



JAMMU, Jan 15: State of the art, search and rescue equipments are being procured for strengthening of Disaster Management Operations in J&K State under World Bank funded JTFRP Project. This was informed by Dr Raghav Langer, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Economic Reconstruction Agency/JTFRP in a meeting chaired by VK Singh Director General SDRF, HG, CD and Fire and Emergency Services. The meeting was also attended by Aamir Ali Director Disaster Management and Tasawuf Amin Director Finance JTFRP.

“These rescue equipments are being procured under Component 5 of JTFRP, which includes procurement of rescue equipments for State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Fire and Emergency Services. 30 boats have already been procured for SDRF and process for procuring 28 boats has been completed”, Dr Langer said, adding that the equipments for SDRF includes Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue Equipments (CSSR) and water rescue equipments such as electric angle cutter, regulator gas cutter, electric circular saw etc, 5 snow cutting machines, 16 rescue vehicles, 22 lighting towers and generators. He informed that the equipments for Fire and Emergency Services includes 17 multipurpose fire tenders, 9 regular fire tenders, 17 medium quick response vehicles, hydraulic spreaders, cutters, combi tools, ramps, hydraulic jacks, fire entry suits, fire proximity suits, breathing apparatus, water gel blankets, under water cameras, floating pumps and portable dewatering pumps. The equipments are being procured at an approximate cost of Rs. 40 crores, adding that the process of procuring is at different stages of completion.

CEO apprised that to handle these high end equipments specialized training can be imparted that can be in house or external.

Dr Langer informed that the equipments are being procured under JTFRP Project and will strengthen the capabilities of SDRF Fire and Emergency Services in conduct of rescue operations in case of any calamities like earthquakes, landslides, floods, etc.

Further, the team also inspected the rescue equipments available with SDRF at their Battalion Headquarters at Gandhi Nagar.

Commandant SDRF Rashmi Wazir, Staff Officer with Commandant General Mohammed Shabir and other officers were also present during the inspection.

The staff demonstrated the functioning and uses of various rescue equipments that includes Bamboo Raft, Multi Purpose Rope, Inflatable Rubber Boat, Fire Entry Suit, Water Mist, Diving Suit, Reciprocating and Carbide Chain Saw.