

CM inaugurates Mehjoor Bridge

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Srinagar, June 11: Giving a major push to the traffic decongestion plan of the government, Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti today inaugurated the newly constructed Mehjoor Bridge over Flood channel on the Jawahar Nagar-Natipora-Chanapora axis here today.

Ministers, Naeem Akhtar, Syed Altaf Bukhari, Javed Mustafa Mir and Asiea Naqash besides legislators, Noor Muhammad Bhat, Anjum Fazili and Khursheed Aalam were present on the occasion.

Officials said the bridge would help in decongesting traffic on the southern part of the city and give direct and easy access from Jawahar Nagar and adjoining areas to Srinagar Railway Station and Airport. The construction of the bridge is also part of a mega road widening project from Mehjoor Nagar to Nowgam via Padshahi Bagh.

The foundation for the bridge, which has been constructed by Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) in record 18 months at a cost of Rs 20



crore, was laid by the Chief Minister in December, 2016. The bridge would be 105 metres long with footpaths on both sides and a provision for utility ducts in future.

Complimenting the people of the catchment areas on the construction of

the bridge, the Chief Minister hoped that it would ease the traffic movement on the Jawaharnagar-Rambagh axis by a great measure, thereby saving the time of commuters. She assured the people that soon a fire station would be set up at Mehjoor Nagar while a proper rehabilita-

tion plan would be formulated for people who need to be relocated in the case of widening of the road.

Talking to journalists, the Chief Minister said "from last three decades, bloodshed is affecting everything from our education to development work. This bridge was supposed to be completed in two years, but it took three years to complete. We are doing development work in a difficult situation" she said.

It may be recalled here, that the inauguration of Mehjoor Bridge is the second major initiative of the Government in the two months to decongest traffic in the summer capital. Last month the Chief Minister had thrown open Phase-I of the Srinagar Expressway Corridor from Ar Singh College to Barzulla bridge while work on the Phase-II is on.

CEO, ERA, Dr. Farooq Ahmad Lo senior officers of Divisional administration, ERA and Srinagar district administration and other officers were present on the occasion.