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CEO ERA directs for quick execution of road connectivity projects

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SRINAGAR, Aug 25: Chief Executive Officer, JKERA/JTFRP, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah reviewed the progress of various ongoing roads and bridges projects being executed by J&KERA in Jammu Division under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project.

Ravinder Kumar Mansotra, Director, JKERA Jammu informed that the work is apace on seven road projects in Jammu Division which include the upgradation of 18.29 km Sidhra -Surinsar road, upgradation of 11 km Tutan Di Khuie to Khada- Madana road, upgradation of 10 km Malaini-Chakarbati road, upgradation of 10.15 km Chirala Link road, upgradation of 27 km Gulati to Shahdra Sharief road via Gambir Gali, upgradation of 5 km Devi Mai to Ohli Mandir road and upgradation of 4.5 km Anji-Panasa road. He said more than 90 kms of road length is being upgraded under these projects most of which are vital to strengthening the vital road links in several remotest parts of Jammu Division.

While reviewing the progress of the Sidhra -Surinsar road, CEO was apprised that the 18.29 kms long tourism and pilgrimage circuit that connects Sidhra-Surinsar-Mansar and Utterbehni and Purmandal will be completed by October 2021 benefitting more than 5 lakh souls.

CEO was also apprised that the work on upgradation of Devi Mai to Ohli Mandir road and Anji-Panasa road will be completed by October 2021. After restoration of Anji Panasa road, the affected areas will be benefitted by the restored access to markets thereby increas-

ing the economic growth in the area and timely access to health and education services for more than 50 thousand souls. From connectivity and pilgrim point of view, Devi Mai to Oli Mandir road has high importance. This road will benefit approximately one lakh souls.

During the meeting CEO, JKERA/JTFRP was further informed that the work is also underway on construction of 03 vital bridge projects in the remotest parts of the Jammu Division which include construction of motorable steel bridge from Katheel Ganjoo to Barsoa over Ghordi Nallah and motorable bridge from Barsoa to Patri over Barmeen Nallah in Udhampur District, construction of steel decked foot bridge over Anji Nallah at Sukhal Ghati in Reasi District and construction of steel truss bridge over Betar nallah in Poonch District. CEO was apprised that the work on 43mtr Span Steel Decked Foot Bridge Over Anji Nallah At Sukhal Ghati in Reasi District will be executed by November 2021. The bridge is a vital link between vast areas of Tote, Ladda-A, Ladda-B, Sahri, Sukhal Gati villages having approximate population of 10000. The bridge will also indirectly serve thousands of souls of other adjoining areas as it will provide useful link between these areas and district head quarter at Reasi. The area being rich in horticulture products will get enormous economic and social upliftment due to this connectivity.

While reviewing the progress of work Dr. Abid Rasheed directed all the engineers to regularly visit the sites and submit the progress report on daily basis and penalise the non performing contractors by imposition of the liquidity damages.