

PHE Kargil Restores Drinking Water Supply in Flash Flood-Affected Areas Through Temporary Arrangements; Permanent Restoration Underway



Kargil, July 21, 2026: The Public Health Engineering Department Kargil has made significant progress in restoring drinking water supply across the flash flood affected areas of Kargil district by putting in place temporary arrangements to ensure uninterrupted access to potable water for the affected population.

The recent flash floods caused extensive damage to several water supply schemes, including infiltration galleries, collection chambers, pipelines and headworks, disrupting gravity-based water supply systems in many villages.

Despite the challenging conditions, the Department, with the active cooperation of local communities and the dedicated efforts of its field staff, has restored water supply in most affected areas through emergency measures such as submersible pumps, temporary pipeline connections, water tankers, Tata Mobile water carriers and restoration of old water supply schemes wherever feasible. Simultaneously, permanent restoration works are being carried out on a war footing with men and machinery deployed at various sites.

At Latoo, Kargil, the Old Water Supply Scheme damaged by the flash floods has been restored through the joint efforts of local residents and the PHE Department, making all four Public Stand Posts functional. However, the Jal Jeevan Mission water supply remains suspended as the sluice chamber has been filled with silt and clay, and restoration work is underway.

At WSS Budgam, the Infiltration Gallery was severely damaged, leading to suspension of the gravity water supply. As an interim measure, drinking water supply has been restored through a functional submersible pump with temporary pipeline connections.

Similarly, at WSS Karkitchoo, where the Infiltration Gallery was completely damaged, water is presently being supplied by lifting water from a nearby spring through motors and submersible pumps to central locations within the village.

Under Sub-Division Right, temporary drinking water supply has been arranged in Choskore through submersible pumps covering six habitations, water tankers serving four habitations and one Tata Mobile water carrier. These arrangements will continue until permanent restoration is completed.

In Shakar, emergency drinking water supply is being provided through a Tata Mobile water carrier to Shanchey, Amzet, Gorongspang and Sapi. Restoration work is progressing on a war footing after the collection chamber and pipelines were blocked by debris. Three Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) have been restored,

while the remaining are under restoration. The Department has noted that intermittent rainfall may affect the pace of restoration.

At Silmoo, temporary water supply is being maintained through water tankers for four habitations and Tata Mobile water carriers for two habitations. Meanwhile, seven water supply schemes and the village submersible pump have already been restored.

In Yokma Kharboo, temporary drinking water supply is being maintained through a Tata Mobile water carrier. The collection chamber near Government Middle School, Samar Yokma Kharboo, and nearly 400 metres of damaged pipeline require replacement after trenching. Water supply to the school is being maintained through a submersible pump. Two out of four FHTCs have been restored, while restoration of the remaining connections is in progress.

Under Left Sub-Division, water supply has been restored in Nagma Kussar through submersible pumps covering ten habitations. In Thang Dumbur, five habitations are receiving water through the restored Old Water Supply Scheme, while six habitations are being supplied through submersible pumps.

At Fraith Khalamarpo, the Old Water Supply Scheme has been restored in all four habitations, and a solar-powered submersible pump has also been commissioned to augment water supply. These arrangements, however, remain temporary.

In Purthikchey Thangboo, the Jal Jeevan Mission pipeline has been restored in all three habitations. Men and machinery remain deployed to complete full restoration of the system.

The existing Water Supply Scheme at Thilla Brok has been restored on a temporary basis, while the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme has been revived to nearly 80 percent capacity, with only a few households yet to receive water supply.

In Khouws, where the collection chamber and approximately 95–97 metres of the main and distribution pipeline were damaged, the existing scheme has been temporarily restored and the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme revived up to nearly 50 percent capacity.

At Stakpa, Sankoo, both the existing and Jal Jeevan Mission schemes have been temporarily restored following damage to the collection chamber and pipelines. Water is presently being supplied on a rotational basis while restoration works continue.

In Thasgam, Sankoo, the existing Water Supply Scheme has been temporarily restored in four habitations after damage to the main pipeline and infiltration gallery, while the remaining habitations are being supplied through Tata Mobile water tankers.

At Sangrah Thang, the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme has been temporarily restored in most habitations, with alternative arrangements made for the remaining affected households. Restoration work is progressing steadily.

Temporary drinking water supply arrangements have also been put in place at Youljud Maita, where the main pipeline and infiltration gallery were damaged by flash floods.

At Kharchay Khar, around 130 metres of pipeline near the headworks and collection chamber were damaged. Both the existing and Jal Jeevan Mission schemes have been temporarily restored, supplemented by Tata Mobile water tanker services.

Similarly, at Stainkung and Printee Panikhar, where around 100 metres of pipeline and collection chambers sustained damage, both the existing and Jal Jeevan Mission schemes have been temporarily restored, with tanker services ensuring uninterrupted water supply.

At Kargee, although the main pipeline and collection chamber were damaged due to an avalanche, the water supply scheme remains functional. Permanent restoration of the damaged infrastructure will be undertaken shortly.

The PHE Department has reaffirmed its commitment to restoring all damaged drinking water supply schemes at the earliest and ensuring uninterrupted access to safe drinking water for all affected residents. Field staff, supported by men and machinery, continue to work round the clock despite difficult terrain and adverse weather conditions. The Department has also expressed gratitude to local residents for their cooperation and support during the ongoing restoration efforts.

