



## <u>Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir</u> <u>J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency</u> **Press Release**

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## Monitor progress of River Morphology studies on daily basis: CEO, ERA

Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar (IAS) Chief Executive Officer, Jammu and Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency today asked the officers to monitor the progress of Jhelum and Tawi river basin morphological studies being undertaken as part of the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project on daily basis to ensure the earliest completion of the critical studies.

Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar (IAS) 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 here today



She further gave instructions for closely monitoring the progress of work on all the remaining under execution sub-projects under JTFRP particularly the flagship sub-projects of construction of EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) at Ompura, Budgam, Construction of Additional Hospital block at Bone and Joints Hospital, Barzulla and Construction of Extension block at Lal Ded Hospital, Srinagar.

Gurcharan Singh, Director, Technical, JTFRP while giving details of preparation of feasibility & detailed project report for flood mitigation & comprehensive river management measures for Jhelum river basin informed that concerned stakeholders had asked for some clarifications which have been incorporated in the model and final observations from Central Water Commission are awaited.

With regard to the preparation of feasibility & detailed project report for flood mitigation & comprehensive river management of Tawi basin he said that some clarifications have been raised by the concerned stakeholders which have been incorporated and further a joint site visit was conducted with the I&FC Jammu for on spot inspection.

CEO, ERA, asked Director Technical, JTFRP to closely follow-up both the studies with the I&FC Department so that both the studies are finalised and completed at earliest.

Dr.Syed Sehrish Asgar was informed that progress of work on upgradation of 47 dewatering stations in Srinagar city is in progress with work already completed on 40 stations while as work on remaining stations is underway.

CEO asked the Director, Technical, JTFRP to follow-up on all impediments that may be hindering progress of work on the sub-project and concerned PIU be asked to give firm date for the completion of the sub-project.

Nodal officer for construction of additional hospital building at Bone and Joints hospital, Barzulla informed that work on the sub-project is at the advanced stage. He said that estimates for the construction of corridor from existing hospital to new block and other additional works has been submitted to World Bank for approval.

Dr, Sehrish asked Director, Technical, and JTFRP to personally follow-up the matter with World Bank and other stakeholders to ensure the work on the sub-project is not affected and continues unhindered

It was also said that work on the construction of state of art EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) at Ompura Budgam is underway and designs for some mechanical components have been submitted to World bank for approval.

Nodal officer for the various sub-projects being executed by J&KERA as PIU (project implementation unit) in Kashmir Division informed that work on Hamray-Sultanpora road sub-project has been completed and project handed over to R&B. Work on the construction of Waghama-Bijbehara road subproject is underway with excavation and construction of diversion in progress. CEO, ERA directed the concerned nodal officer to ensure that work on the said sub-project is completed by June, 2024.

With regard to the progress of various bridge sub-projects being executed by J&KERA in Kashmir Division it was informed by the concerned nodal officer that work on the construction of Rohmoo bridge in Pulwama, is in full swing with one deck slab already laid and preparation for laying of 2<sup>nd</sup> deck slab presently underway alongwith the construction of approaches. Further work on the construction of approaches and pedestal for the bearings on Trenz bridge is in progress it was said.

It was also informed that (R&B) which is PIU (project implementation unit) for the subprojects has conveyed that estimates for the construction of Waza Mohalla, Shrakawara, Wahdina and Wagila bridges are in the final stages and shall be tendered as soon as technical sanction from the Chief Engineer, (R&B) is obtained and has assured that works will be tendered out within 10 days.

Further it was also informed that final drawings for the construction of extension block at lal Ded Hospital are being reviewed by (R&B) and it has committed that the tenders for the subproject will be issued in the March,2024. CEO, ERA asked Director, Technical JTFRP to take up the matter of the constitution of the committee for the procurement of medical equipments for the new facility with the principal Govt. Medical College on priority.

Nodal Officers for the various road upgradation sub-projects being executed by J&KERA in Jammu Division informed that work on Devi Mai Ohli-Mandir road sub-project has been completed and road thrown open for traffic and handover takeover process of the sub-project is in process, while as road upgradation for Gulati-Shahdra Sharief road sub-project has been upgraded except for the laying of B.T which will be taken up during the forthcoming working season. It was also said that DPR and estimates for the Tutan Di Khuie road sub-project have been prepared and submitted to World bank and tenders for the work will be floated as soon as approval from the World Bank is wahdina obtained.

Meeting was also, Dr. Sajad Wani, Chief Accounts Officer, J&KERA/JTFRP, Mrs. Mehjabeen, Additional Secretary, legal, JKERA, 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