

Executive Councillor Tashi Namgyal Yakzee Visits Flash Flood-Affected Villages of Maan and Merak in Durbuk Sub-Division.

Leh, August 14: Hon'ble Executive Councillor Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, accompanied by the Hon'ble Councillor and Mandal President of Chushul, Ven. Konchok Tsephel, conducted an on-ground visit to Maan and Merak villages to assess the devastation caused by the recent flash floods.

The natural calamity struck on Tuesday night at approximately 10:45 PM, following a massive thunderstorm near Pangong Lake. The intense rainfall led to sudden flash floods, resulting in widespread destruction across the region. Agricultural lands were submerged, several residential houses were severely damaged, and essential infrastructure such as irrigation canals and roads was washed away or rendered unusable.

During the visit, EC Yakzee met with affected families, listened to their concerns, and thoroughly inspected the damaged sites. He expressed deep concern over the losses suffered by the local communities and assured that the Hill Council will take all necessary steps to provide relief and support.

He further committed that due compensation will be given to the affected families for the loss of agricultural land and property. For families from economically weaker sections whose traditional homes were destroyed, EC Yakzee assured immediate financial assistance and rehabilitation support.

In his remarks, EC Yakzee said, "We stand in solidarity with the people of Maan and Merak during this difficult time. The administration will ensure timely relief, and efforts are underway to restore basic services and infrastructure."

He also acknowledged the swift and commendable response of the Indian Army, who played a crucial role in assisting the villagers during and after the disaster. He thanked the Army personnel for their prompt action in safeguarding lives and extending support in relief efforts.

The visit concluded with EC Yakzee directing the SDM Durbuk and Concern Departments to expedite damage assessment reports and begin restoration work at the earliest. The Hill Council remains committed to standing by the affected communities and facilitating their recovery in every possible way.



