



Expedite work on flood channel on war footing/DDC Inspects pace and progress of ongoing works

Budgam May 17: On the instructions of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Baseer Ahmad Khan the District Development Commissioner Budgam Mir Altaf Ahmad accompanied by S E Hydraulics Budgam Imtiyaz Ahmad Dhar and Exen flood control division Narabal Sirah-ud-Din Shah today undertook an extensive tour of flood spill channel in order to have an on spot review of various on going works particularly drudging, axing of trees, evacuation of encroached land on both sides of the flood spill channel. The DDC himself monitor the on going works at various spots on the channel and interacts with the authorities concern

During the inspection the DDC was told that an amount of rs 399 crores stand sanctioned and work on the project has been started at different spots ,to eradicate any inconvenience and hurdles responsible to derail ongoing works, the department of flood control in active support of district administration was successes in axing of 25000 different trees illegally raised on both sides of the banks of the flood spill channel in addition about six hundred kanals of encroached land was also retrieved from the encroachers .The DDC was apprised that presently 12 excavators are on the job besides large continent of man power has also been engaged to boost the acceleration of work. It was also given out that with the completion of this project the flood channel will have the capacity to absorb 25000 cusecs at the entry point at padshai bagh and can discharge 39000 cusecs at the exit point at walur with completion of phase ist we shall be able to have smooth discharge of 3100 cusecs at the offtake level and can discharge 22700 at exit point against present catering off 4000 cusecs at off take level and 20500 at exit point. The DDC was also told that presently an amount of rupees 52 crores have been envisaged for various works under execution from Bemina to Hokkersar.

Moreover one bridge under execution of JKPCC is to come up on the channel at Shareefabad which is likely to be completed in a stipulated time frame of one year at the project cost of Rs 20 crores work on the project under phase Ist is presently going on in full swing.

Speaking on the occasion Mir Altaf Ahmad directed the concerned authorities to expedite the work on war footing and deploy more excavators and other required machinery immediately on the stretch and provide a report on daily basis on pace and progress. He said this channel being the main source of water discharge and by enhancing its discharge capacity we shall be able to save the large part of the Srinagar city and its adjoining areas from the unprecedented flood disasters .Keeping in view the present and ensuing weather conditions the flood control department with its allied agencies must remain fully prepared and vigilant in facing any such crises