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# **Press Release**

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**CEO ERA/JTFRP reviews progress of work on Rs 103 crore Upgradation/Revamping of the 49 De-Watering pumpstations in Srinagar**

**Inspects progress of work on the Construction of Rs 12.5 crore Composite Market Centre at Govt Silk Factory Rajbagh**

Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah today reviewed the progress of the work on the upgradation /revamping of 49 de-watering stations in Srinagar which is being undertaken under the component of restoration of the urban flood management of the World Bank funded JTFRP (Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project). The work on the Rs 103 crores project is being executed by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation as the PIU (Project Management Unit) for the project.

AhsanulHaque, S.E., SMC informed CEO, JKERA/JTFRP that work on majority of the dewatering stations is underway at present with appreciable progress achieved on the civil component while as formalities for the procurement of the electro-mechanical components which comprise major part of the project have also been started and same will be finalized by the Sept, 2020. He said under the component SMC has also procured 12 No. high capacity diesel engine pumps at a cost of Rs 2.75 crores, 8 No vehicles for ferrying of pumps at a cost Rs 85 lacs, waste water testing equipment's at a cost of Rs 58 lacs and has also undertaken the fabrication of the emergency response vehicles at a cost of Rs 48 lacs.

Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed directed the officers of the SMC to ensure that the project logo of JTFRP/ World Bank be mandatorily painted on all the vehicles/equipment's provided to SMC under JTFRP within the weeks' time positively. He also directed them to ensure that all the encumbrance's encountered for the work on the upgradation/revamping of 49 – dewatering stations be resolved forthwith and work on the project be completed within the stipulated timeframe.

CEO, ERA/JTFRP later inspected the progress of work on the construction of Rs 12.5 crore Composite Market Centre for the whole chain silk activity at Govt. Silk Factory, Rajbagh. During the site Basharat Kawoosa, Director Technical, JTFRP informed that the building having a plinth area of 15,000 sft is G+ 1 structure which will have a state of art showroom for exposition of the silk products being manufactured at the Govt Silk Factory, Rajbagh and also separate space for the office use while as the latest equipment's which include the Twister's used for preparation of the quality silk yarn and latest silk weaving machines will be installed in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the building. These equipment's will also be provided under the World Bank funded JTFRP and the unique feature of these equipment's is that a single

worker can operate two or more equipment's simultaneously. CEO ERA/JTFRP directed the contractor and engineers to make use of the traditional designs and environmental friendly materials for the finishing works of the building on which 80% progress has been achieved as on date. He also asked the contractor to complete work on the building by Nov, 2020. Dr. Syed Abid was also shown various stages of the silk production at the factory by the officers of Industries & Commerce Dept. Iftikhar Hakim, Director Planning & Coordination, JTFRP, Officers of the I&CD, SICOP and consultants engaged for the adaptive re-use of the Rajbagh Silk Factory also accompanied CEO, ERA/JTFRP during the site visit.

Later in the day CEO ERA/JTFRP also reviewed the progress of work on the sub-projects being executed by the R&B, Kashmir as PIU (Project Management Unit) for the World Bank funded JTFRP. Rafique Ahmad Rafique S.E, R&B, Kashmir informed that 22 sub-projects with an cumulative cost of Rs 233 crores are being executed by the R&B, Kashmir and these include the construction of (05) vital bridges, *Wayil Bridge, Chamgund Bridge, Wachi Bridge, Kaliban bridge and Sadoora* spread across the valley, construction of the (05) building for higher education department at Govt. Degree College Bemina, Amar Singh Degree College Srinagar, Women's Degree College, M.A road Srinagar, Govt. Degree College, Bijbehara, Govt Degree College for Women, Anantnag, Construction of the state of art additional block of Bone and Joint Hospital at Barzulla, Srinagar, construction of building for Fire and Emergency Dept. at Batmaloo and construction of 29 school buildings throughout the valley.

He further informed that designs for the (05) bridges have been sent to NIT, Srinagar for getting the designs vetted and till date designs for two bridges *Wachi* and *Kaliban* have been vetted by the NIT, Srinagar. He added that work on the construction of additional blocks at (04) higher education buildings and various schools buildings is also underway.

Dr. Syed Abid directed the officers of the R&B to immediately start work on the construction of the additional block at Bone & Joint Hospital, Barzulla and expedite the finalization of the designs/ environmental/social safeguard documents for all the (05) bridges on priority so that work on these vital projects is kickstarted without any further delay.