

Proceeding of the meeting of winter preparedness held at Bachat Bhawan, Kullu on 22-11-2018 at 12.00. Noon under the Chairmanship of Worthy Deputy Commissioner, Kullu

Presence: Officers/ Officials present in the meeting as per annexure 'A'.

At the very outset of the meeting Additional District Magistrate, Kullu welcomed all officers/ officials present in the meeting. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairman, Worthy Deputy Commissioner Kullu meeting was started and the following discussion and decisions were taken:-

1. Closure of the Manali Sarchu Road:

As per the discussion on the closure of the Manali Sarchu Road it was intimated that the BRO (Roads) has started the clearance of the Rohtang Road for the movement of public and emergency supplies to Lahaul and Spiti but not for the tourist.

- The Worthy Chairman directed SDM Manali that no movement of any kind should take place through the Rohtang Tunnel during the winter season, except for emergencies.
- He also directed the ADM Kullu to request the government to start the Tribal flights immediately when the next snowfall takes place.

Action to be taken by: ADM Kullu / SDM Manali

- 2. Establishment of Rescue Post Marhi:** The Training Officer, Mountaineering Institute, Manali intimated that rescue post at Marhi has been made functional with 9 persons who include the police and medical staff. While all necessary resource requirements have already been stored at the post for the winter.

Action to be taken by: AVBIMAS/ Police /Health Department/DTDO

- 3. Immediate clearance of roads other than Manali Sarchu road during the winter season:** Deputy Commissioner, Kullu directed all SDMs and the departments for stationing of JCBs at selected crucial points within the district and all SDMs should prepare inventory of equipment's available with the projects within their jurisdiction. The Deputy Commissioner, Kullu also directed the National Highway to immediately clear the Jalori Pass for emergency movement on priority basis during snowfall.

Action to be taken by: SDMs/ All Departments/ NH Pandoh

- 4. Monitoring of water supply and pipe line and restoration of underground water tank:** The Executive Engineer, I & PH, Circle Kullu intimated that all necessary arrangement for winter season has already been put in place within the district. The Chairman directed the I&PH department that no drought like situation should occur during the winter season.

Action to be taken by: IPH Department

5. **Ensuring proper supply of Electricity:** It has been intimated by the Additional SE, HPSEBL Kullu that all material required for winter has already been moved to their respective places for winter emergencies. The Deputy Commissioner, Kullu directed the electricity department to deploy adequate manpower and machinery in all sub divisions.

Action to be taken by: Electricity Department

6. **Procuring and stocking of winter emergency medicines:** It has been intimated by the health department that sufficient stock of medicines is already maintained by the department. The Deputy Commissioner further directed the District Health Officer, Kullu to be prepared with a contingency plan for rescue of people and reserve one room in all PHCs in snowbound areas with full functional facilities. He informed that the 4 x 4 ambulance cum rescue van of Red Cross will be deployed at Manali Sub Division during winter season. However, Sub Divisional Magistrates have been directed to tie up with Hydro Power Projects within their jurisdiction for requirement of vehicles/machinery for winter season.

Action to be taken by: Health Department

7. **Advance pruning of trees involving high risk:** The Deputy Commissioner directed the forest department to lop immediately the pending two trees near Atal Sadan/ Monal Café and at Bhutti Chowk earlier identified. All the Sub Divisional Magistrates to also carry out advance pruning of trees wherever required to reduce the risk during heavy snowfall.

Action to be taken by: SDMs/ Forest Department

8. **Ensuring adequate ration and kerosene in depot:** It has been intimated by the DFSC, Kullu that all 63 depots in snowbound areas of district, Kullu have been stocked with the required ration for the winter season along with 2000 Lt. Kerosene and 100 gas cylinders having been kept in reserve. The Chairman directed the DFSC Kullu to order all petrol pumps to keep public toilets opened 24 x7 for the public within District.

Action to be taken by: DFSC

9. **Winter preparedness in schools:** The Deputy Director Education (Inspection) and representative of Elementary Education informed the house that the schools will be closed from 1st January, 2018 and all preparations keeping with winter preparedness like fire wood has already been done at institutional levels. The Deputy Commissioner Kullu directed the Education Department (Higher and Elementary) to take decision to reschedule the exam in case of heavy snowfall at their own levels.

Action to be taken by: Education Department (Higher and Elementary)

10. **Deployment of HRTC buses via Rohtang and Jalori Pass:** The Chief Inspector HRTC intimated the house that presently buses were plying till Koti towards Rohtang and Jalori pass was clear for traffic movement. The Chairman directed the representative of the National Highway Authority to

stock the required amount of sand bags at the crucial points for easy access of the vehicles during winters.

Action to be taken by: HRTC/ NH Pandoh

- 11. Arrangements for stray animal from winter wave:** The Deputy Commissioner, Kullu directed all the Sub Divisional Magistrates to convene a meeting with all stakeholders within their jurisdiction to make sure that stray animals are taken care of during the winter season. The Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry, Kullu was also directed to maintain stock of required medicines for the animals during winter season and stray Animals to be rehabilitated to the nearby Gausadan, accordingly.

Action to be taken by: SDMs/ Animal Husbandry Department

- 12. Designation of relief shelters for homeless citizens / evacuated people in case of high snowfall:** The Deputy Commissioner, Kullu directed that some rooms of PWD Rest Camp Manali, ABVIMAS at Aloe and Solang would be used as relief shelters during emergencies in the winter season. The DTDO Kullu was also directed to designate some rooms in the hotels within District at crucial snow point areas for providing shelter to the stranded people during winter season with heating facilities.

Action to be taken by: SDMs/ ABVIMAS/ DTDO

- 13. Awareness for preparation by panchayats with regard to medicines, vehicles and ration for winter with task forces:** The Deputy Commissioner, Kullu directed all SDMs to coordinate with the PRIs to provide / share necessary directions for the winter season.

Action to be taken by: SDMs/ DPO (Panchayat)

- 14. Deployment of department vehicles for removal of snow:** The Deputy Commissioner, Kullu directed all SDMs and stakeholders to maintain JCBs/ pickups/ manpower with equipment at the hotspots for removal of snow during the winter season and to coordinate with Hydro Power Projects for the said purpose. He directed all departments to depute their staff on 24 x7 bases in their respective offices during the winter season and to provide the list of drivers of JCB/ pickup and the staff on duty with their mobile numbers to DEOC Kullu at the earliest.

Action to be taken by: SDMs/ All Departments

- 15. Maintenance of departmental vehicles (mechanical repairs/storage of diesel etc.):** The Deputy Commissioner, Kullu directed all SDMs and stakeholders to repair and maintain their departmental vehicles, store adequate diesel and other required equipments for the winter season.

Action to be taken by: SDMs/ All Departments

- 16. In case of emergencies to inform disaster toll free no. 1077 and providing of name, designation/mob. no. of concerned nodal officer for winter season to DDMA, Kullu**

immediately: The Deputy Commissioner Kullu directed the District Public Relations Officer, Kullu to disseminate the Disaster Toll Free No. 1077 and the required Dos and Don'ts of various disasters for the winter season both in print and electronic media, every second or third day, along with the daily weather forecast on the scrolls of the local channels of District Kullu.

Action to be taken by: DPRO/DEOC

17. Miscellaneous: The Deputy Commissioner, Kullu directed the Sub Divisional Magistrates of Kullu / Manali and Commandant Home Guard and Civil Defence Kullu to form two strategic teams for the winter season under the Chairmanship of SDM's including DSP, Health, PWD, IPH, HPSEBL and fire representatives for the winter season. The two teams will be stationed at Manali and at Sharabai under Kullu Sub Division. The Red Cross vehicle will be used by the Home Guard team in Manali and one vehicle will be hired for Kullu area for which budget will be provided by the district administration Kullu. The above committee may be formed by first week of December 2018.

The Divisional Engineer, BSNL Kullu was directed to make sure that the communication lines within District are operational during snowfall season so that communication network does not fail either for the administration or the tourist especially the Toll free no. 1077.

The Additional Superintendent of Police Kullu was requested to make arrangements for wireless officer stationed at DEOC Kullu on 24x7 bases.

Action to be taken by: SDM Kullu/ Manali/ Home Guards/ BSNL/ Police Department

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Yours faithfully,

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Additional District Magistrate,
Kullu

Endst. No. 9377-9406SK (DM)

Dated: 04-12-2018

A copy is forwarded to all concerned for information and necessary action accordingly.

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Additional District Magistrate,
Kullu