

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Public Works (R&B) Department**

**Calling Attention Notice Given by
Hon'ble MLC, SHRI SAJJAD AHMAD KICHLLOO**

“To call the attention of the government, towards a matter of urgent public importance namely, the situation that has arisen due to delay in re-alignment / construction/ improvement of Galhar – Sansari road (from 55 kms to 58 kms) via Ishtehari which is pending from more than two years and steps taken by the Government in this behalf.”

Reply:

Construction / re-alignment of road “Galhar-Sansari Road” between Km 55.000 - Km 58.875 (Swas) via Ishtayari was proposed in 2010. The project is being executed by Border Roads Organization. 05 villages are involved in the re-alignment namely Dhanwas, Ganjwas, Swas, Ishtiyari and Tiyari. Out of these, first four villages are already in agreement with the proposed re-alignment and construction of works undertaken by BRO. However, the inhabitants of the village Tiyari are opposing the proposed alignment and demand upgradation of the road from Class-9 (5.95m width) to National Highway Double Lane (NHDL) specifications of width 10 meter wide road as an Inter-State Highway joining Himachal Pangi valley to J&K state.

BRO has further informed that some persons on behalf of village Tiyari are also claiming existing land as their proprietary land. Although Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar has issued NOC for execution of the construction works by BRO, yet heavy equipments are being held and not utilized in between this stretch of road. However, road construction works are being carried out on both side of Km 55.000-58.875 road stretch. Further, the matter is also sub-judice and interim orders of the Hon'ble High Court have been received in September 2013 and again on December 28, 2015.

In order to resolve the issue and ensure re-starting of the work, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar has been holding a number of meetings and discussions with various stake holders including BRO authorities. A number of site visits by officers at various levels also have been conducted. In addition, the proprietary area involved in the re-alignment is being acquired by the concerned collector under the land acquisition act for which proceedings are currently in progress. It is expected that as a result of these meetings/ site visits / land acquisition proceeding and vigorous follow up of the case in the Hon'ble Court, the work on the re-alignment portion shall be resumed shortly.



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