

Satish secures breakthrough on mutton dealers' issues during meetings in Punjab

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In a significant step towards resolving the long-pending issues faced by the mutton dealers, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today held a series of meetings with the Punjab Government, resulting in immediate directions for addressing the concerns of the trading community.

The Minister held detailed discussions with the Punjab's Animal and Sheep Husbandry Minister, the Chief Secretary of Punjab, the Secretary, Science & Technology and the Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.

The primary focus of the meetings was to find an immediate and practical resolution to the issues affecting the mutton dealers, which have been causing hardships to the traders and impacting the smooth movement of livestock.

During the marathon deliberations, Satish Sharma strongly projected the concerns of the mutton dealers. He emphasized the need for coordinated action between the governments of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab to facilitate hassle-free movement of livestock while ensuring compliance with all regulatory requirements.

Responding positively to



the Minister's intervention, the Punjab Government issued on-the-spot instructions to the concerned departments to take immediate steps for resolving the issues. The decisions taken during the meetings are expected to significantly ease the difficulties being faced by the mutton dealers and ensure smoother coordination between Punjab and J&K.

Expressing satisfaction over the outcome of the meetings, Satish Sharma said that safeguarding the interests of traders and ensuring uninterrupted supply of essential commodities remains a priority of the Government. He said the positive response from the Punjab Government reflects the spirit of cooperative federalism and interstate coordination in resolving issues affecting the livelihoods of thou-

sands of people.

The meetings also featured extensive discussions on strengthening cooperation in the field of animal husbandry. Both sides explored measures to improve livestock management, disease control, scientific breeding practices and veterinary services through greater collaboration and exchange of best practices.

In separate discussions with the senior officials, the Minister also reviewed opportunities for enhanced cooperation in the fields of Science & Technology, innovation, digital governance and research. He stressed the need to leverage technology for improving public service delivery and promoting sustainable development.

The growing menace of drug abuse also figured prominently during the

discussions. Satish Sharma held detailed deliberations with the senior Punjab officials on the state's comprehensive anti-drug strategy, particularly its community-based model involving Village Defence Committees and a dedicated 24x7 monitoring mechanism. He said these initiatives have shown encouraging results and would be examined for suitable adoption in Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the fight against drug abuse and protect the youth from the scourge of narcotics.

The Minister thanked the Punjab Government for its prompt response and assured the mutton dealers that the Jammu and Kashmir Government would continue to work closely with all the stakeholders to ensure that their genuine concerns are addressed in a time-bound manner.

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To review the progress of digitization of land records and AgriStack data entry, the Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam today visited Tehsil Office Devsar and inspected the functioning of Patwar Khana Sopat Tangpora, Patwar Khana Bon Devsar and Patwar Khana Qasba Devsar.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner undertook a comprehensive review of the ongoing digitization of revenue records and the progress achieved under the AgriStack initiative.

He inspected the quality of digital records, assessed the pace of data entry, and took stock of the measures being adopted to ensure accuracy and timely completion of the assigned tasks.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of the construction of the sports stadium at Sopat, emphasizing the importance of timely completion to provide better sports infrastructure for the local youth.

Interacting with the revenue officers and field



functionaries, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized that digitization of land records and creation of a reliable AgriStack database are key initiatives aimed at enhancing transparency, improving governance and ensuring efficient delivery of farmer-centric services. He directed the concerned officers to maintain the highest standards of accuracy while updating records and to complete all pending work within the prescribed timelines.

The Deputy Commis-

sioner stressed the need for close monitoring of daily progress and instructed the officers to address technical and operational issues promptly so that the digitization process is completed in a seamless manner. He also underscored the importance of coordinated efforts among all revenue officials to achieve the objectives of the Digital Agriculture Mission.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the ef-

forts of the revenue staff and urged them to continue working with commitment and dedication for the successful implementation of the programme. He reiterated that the district administration is committed to strengthening digital governance in the revenue sector and ensuring better public service delivery through modern technology. The visit was attended by Tehsildar Devsar, Naib Tehsildars, Girdawars, Patwaris and other concerned officials.

Chairman DLSA Pulwama flags off Multi-utility Vehicle for Legal Aid Outreach

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In a significant step towards strengthening legal aid services in remote areas, the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge), Pulwama today flagged off a newly allotted Mahindra Bolero Neo from the District Court Complex, Pulwama.

The Multi-Utility Vehicle has been allotted to DLSA Pulwama by the J&K Legal Services Authority. The allotment aims at enhancing the outreach of legal services and ensuring effective delivery of justice, particularly to tribal, marginalized and far-flung areas of the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman said that the vehicle will play a vital role in bridging the gap between Legal Services Institutions and the people residing in remote areas of District Pulwama. He stated that the vehicle will be extensively used for conducting legal awareness campaigns and participation in mega legal services camps.

Emphasizing on accountability and proper utiliza-



tion, the Chairman directed that the vehicle shall be used strictly in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by National Legal Services Authority.

He further instructed the Secretary, DLSA Pulwama that the vehicle is utilized exclusively for public welfare and legal aid purposes. "The objective is to

take justice to the doorsteps of those who need it the most. This vehicle will help our Panel Lawyers and PLVs to reach tribal communities and inform them about their rights, government welfare schemes, and free legal aid available to them," the Chairman added.

The Judicial Officers, Secretary, DLSA Pulwama,

Legal Aid Defense Counsels, Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteers and staff members of DLSA were present during the flag-off ceremony.

The gathering expressed gratitude to the J&K Legal Services Authority for providing the much-needed mobility support to strengthen legal aid delivery in the district.

Committee on Govt Assurances examines ATR in respect of assurances pertaining to PWD

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A meeting of the Committee on Government Assurances of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly was held today at the Assembly Secretariat under the Chairmanship of MLA Ali Mohammad Sagar.

MLAs Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Mir, Chander Prakash, Iftkar Ahmad, Mehraj Malik, Shabir Ahmad Kullay besides Financial Commission (ACS) PWD (R&B) Anil Kumar Singh, Secretary JKLA Manoj Kumar Pandit, Assistant Director JKLA Syed Ahmad Wani and senior officers from PWD attended the meeting.

The Secretary JKLA briefed the representatives of Public Works Department about the mandate, powers and functioning of the Committee and what constitutes a Government Assurances as per legislative practices and precedents. He highlighted the significance and importance of the Committee. He also informed the Committee that directions issued by the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or the Chairman involving action on the part of the Government or Ministers are also treated as assurances and are monitored by the Committee till their compliance.

During the meeting, the



Members participated in deliberations and raised several issues. They highlighted the public demands pertaining to the Public Works (R&B) Department, particularly concerning development and infrastructure development.

ACS Public Works (R&B), assured the Committee that all the issues and concerns projected by the Members would be examined carefully and addressed in a phased manner, subject to the availability of resources

and other administrative requirements. Emphasizing the significance of the Committee, the Chairman observed that the Committee on Government Assurances plays a vital role in strengthening the legislative oversight by ensuring executive accountability. He said that assurances, promises and undertakings made by Ministers on the Floor of the House carry the solemn responsibility of the government and must be fulfilled within the stipu-

lated timeframe. He stressed that timely implementation of such assurances not only upholds the dignity and sanctity of the Legislature but also reinforces public confidence in democratic institutions.

The Chairman directed the ACS to furnish constituency-wise and scheme-wise details of funds allocated and released under various schemes in the next meeting to facilitate a comprehensive review by the Committee.

ADDC Baramulla reviews PMAY-U

BARAMULLA, JULY 09: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Baramulla, Pranjal J. Hazarika, today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) in the district.

The meeting reviewed the physical and financial progress achieved under the scheme, the status of beneficiary verification, the progress of PMAY 2.0, and the recovery of funds from beneficiaries who have failed to commence con-



struction despite receiving the first installment under PMAY-U.

The ADCD directed the concerned officers to expedite the recovery process in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and en-

sure strict monitoring of such cases.

Reviewing the implementation of PMAY 2.0, the ADCD directed all concerned officers to complete and process all pending cases for sanction within

one month.

He emphasized timely verification of applications and close coordination among the concerned departments to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of the scheme without delay.

Tehsildars, Executive Officers of Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees, along with other concerned officers, attended the meeting and presented updates on the progress of PMAY-U and PMAY 2.0 in their respective jurisdictions.

Rajpora, Uri, Pampore MLAs call on Javed Rana; seek early redress of public grievances

SRINAGAR, JULY 09: MLA Rajpora, Ghulam Mohiuddin Mir, MLA Uri, Dr Sajad Shafi and MLA Pampore, Hasnain Masoodi, today called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, at the Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, the MLAs apprised the Minister in detail of the pending public grievances and developmental requirements of their respective constituencies. Issues raised included augmentation and restoration of drinking water supply schemes, repair and maintenance of damaged irrigation channels, protection concerns related to forest land and long-pending demands for strengthening of flood control infrastructure in vulnerable areas.

MLA Rajpora, Ghulam Mohiuddin Mir, drew atten-



tion to irrigation and drainage-related issues in his constituency and urged the intervention of the Minister.

MLA Uri, Dr Sajad Shafi, highlighted the need for early completion of water supply augmentation works in his constituency while MLA Pampore, Hasnain Masoodi, raised concerns pertaining to environmental degradation and sought the Minister's intervention for early redressal of public grievances related to his

constituency.

Responding to the concerns raised, Javed Rana assured the MLAs that all genuine demands would be taken up on priority and resolved in a time-bound manner. "The Omar Abdullah government is committed to ensure that no genuine grievance of the people goes unaddressed. Public service and grassroots development remain our foremost priority and we will leave no stone unturned in reaching out to every con-

stituency," the Minister said.

Emphasising the need for timely execution of works in all constituencies, Rana directed the concerned officers to resolve all pending issues in a time-bound manner to ensure that developmental projects do not suffer delays.

He stated that his department has already initiated action on several demands raised by public representatives in recent months. He said the officers have been directed to expedite the pending works and furnish periodic compliance reports. "Development works once approved must reach completion without unnecessary delay. I have asked the concerned engineers and officers to personally monitor progress on the ground and ensure accountability at every level."