

**Proceeding regarding meeting based on heavy rainfall within District Kullu of All Heads of the Offices Stationed at Kullu held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kullu on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 11:00 AM in Bachat Bhawan, Kullu**

**List of Participants is at Annexure-A**

At the outset of the meeting, Sh. Yunus, Deputy Commissioner –cum- Chairman DDMA, Kullu welcomed all the heads of the offices and representatives of various stakeholder departments for review of the previous one week damage and losses having incurred within district pertaining to various departments in flash floods, floods and cloud burst.

At the beginning DC Kullu directed the District Revenue Officer Kullu to prepare the details of the deceased and victims of the flood in the year 2018 and to send the same to the state.

Further point wise review of the monsoon situation and specific action taken by departments within District Kullu was shared and discussed as below:

**Public Works Department**

The SE PWD informed that 49 roads were closed of which 43 have been restored and only 6 roads need restoration in Banjar Sub Division. In Kullu Sub Division around three roads have been partially restored and by evening they will be completely restored. However the Malana link road is closed yet. The restoration of roads will not take more than one week depending on the weather.

With regards to the equipment's 7 JCB's of the department, with 13 hired were deputed for clearance of debris. Bulldozers along with other equipment are also being used for road clearance. Total loss has been estimated at Rs. 818 Lakhs by the department since the beginning of the monsoon season.

DC Kullu directed ADM Kullu to review the road blockages within the jurisdiction of PWD Nirmand and to check which roads are blocked and to also have them restored at the earliest. He also ensured the PWD department incase of required funds, it will be provided on priority bases. He also asked ADM to check with Mandi division for restoration of the road between Bajaura and Kamand on priority as that road is the only alternate road for Kullu area.

**Irrigation and Public Health Department**

The IPH authority informed that in total 26 schemes were affected. Small ones will be restored by the end of the day and others may take a weeks' time, while in many places filter pads have been choked which may take 10 days to restore. However, in Bajaura after cloud burst new pipelines need to be laid down which may take few days.

He also informed that the hand pump water will be restored by today. At Katagla village in Manikaran, water has been temporarily provided through HVC pipelines.

Chairman directed that within one week all schemes and water pipelines should be restored.

### **Electricity Department**

Electricity department officer informed that 58 polls were damaged, 68 transformers were closed, due to last night's heavy rainfall and flash flood within district. He, however, informed that 40 polls had been restored. In Katagla there was no light and temporarily being restored, including in Bajaura. However electricity was closed in Bhuntar. He mentioned that by tomorrow evening it will be restored.

### **Horticulture Department**

The officer informed that 313 horticultural trees were washed away due to flash floods and heavy rains in Katagla. Even in Bajaura agricultural land has been washed away damaging the crops of the area. An estimated loss of 22 lakhs was estimated.

Chairman Kullu directed the officers to look into crop and horticulture insurance and if there then to help providing the same to the farmers. He also directed the DRO Kullu to direct the Patwari's of the affected areas to conduct SPECIAL GIRDĀWARI and the report be provided within a week. He also asked Patwari's to carry out assessment as per Relief Manual and be lenient in conducting the survey in cloudburst including the shops at Bhuntar and Bajaura. This also too be conducted within a week's time.

However, the Fishery loss was to be sent to the department of Fisheries Kullu for actual estimation.

Animal Husbandry department was asked for the livestock loss and the Gau Sadan loss at Bhuntar was asked to be estimated. It was reported that the few cows which were in the shed were safely moved to other shelters. BDO Kullu was asked to undertake damage/ loss assessment.

The CMO informed DC Kullu that the Health Department was taking water samples for checking and looking into water borne diseases and medicines being given like that of Cholera, etc. In regards to which DC Kullu directed the health and IPH department should together carry out inspection and IPH department suggested that chlorination is being undertaken by them of the drinking water.

The BSNL authority informed that micro fibres were broken at three places and were being restored. DC Kullu directed the officer to make sure that their lines do not break down in the future so to restore them.

### **Power Projects**

Chairman asked HPCCL Sainj regarding the road in their area which required retaining wall where 2/3 rd of it had got damaged due to slides. He directed them that it was the



responsibility of the Power project to restore such roads that come under them and asked HPCCL to provide report of restoration within 10 days.

Similarly, the Malana Project I & II were asked restore the link road which was blocked since a few days.

NHPC authority informed that upstream Pulga Dam the toss repair going on and small cars movement is taking place.

DTDO and DPRO Kullu were asked to issue an advisory for the tourist and a press note in local channels and social media keeping in view the tourist within the district during the heavy rainfall and flow of water in the river and other water bodies within district. HRTC was directed to help evacuate the stranded tourist and public wherever required.

In the end the DC Kullu directed all officers of the departments to inform their field functionaries to provide information of disaster realted events at the toll free number 1077 or land line numbers of EOC Kullu at 01902-225630, 225631 and 225632.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Deputy Commissioner-cum- Chairman DDMA Kullu to all the present members of DDMA and participant's from various stakeholder departments attending the meeting.



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