



**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Transport Department Civil Secretariat**

**Calling Attention Notice given by Dr. Bashir Ahmad
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CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

"To call the attention of the government towards a matter of urgent public importance namely the situation that has arisen due to frequent road blocks on national highway only link to Kashmir with rest of the India, as to why government is caught napping forcing thousands of commuters to suffer on this account, why government shall not arrange temporary shelters at various places to shift the stranded people as and when the situation arisen".

REPLY:

Due to the rain/snowfall severe damage has been caused to the existing road formation of NHW-1A at different places coupled with triggering of landslides at some vulnerable stretches. The triggering of landslides etc. forced the authorities to suspend the movement of traffic on NHW-1A frequently in order to ensure safety /security of the passengers /Drivers. However, in-spite of poor condition of NHW-1A at several stretches viz., Kheri Magarkote, Gangroo, Digdol, Himgni, Shaitani Nallah, Panthal, Sherbibi etc. the movement of vehicular traffic is being regulated with great difficulty.

Because of the constant inclement weather and damage to NHW-1A at several places managing traffic was a daunting task and since this year such spells had been comparatively long resulting in compounding of problem manifold. Yet with great deal of dedication and devotion Traffic police in assistance with District police/Local Administration has managed maximum (unhindered) flow of traffic all along the NHW-1A.

Further, the District Administration of Ramban has identified points for accommodation of stranded passengers with 200 persons capacity each i.e., at Yatri Niwas Ramban, Community hall Maitra, Gundadalkote, Tethari, Nowgam, wherein the basic material like food, blankets, heating facility, drinking water, oil , medicine etc were provided to the stranded passengers/drivers. Similarly at Udhampur various points were identified for accommodation, and langers were setup with the assistance of local police / Administration and passengers accommodated at Sharda Mata Temple, Kheri, Thrad, Bali Nallah , Samroli, Dharmalhal areas, wherein the basic material like food, blankets, heating facility, drinking water, oil , medicines etc were provided to the stranded Passengers/Drivers.

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