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Subject;- Minutes of meeting chaired by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on 23.09.2020 to review the progress/status of Z-Morh, Zojila Tunnel and other projects being executed by National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) In Kashmir Valley.

At the outset, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir welcomed all the participants and impressed to adhere to time line framed by the government regarding the completion of these projects and directed all the officers to maintain close coordination for completion of the projects successfully.

The following officers participated in the meeting :

1. Chief Conservator of Forest, Kashmir.
2. Executive Director (Project), Leh/Srinagar, NHIDCL
3. Col Robina, HQ 15 Corps.
4. Vikas Kumar , DEO, Kashmir.
5. Devinder Singh, SDO.
6. Land Acquisition Consultant NHIDCL- Mohd Ashraf Shah
7. Site Engineer NHIDCL-Mr. Umar
8. Representative from Z-Morh tunnel Concessionaire i.e. ASAPTL- PV Surya Prakasha Road DGM Admn .
9. Representative from Megha Engineering and infrastructure Ltd- Mr. S. N Reddy (General Manager).
10. M/S Rodic Consultant
11. Contractor-M/s Jehlum Construction Company.

Following Officers were present on VC.

1. Deputy Commissioner, Kargil.
2. Col. Mukesh, BRO.
3. Asstt. Commissioner (Revenue) Ganderbal.
4. Tehsildar Gund, Ganderbal.
5. DFO Ganderbal.
6. Ex. Engineer, SDA.

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1. Z.Morh Tunnel

The Executive Director NHIDCL presented PPT about the progress of the Z-Morh Tunnel and it was intimated that the progress is ahead of schedule and we are progressing at a very fast pace, all the resources have been mobilized at the site and the work is going on smoothly.

After threadbare discussion and deliberations following decisions were taken as shown against each issue:

S. No	Issue	Directions	Action by
1	Land Acquisition for extra creeper land/west portal approach Road	It was directed to move the proposal through the forests pravesha portal for the acquisition of 25 hectare land required for the third extra creeper lane before next meeting. BRO was asked as to why there is a difference of 50 m in the level of the portal and take off point as stated in the DPR this increase in height of the west portal has caused a steep gradient of 7 % for the 4.23 KM Long west portal approach road and the NHIDCL consultant has proposed a third creeper lane for the upslope traffic so that the fast moving vehicles and the slow moving vehicles climbing the hill can move in two different lane and traffic jam can be avoided. 32- BRTF Commander was asked that is 7% gradient suitable for the movement of army vehicles. Chair directed that BRO shall submit comments in writing to his office within in 2-3 days about both the issues.	Executive Director NHIDCL
2	Local Hindrance at take-off point (km 69). It was apprised that the previous alignment's land acquisition has been done and marking by survey flags are also completed, however, as per new alignment the compensation towards extra land occupied is pending which needs to be taken up so that work can be started in the previous alignment	ACR Ganderbal/ Tehsildar Gund apprised the chair that they trying to resolve the issue outside court and chair directed that within a week the matter shall be resolved, till then the work shall be started on the lane 2 nd . Besides, the process of permission for felling down of wall nut trees on the land shall be expedited and completed within 1 week.	ACR Ganderbal

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	Besides, two villagers having house on the alignment line are not allowing to start the work due to their internal dispute.		
3	Muck dump land acquisition : The land required for the much dumps stands already identified at the places viz, Kullan, Gangangeer and Gund.	Tehsildar Gund apprised that revenue papers of the three sites have been prepared and chair directed that it shall be submitted to the intending department within a week and Pollution Control Board shall also be taken on board. Moreover, the chair impressed that possibility shall be explored to dump the muck on the land identified for the Kashmir University for which Executive Director NHIDCL agreed to pay extra to the APCO as the lead to their dumpers will increase. Besides, Mohd Ashraf Shah LA Consultant of NHIDCL shall Contact the Kashmir University and identify that suitable site.	Tehsildar / LAC (Mohmad Ashraf)

2. Zojila Tunnel.

It was apprised that the construction of connecting road from Z-Morh Tunnel to Zojila Tunnel and 14.150 m long bi-directional tunnel across Zojila Pass on Sonamarg Kargil Section of NH-01 on EPC mode in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh by NHIDCL at the contract value of Rs.4509.50 Crores. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir observed that the induction of machines and materials by the Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Ltd for the Zojila Tunnel is very less, and directed the G.M Megha to speed up the induction and create requisite accessory infrastructure at the site and start the work at the earliest.

Following directions were given against the issues as shown against each below.

S.No	Issue	Directions	Action by
1.	Blasting Permission from Ganderbal and Kargil district authorities.	The chair directed that Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal shall expedite the matter as Deputy Commissioner Kargil has issued the permission.	DC Ganderbal
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to the work location through HAWS Camp. Permission from Army authorities for 	Colonel Q HQ 15 core intimated that the procedure for the acquisition of the army land is very lengthy and NHIDCL should follow that process however at local ground in the interest of the project they agreed to	Executive Director , NHIDCL

	<p>road alignment through HAWS camp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard Rock excavation is to be carried out by controlled blasting and work progress will be slow. 	<p>allow temporary access of the military land for the movement of the vehicles to the west portal of the Nilgrah Tunnel provided NHIDCL shall not breach the security and other aspects.</p> <p>The chair directed that Executive Director , NHIDCL shall follow the issue at MOD for early acquisition of the defence land and to obtain the permission for crossing of vehicles over the military land.</p>	
3.	<p>Land acquisition from local land owners-causing hindrance to the work for want of compensation.</p>	<p>Deputy Commissioner Kargil was directed to solve the land acquisition problems at the east portal of the Zojila tunnel. As the NHIDCL have acquired 89.21 Hectare forest land at the east portal from the Kargil Forest Division and now after award of the work when the NHIDCL authorities approach the DC kargil to give blasting permissions the Kargil administration has intimated that the land at the east portal is a private land and NHIDCL should acquire this land.</p> <p>Deputy Commissioner, Kargil shall resolve the matter and if the land is private land NHIDCL should acquire this land and the money paid by NHIDCL to the forest authorities shall be returned in due course of time.</p> <p>DC Kargil informed that blasting permission has been given by him.</p>	DC Kargil/ NHIDCL
4.	<p>It was apprised that NHIDCL has acquired 57.24 Hectare forest land for the construction of Zojila Twin Tube Tunnels but now the escape tunnel have been deleted as a result of this 40.06 Hectare land already acquired by NHIDCL is surplus.</p>	<p>Chair directed that the NHIDCL should acquire 49.59 Hectare land for the west portal approach road of the Zojila Tunnel and t 40.06 hectare surplus land already acquired for the twin tubes can be adjusted once the acquisition process of 49.59 hectare approach road land is finalized. Till than NHIDCL shall initiate process of acquisition of 49.59 hectare forest land for the west portal approach road .</p>	Ex. Dir. NHIDCL

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3. Baramulla-Gulmarg Road

(Intermediate Lane with Paved Shoulder of Baramulla-Gulmarg Road NH-701A).

It was apprised that the civil works of the road has been awarded to M/S United Jhelum Road Roof Builders JV with Jhelum Construction Company on 31.08.2020, and it was suggested to utilize the saving as the contractor has quoted only 84 Crores against the tender cost of 115 Crores hence there is a saving of around 41 crores and suggested to provide concrete roads with covered drains in the buildup area in the urbanized area where the road width is narrow.

S.No	Issue	Directions	Action by
1.	Smoothing of Curves and Flattened of gradient.	Chair directed that indent shall be placed by NHIDCL on the Parvesh Port for the forest clearance/wildlife land for smoothing of curves, flattened of gradient and widening of the road and till the clearance is given work shall be started on the road up to KM 11 from Baramulla side.	Executive Director NHIDCL
2.	Permission for authorized quarry for M/S: United Jhelum Road Roof Builders	Chair directed to follow the due procedure for the same.	

The meetings ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.


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