPG during the Mela shall be ensured. The department of FCS&CA Kashmir shall also install a temporary fair price shop at Tulmull.

(Action by: Dir. FCS &CA Deptt)

10. Tourism department will ensure availability of 3000 blankets, and sleeping bags at Tulmulla.

(Action by: Dir. Tourism)

11. A dedicated component of SDRF & Civil Defence shall be stationed at Tulmullah during the Mela.

(Action by: Commandant SDRF/SSP Ganderbal)

12. Necessary arrangements of route plans en-route Tulmulla shall be made public through print and electronic media. Joint traffic management plan be made for operation of buses /Mini buses on different routes of the valley during the Mela as per past practice to avert traffic jamming. Parking slots shall be identified and depicted in black and white. STRC shall ensure availability of buses from Delhi to Srinagar. ARTO Gandebrbal shall

arrange a fleet of buses from local mini bus operators for seven days during the mela

(Action by: RTO, Kmr/SSP, Traffic, City/Rural/MD JKSRTC)

13. Potholes and choked drains around Tulmulla shrine be repaired. Besides, proper signages be installed en-route Tulmulla.

(Action by: CE, R&B)

14. Proper ban on use of plastic be ensured.

(Action by: DC, Ganderbal)

15. Fire and Emergency service shall ensure availability of sufficient fire tenders at all important temple sites.

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

16. Relief Commissioner, Migrants, J & K shall personally visit the places of Tulmulla, Tikker, Loktipora, Manzagam, Khanbarni (Devsar) temples etc and shall submit report viz-a-viz implementation of decisions taken in the meeting.

(Action by: RCM J & K)

17. All Deputy Commissioners shall establish Joint Control Rooms in ally with line departments to address different issues during Mela at the places/temple sites where Mela is being held. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal shall take a review meeting in the last week of this month and report the compliance of decisions taken in this meeting.

(Action by: All Deputy Commissioners)

The chair desired to take on-spot review in the first week of June 2019.

(Qazi Irfan) KAS

**Assistant Commissioner (Central)
With Divisional Commissioner,
Kashmir.**

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5. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J & K, Jammu for information of the Chief Secretary.

6. D. C. Gbl.

Dated: 23-05-2019.