

World Bank team reviews flood recovery project

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A visiting team of the World Bank and Raghav Langer, chief executive officer of J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA), on Tuesday reviewed the progress of the Rs 1,500-crore Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project.

The World Bank team was headed by Deepak Singh.

An ERA statement issued after the meeting said the project involved the sub-components of health, higher education and rehabilitation of five fire service stations. It said under the health sub-component, Rs 89 crore had been earmarked for the construction of a state-of-the-art 120-bed additional block at Bones and Joints Hospital, Barzulla, Srinagar.

Under the higher education sub-component, Rs 34 crore have been allocated for the construction of additional blocks at Government Degree Colleges of Bemina, Anantnag and Bijbehara, besides Amar Singh College, Srinagar, where works worth Rs 23 crore have already been tendered. It was also said that under high education, 53 schools were proposed to be constructed across the Kashmir valley, for which an allocation of Rs 35 crore had been kept and tenders for the construction of seven schools had already been issued.

Further, eight bridges are proposed to be constructed in Kashmir, for which Rs 70 crore has been allotted and tenders for two bridges have already been floated.

Similarly, 12 road projects having a length of 117 km are proposed to be constructed in the Kashmir division.

In the Jammu division, 24 school buildings are proposed to be constructed, for which Rs 15 crore have been allocated. Seventeen road projects, having a cumulative length of 176 km, have also been proposed.

Khursheed Ahmad Shah, commissioner secretary, public works department, and other senior officials were present at the meeting.