

PRIVATE MEMBERS RESOLUTION NOTIVE GIVEN BY MR. JUGAL KISHORE, HON'BLE MLC

“This House recommends that the huge expenditure incurred in the name of flood protection on both sides of River Chenab in Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Reasi and Akhnoor be probed through Vigilance which involves gross misuse of authority, as despite such huge expenditure, the areas had to suffer huge damages to life and property due to flash floods erupted in September, 2014 and February –March, 2015.”

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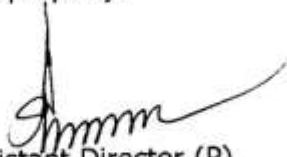
No flood protection works have been executed in Kistwar, Doda and Ramban along both sides of the River Chenab and no expenditure stands incurred. However some protection works have been executed in Reasi area under the jurisdiction of Irrigation Division Dharmari and in Akhnoor area under Flood Control Division Akhnoor where maximum damages do occur in flood season because of the fact that habitation is on low lying area on both banks of river Chenab downside of Akhnoor bridge. The works were executed under different head of Accounts. In Akhnoor area due to flood of June, 2013 and August 2013, 69 works amounting to Rs. 793.61 lakhs were executed under SDRF against which Rs. 602.30 lakhs stands released and utilized (detail is given at **Annexure – “A” & “B”**) . Besides under SDRF, some of protection work for the protection of Border post at tail portion of River Chenab near International Border, 62 protection works on both banks of River Chenab had been executed under “River Management Activities along Border Area Scheme” amounting to Rs. 897.76 Lakhs (detail is given at **Annexure – “C”**) .

In Reasi Area, 410 meters long earthen embankment, 9 studs and 90 meters long deflector was got executed under FMP projects amounting to Rs. 310.00 lakhs to save the houses and agricultural land of village Babber Chumbian and Mansoo etc. since 2005-06 (detail is given at **Annexure – “D”**) . All these works executed under SDRF stands verified by the Committee constituted under SDRF.



It is also a fact that during the floods of September, 2014 maximum discharge of the rivers were observed which caused havoc and damaged lot of the infrastructure including property of the people residing in that area. Immediately temporary restoration of the damaged works was taken up in hand under SDRF.

However, the discharge in the River Chenab was extremely high which not only washed away protection works but also caused loss of life and property.



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