

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Housing & Urban Development Department
Civil Secretariat
Srinagar/Jammu

Calling Attention Notice given by Hon'ble MLC Mr. Vibod Gupta .

"I call the attention of the Govt. towards a matter of urgent public importance namely the situation that has arisen due to lack of facility of community hall in Rajouri town and Jawahar Nagar area resultantly people are forced to come to Jammu to celebrate the marriage functions"

Reply:

The construction of Community Hall Rajouri is under execution through PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri and the said work was taken up during the year 2009-10 at an approved estimated cost of Rs. 281.60 lacs. The funds for the purpose were initially provided by DDC Rajouri to the tune of Rs.50.00 lacs under District Plan.

During the current financial year no demand was communicated to the Director Urban Local Bodies Jammu at the time of formulation of Annual Plan 2014-15 therefore no provision was made for the instant work. There is an approved allocation of Rs.115.00 lacs for the construction of community halls and same is allocated for 16 ongoing community halls which are under execution through Urban Local Bodies. Evidently the average allocation for each community hall works to the tune of Rs.7 lacs only as such there is very little scope to complete the community hall with this meagre funding and it would not be possible to complete the instant work in next 4-5 years.

The plan allocation under different sectors administered by H&UDD was substantially reduced in comparison to last 2 year's outlay and the major hit was received under Housing sector where allocation has been reduced upto 50%. However Rs.20.00 lacs were released during the year 2013-14 under Emergent Public Demand for the instant work. The total expenditure so far of the order of Rs.70.00 lacs as reported by the concerned executing agency i.e. R&B Rajouri.

As reported by the DULBK the basement Floor comprising 06 nos. of shops and one stair hall on southern side stands completed and slab of first floor also laid. The R&B Department will be requested to fund the project under any of their programme so that the building can be completed expeditiously


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