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Secretary, PD&MD reviews progress of World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery project.

50 more ALS (All Life Support) Ambulances being procured to strengthen the critical health sector in UT : Muhammad Aijaz

Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department, Mr. Muhammad Aijaz (IAS) who recently assumed the charge of Chief Executive Officer, J&KERA today chaired a meeting to review progress of the World Bank funded 250 million USD Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project at ERA complex Rambagh here today.

Secretary PD&MD was informed about the objectives of the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project which was primarily formulated to strengthen the resilience to natural disasters at the aftermath of devastating floods of 2014 in Jammu and Kashmir. He was further informed that the JTFR project is of multisectoral in nature and comprises of the 6 main components which include: *Reconstruction of Roads and Bridges Construction of critical infrastructure, Restoration & Strengthening of Livelihoods, Strengthening of urban flood management, Strengthening of Disaster Management capacity, Contingency Emergency Response (CERC).*



Chief Executive Officer, J&KERA was informed that major achievements under the project include construction of 16 bridges, upgradation of 18 roads, construction of 5 higher education buildings, construction of 46 BALa (Building as a Learning Aid) designed schools, construction of 4 mega storm water drainage schemes, providing of various high - tech relief and rescue equipments to SDRF & Fire and Emergency Department worth Rs 40 Cr, Providing of search and rescue kits to 4000 panchayats in

UTs of J&K and Ladakh, construction of state of art composite market centre for Silk at Rajbagh and composite market centre for wool at Bemina alongwith the development of artisan clusters of Papier machie at Zadibal, Crewel cluster at Noorbagh, Wool cluster at Noorbagh and Willow cluster at Ganderbal wherein artisans have been provided with the training in skill enhancement, provided with market linkages for their products.

It was also informed that the component of CERC (*Contingency Emergency Response*) which was activated by the UT administration in 2020 to meet the emergency health situation created due to the COVID-19. As part of the implementation of 50 million USD, CERC, 30 OGP (Oxygen Generation Plants) have been constructed in the various remote hospitals situated across the UT. Furthermore various high-tech critical care medical equipments were procured and distributed to 36 district hospitals across Jammu and Kashmir alongwith the providing of 68 ALS (All Life Support) critical care ambulances to various hospitals across the J&K.

It was further informed that as on date 188 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 25 sub-projects is under execution.

While reviewing the progress of under execution 25 sub-projects being executed under World Bank funded 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 42 stations while as work on remaining 3 stations is underway and sub-project expected to be completed by August, 2024. Secretary PD&MD directed S.E Drainage, SMC that no further delays in the completion of the sub-project will be tolerated..

Er. Sajad Naqeeb, Chief Engineer, Central, R&B (PWD) while giving details of the progress achieved on the construction of additional 160 bedded hospital building at Bone and Joints hospital at Barzulla, Srinagar informed that work on the sub-project is in the advanced stage and work on the installation of lifts, construction of connecting corridor between the old and new hospital buildings, other ancillary work on the main building are in full swing.

Secretary, PD&MD/ CEO ERA directed Chief Engineer, R&B to further expediate the pace of work on the construction of additional block at Bone & Joints Hospital, Barzulla and also fastback the tendering process for the construction of additional Gynaecology block at, Lal Ded Maternity, hospital.

Chief Engineer, South, R&B informed that work on the construction of Trenz and Rohmoo bridges has been further expedited. Secretary PD&MD directed that work on the bridges be completed at an earliest.

Executive Engineer, R&B, Baramulla informed that tenders for the construction of superstructure of 4 bridges in Baramulla, District namely *Waza Mohalla, Shrakwara, Waghela and Wahdina* have been floated with the last date for submission being 13th July,2024.

Sushil Kumar, Project Manager, J&KERA while giving details of progress on the construction of EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) at Ompura Budgam informed that work on construction of Dormitory of the complex and other ancillary works is in progress.

Secretary, PD&MD was also informed that 50 more ALS (All Life support) ambulances are being procured for the strengthening of health sector with the project savings.

Secretary, PD&MD directed that strict action as per contract agreement be taken against the non-performing contractors and impressed upon all the officers of J&KERA and Project implementation units to continue working in mission mode to ensure that all the sub-projects taken up for execution under JTFRP are completed within the stipulated timeframe and project objectives of JTFRP are achieved to the fullest.

Secretary, PD&MD also emphasised that all the savings under the project be effectively utilized in line with the project objectives.

Meeting was also attended by Dr. Sajad Wani, Chief Accounts Officer, Er.Sushil Kumar, Project Manager, JKERA, Er. Sajad Kawoosa, S.E Drainage, SMC, Rajinder, Gupta, S.E R&B, South, Er. Narinder Kumar S.E R&B, North , Executive Engineer, R&B Baramulla/Sopore, Er, Pooja Wazir, Deputy Project Manager, Transport, Jammu ,Kashmir Er. Syed Farhat, Deputy Project Manager,J&KERA Transport,Er.Baiza Rafeeq Deputy Project Manager,J&KERA Transport and other senior officers of J&KERA, SMC, R&B, I&C.