

The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh

Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat

Press Release

Hon'ble Lt Governor Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) holds review meeting with Dept Secretaries/HODs to discuss various issues, progress of projects

Leh, Jan 16, 2024: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) held a meeting with the Departmental Secretaries and Head of Departments (HODs) at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat to review the progress of the ongoing projects, discuss prospective projects along with the grievances flagged by the public related to their respective departments.

The HLG instructed that all Departmental Secretaries and HODs to ensure the completion of all necessary exercises before the model code of conduct (MCC) for the general elections comes into effect so that the Administration could spend the maximum funds allocated by the Government of India for the benefit of the people of Ladakh and the development of the region. He also instructed Planning and Finance Department officials to dispose the files and release the funds to avoid delays. He further instructed the concerned officials to provide assistance/relief to the victims of fire incidents in Leh and Kargil without any delay.

The HLG discussed various issues flagged by the public, including installation of signages on curves, usage of glowing colours for road dividers, taking punitive action to check the usage of high-beam lights during night time; the shortage of ministerial staff and the need to introduce skill training centre at Govt. Degree College, Zaskar; the notification for the recruitment of teaching/non-teaching staff in the University of Ladakh; the need for a transparent general transfer policy for government employees; the release of salary of contractual staff; the overflowing and spilling of water on the road resulting in its freezing; the allocation of departments and issuance of appointment letters to Class IV employees who passed the examination conducted by KSSRB; the continuation of outsourced staff in different departments, Secretariat and LG Secretariat; selection of dental surgeons; the notification of date of examination for general line teacher posts in Kargil; the proposal to develop military heritage tourism in Ladakh; the demand for establishment of Apricot Research Centre in Kargil; the demand for inclusion of Persian/Arabic language in schools in Kargil, etc.

The HLG also discussed several other issues, viz. the purchase of fire tenders and placing them in police stations in Ladakh to mitigate fire incidents; the progress of repair work at Ladakh House in Ladakh; the promotion of naib tehsildar to the post of tehsildar along with filling up of wildlife posts; the number of draft recruitment rules for gazetted posts submitted to UPSC; the progress on the purchase of MRI machine for District Hospital Kargil; update on Government Degree College, Zaskar; the administrative functioning of SKUAST units in Ladakh; the spending of instalments for PM SHRI and PM POSHAN by the Education Department; the need to find qualified and suitable

technicians to instal the pashmina dehairing plant; the tendering for helicopter service in Ladakh and also Hotel Moonland; the progress of Vibrant Villages Programme in Ladakh; the status of distribution of pashmina kid pen to herders in Changthang, etc.

The HLG instructed the Director of School Education to compliance his instructions for the detachment of school teachers in Kargil at the earliest and submit a report in this regard. He also instructed the Secretary, Sheep and Animal Husbandry for extensive distribution of pashmina kid pens among herders and also to check the feeding of pashmina goats and their kids, the colouring of ears of pashmina goats, avoid overpopulation of pashmina kids in the pen and treatment of diseases by veterinary doctors. He also asked officials of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs for clearance of sugar stock through the public distribution system (PDS).

ADGP Ladakh; Dr SD Singh Jamwal, IPS; Commissioner Secretary, Smt Padma Angmo, IIS; Commissioner Secretary, Shri Kacho Meboob Ali Khan, IRS; Secretary to HLG, Sri Ravinder Kumar, IAS; Secretary, Shri Michael D'Souza, IAS; Commissioner Secretary, Shri Fayaz Ahmed Sheikh, JKAS; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Shri Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS; Vice Chancellor, University of Ladakh, Prof SK Mehta; HODs and other officials were present in the meeting.