

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

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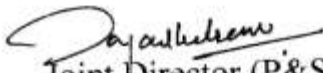
Subject:- Calling Attention Notice given by Dr. Bashir Ahmad Shah  
( Veeri) Hon'ble MLC.

To call the attention of the Government towards a matter of urgent public importance namely the situation that has arisen due to heavy and untimely snow fall in Kashmir due to which people faced lot of inconvenience by water logging, flooding of drains and power cuts.

**Reply:**

Due to untimely heavy rainfall/snowfall inconvenience was caused to the people on various accounts which also include water logging and power cuts. The municipal institutions used their available men and machinery to clear the lanes/by-lanes and drains for minimizing the inconvenience caused to public. Necessary measures were also taken by dewatering of water logged areas and desilting of drains for smooth flow of storm water by Municipal Corporation and Urban Local Bodies within their jurisdiction. Srinagar Municipal Corporation has kept all the 76 permanent dewatering stations operational round the clock in order to avoid inconvenience to the general public due to over-flowing of drains and water logging. Further three dewatering stations of Economic Reconstruction Agency, 50 diesel driven pumps were also pressed into service in and around Srinagar city for dewatering.

As a long term measure, project report for installation of submersible dewatering pumps has been prepared at an estimated cost of Rs.33.00 crore which will be projected for World Bank funding. Similarly, comprehensive drainage projects are being also formulated for the water logging/flood prone areas for funding under Externally Aided Projects.

  
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