

Div Comm reviews winter Preparedness

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Baseer Ahmad Khan reviewed the preparedness of various departments to ensure uninterrupted availability of basic amenities and services to general public during the winters.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Director Health services Kashmir, Director Education, Chief Engineer PDD and other officials. Deputy Commissioners of other districts participated via video conferencing in the meeting.

The Divisional Commissioner reviewed the preparedness for snow clearance, water logging, availability of power, drinking water, medicines, ration and essential commodities.

The meeting was informed that the Mechanical Division is in possession of 151 snow clearance machines, while R&B, Urban Local Bodies and BRO also conduct operations in the areas under their jurisdiction.

He took strong notice of lack of under NHRM doctors at certain far-flung areas like Tangdhar. He directed for detaching all doctors from Kupwara and Handwara and asked the department to depute them at their original postings.

“In case the doctor doesn’t heed the orders, the employee should be terminated and new appointments be made” he ordered further. Meanwhile, Director Health Services said that sufficient stocks of medicines are available in all hospitals. He said that central heating system would be started in hospitals from November 16.

The meeting was informed that there is a buffer stock of LPG for 23 days, rice for one and half month, wheat for six months and so on. The Div Com directed the officials to further enhance the reserve quota so that there is no dearth of essential commodities in severe winter conditions.

The Director Education said that the examinations are going on smoothly and heating arrangements has been made at all centres. The Div Com directed the officials to ensure the guidelines are adhered to in private coaching centres.

The Div Com directed the deputy commissioners of all districts to ensure that employees are at the disposal of the public throughout the winter. He called for start of all control rooms and going for wide publicity of their phone numbers. He directed the officials of PDD to strictly adhere to power curtailment schedule.

