

## **LG Ladakh holds comprehensive review meeting with Departmental Secretaries Directs Fast-Tracking of Pending Projects, Speedy File Clearances**

Leh, January 27: A comprehensive departmental review meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, at the LG Secretariat, where progress across key sectors was thoroughly assessed and future priorities were clearly outlined.

Among those present were Chief Secretary Shri Ashish Kundra, DGP Ladakh Shri Mukesh Singh, Administrative Secretaries- Dr L Franklin, Sanjit Rodrigues, PT Rudra Goud, Bhupesh Chaudhary, Shashanka Ala, Bhanu Prabha, Michael D'Souza, Deputy Commissioner Kargil Rakesh Kumar, Directors, Heads of Departments, and other senior officials.

Following discussion on the outcomes and deliverables of the last review meeting, the Administrative Secretaries apprised about budget allocation and utilisation, alongside status updates on Prime Minister Development Package (PMDP), Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) of Power Development Department, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Central Road Infrastructure Funds (CRIF) projects, BSNL's 4G saturation drive, renewable power initiatives, Health and Medical Education infrastructure progress, Vibrant Villages Programme implementation, Leh-Kargil Master Plans, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) adoption by Ladakh Police, Ease of Doing Business initiatives, tourism development efforts, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and cooperatives empowerment, extension of PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), prison reforms, manpower optimisation, CSR utilisation, departmental event sponsorships, and renovation works at monasteries and heritage sites across Ladakh.

There was deliberation on extension of PMFBY and PMKSY to provide crop insurance to farmers against disasters, with corpus funds proposed for horticulture crop protection from untimely snowfall or rainfall. There were also discussions on recruitment drives for gazetted, UT, and district cadre posts, including feasibility of examination centres outside Ladakh for candidates' convenience; awareness outreach for disability reservations, supported by organisations like PAGIR, alongside counselling for drug-affected youth through Health Department psychiatrists and activation of Drug Deaddiction Centres in Leh and Kargil by Social Welfare Department. Early notification of Development Authorities to enforce municipal laws against haphazard urban growth in Leh and Kargil, reservations for persons with disabilities, ex-servicemen, ex-Agniveer, and ex-SPOs in government jobs and prioritisation of renovation of heritage sites and monasteries by Tourism and Culture Department were also discussed in the meeting.

Other key matters discussed during the meeting included inter-departmental collaboration for border villages' development under Vibrant Villages Programme, incorporating small infrastructure like quarters and boundary walls for holistic progress under the programme, with scheme convergence through Rural Development Department; compilation of mobile tower data and identification of dark spots for 4G saturation, identification of emergency mitigation projects like flood embankments for timely relief of villagers, expected power demand surge post-Zoji La tunnel completion, optimum manpower utilisation and CSR effectiveness.

Following presentations, the Lt Governor directed completion of all pending projects and prompt file clearances to prevent any disruption to development or public welfare initiatives. Administrative Secretaries were instructed to tour rural areas for direct grievance redressal and expedite Bhawan developments in Delhi, Chandigarh, and other locations.

Shri Kavinder Gupta tasked the Health and Medical Education Department with mapping specialists—cardiologists, oncologists, urologists—for Leh and Kargil District Hospitals under NHM to ensure superior healthcare access to the people of Ladakh.

All Administrative Secretaries were directed by the Hon'ble Lt Governor to ensure timely and effective implementation of the meeting's decisions. Judicious utilisation of budgetary resources was emphasised, along with priority disposal of pending matters and mission-mode execution of major schemes and projects for tangible ground-level outcomes. Proposals to the Government of India were mandated to be prepared and submitted within stipulated timelines, maintaining zero tolerance for delays in public service delivery, security, and grievance redressal.

He also asked the Chief Secretary for regular review of decisions taken in the meeting, asking all departments to present clear, outcome-oriented, and measurable progress reports at the next review meeting.

