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<u>Dr.Syed Sehrish Asgar reviews World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery project</u>

Asks officers to rigorously follow the impediments affecting progress of works.

Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar (IAS) Chief Executive Officer, Jammu and Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency exhorted upon all officers of J&KERA to rigorously follow and remove the impediments that maybe affecting the progress of works. She said this while chairing a meeting to review the progress of the ongoing World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.



Dr. Sehrish was informed that as on date 174 sub-projects out of the total of 213 sub-projects taken up for execution under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi flood Recovery Project have already been completed while as work on remaining 39 sub-projects is under execution. It was further informed that till date an expenditure of Rs 1352 Cr. has been incurred on the project.

While reviewing the progress of under execution 39 sub-projects being executed JTFRP Chief Executive Officer was informed that progress of work on upgradation of 47 dewatering stations in Srinagar city is at advanced stage with work already completed on 40 stations while as work on remaining 7 stations will be completed by March,2024. CEO directed the concerned nodal officers to submit progress report after every 20 days. She said no further delays in the completion of the significant urban flood management project will be accepted.

Nodal officer for R&B projects, while divulging the details of sub-projects being executed under the component of critical infrastructure said that work on the construction of additional 160 bedded hospital block at Bone and Joints hospital at Barzulla, Srinagar is at the advanced stage with around 90% work completed on civil component of the sub-project. He further said that an amount of Rs 59.36 Cr has been spent on the critical healthcare project. He added that Chief Engineer, R&B has been asked to submit the estimates for the construction

of corridor from old hospital building to the new hospital block aswell as for the construction of the boundary wall around the new building.

He also said that work on construction of additional block at GDC, Bemina is nearing completion as only installation of lifts in the building is pending and same will be completed by March,2024. It was also said that work on the construction of EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) at Ompura Budgam is also on full throttle with work on the installation of HVAC and fire fighting system underway.

Nodal Officer, for the construction of BaLa school buildings in Jammu division informed that work on all school buildings except the one at Ramnagar, Udhampur has been completed. CEO directed that work on the remaining school building be completed at an earliest

CEO, ERA asked the concerned nodal officers to ensure that all impediments affecting progress of work on the sub-projects be timely resolved.

While giving details of the projects being executed by J&KERA as PIU (project implementation unit) CEO,ERA was informed that work on Hamray-Sultanpora, has been completed and project is being handed over to R&B within one week. Work on the construction of Bonpora-Padshahi Bagh Storm water drainage project is also complete except for the installation of customised sluice gate which has been ordered by the contractor and will be installed within months time it was said. It was also said that work on other road projects namely, Devi Mai Ohli-Mandir , Gulati-Shahdra Sharief, Waghama Bijbehra is in full swing and will be completed in next working season.

CEO, ERA was also briefed about the progress achieved by J&KERA on the two vital river morphological studies of Tawi Basin and Jhelum basin being undertaken under the World Bank funded JTFRP. CEO,ERA asked the concerned officers that the studies be fine tuned to the best satisfaction of the concerned line departments.

CEO ERA asked the officers to strictly supervise and monitor the progress of works being executed on ground and bring to notice the issues that may require intervention at highest level.

Dr. Sehrish impressed upon all the officers of J&KERA to continue working in mission mode while complying with all quality parameters / timelines to ensure that all the subprojects taken up for execution under JTFRP are completed within the stipulated timeframe and project objectives of JTFRP are achieved to the fullest.

Meeting was attended by Er, Gurcharan Singh, Director, Technical, JTFRP, Dr. Sajad Wani, Chief Accounts Officer, J&KERA/JTFRP, Er.Ashok Khokar, Project Manager, Transport, J&KERA, Jammu, Er, Pooja Wazir, Deputy Project Manager, Transport, Jammu Er.Sushil Kumar, Project Manager, Transport, JKERA, Kashmir Er. Asgar Watali, Deputy Project Manager, J&KERA Transport, Er. Feroz Ahmad, Deputy Project Manager, J&KERA Transport, Er. Arshid Hussain, Deputy Project Manager, Er.Baiza Rafeeq Deputy Project Manager, J&KERA Transport and other senior officers of J&KERA and JTFRP.