



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Higher Education Department
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Calling Attention Notice given by the Shri Naresh Kumar Gupta, Hon'ble MLC.

"To call upon the attention of the Government towards a matter of urgent importance namely the situation that has arisen due to delay in construction of Degree College Kilostran, Gandoh, Bhalessa in District Doda despite availability of funds and land for the same and the steps taken by the Government to settle the un-rest prevailing among the students of the areas".

Reply:

The State Cabinet vide Decision No. 258/17, dated: 14.12.2007 approved establishment of a Government Degree College at Kilhotran (Doda) under phase 2nd of the Prime Minister's Re-construction Plan (PMRP-II). The college was made functional from the year 2008 in makeshift accommodation by introduction of Arts streams and 34 posts of various categories both teaching and non-teaching including 18 posts of Assistant Professors were created for the college.

The proprietary land measuring 79 kanals-07 marlas at village Changa, Bhalessa (Doda) was acquired and possession was handed over to the Higher Education Department for establishment of the college and an amount of Rs 90.75 lacs as land compensation was released in favour of the Deputy Commissioner, Doda for disbursement among the concerned land owners.

The Administrative Approval for construction of the college building could not be accorded earlier due to the Stay Order from the Hon'ble High Court which was finally disposed off by the Hon'ble High Court, J&K on 03.04.2012 and subsequently, the Administrative Approval for construction of the college building was accorded during the financial year 2013-14 at an estimated cost of Rs 1335.50 lacs for execution through JKPCCLtd. An amount of Rs 330.00 lacs have already been advanced to the executing agency.

Meanwhile, the Executing agency, JKPCCLtd reported that the construction of college building as per the approved plan could not be taken up in the higher portion of the land due to the resistance from local people and proposed to construct the college building at the lower limb of the acquired land. However, the Principal Govt. Degree College-Kilhotran reported that the proposed site is flood prone. Accordingly, a committee of the following

officers was constituted vide Government Order No. 02-HE of 2015; dated: 01.01.2015 for ascertaining the feasibility of the land acquired for establishment of the college:

<i>Director Colleges, J&K</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Nodal Principal, Jammu Division</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Principal, GDC, Doda</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Principal, GDC, Kilhotran</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>A representative of JKPC</i>	<i>Member</i>

The committee visited the site on 27.04.2015 and submitted its report wherein it was informed that the land acquired at village Changa (Kilhotran) for establishment of the college consists of two portions. The lower portion consisting of 15 kanals and the upper portion consisting of 64 kanals-07 marlas. The committee observed that the construction of the college building can be done in the lower portion of the acquired land subject to the issuance of NOC by the Irrigation and Flood Control Department.

The Irrigation and Flood Control Department vide communication No. IFCJ/Works/8878-81; dated: 29.07.2015 issued the NOC for construction of the college building for Government Degree College, Kilhotran on the acquired land subject to the following conditions:

1. *That the plinth level of the proposed building be kept minimum 1.5 mtr above PWD road adjacent to the site of building as the water from the catchment area can accumulate at site being the low lying area;*
2. *In case any damage occurs to the proposed building, this department shall be not be responsible for the same; and*
3. *In case of any violation of the J&K Water Resources Regulation & Management Act 2010 and Rules 2011, the NOC issued shall be deemed to have been withdrawn/ cancelled.*

Subsequently, the executing agency viz JKPC Ltd. was authorized to take up construction work of the Government Degree College, Kilhotran on the lower portion of the already acquired land at village Changa (Kilhotran). An amount of Rs 330.00 lacs stand released in favour of the executing agency. However, the concerned land owners once again stopped the construction work as most of the land owners did not accept the compensation and therefore, the compensation amount has been deposited in District and Session Court, Bhaderwah by the SDM, Gandoh. With the intervention of the district administration, the construction work of the college complex has now been re-started by the executing agency- JKPC Ltd.


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