J&K ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION AGENCY

13C/C Gandhi Nagar Jammu

PRESS RELEASE:

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Jammu 18,2008: Principal secretary /CEO J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency Sh.

Pankaj Jain took project review meeting along with officers of Asian Development Bank

& Department of Economic affairs who were on two day visit to Jammu for evaluation

of the progress of the ADB assisted projects being executed by J&K Economic

Reconstruction Agency in the State under J&K Multisector Project for Infrasrtucture

Rehabilitation and Jammu &Kashmir Urban sector Development Investment Programme

( JKUSDIP)here today at Institute of Engineers Gandhi Nagar .Visiting officers

expressed overall satisfaction over the physical progress of various projects and

suggested that a strong project team of engineers and consultants be placed in ERA for

sufficiently long length of time so that impediments are removed and projects are

completed in time. These engineers should be best available in the state, considering the

high financial outlays with ERA through ADB.

In the meeting major issues of concern were discussed. MR. Prodyut Dutt, INRM

ADB stressed for speedy settlement of Land Acquisition cases and forest clearance

wherever necessary. CEO ERA said forest clearance in most cases has already been

obtained by ERA. Besides, to overcome major bottlenecks and to speed up the process of

Land acquisition ERA has posted two independent Collector for Land Acquisition one

for Kashmir and one for Jammu.

Besides, CEO ERA meeting was attended by B.L Mattoo (Director General

Finance, ERA), Ms. Vineeta Gupta (Director Jammu ERA), Project Manager Transport

Jammu, Environmental Expert Jammu.

The visiting officers also conducted inspection of some of the subprojects under

execution in Transport and Urban Sector. Ends

Please find enclosed press release as approved by PS/CEO ,ERA & DGF,ERA on project review meeting with ADB & DEA officers held on 16-2-2009 at Institute of Engineers Gandhi Nagar which was published in various local dailies like Greater Kashmir , Kashmir Times ,Indian Express( Himalyan mail) issued by undersigned .

" Paper clipping of Indian Express(Himalyan mail), Greater Kashmir, Kashmir times(downloaded from net), is enclosed."

Submitted for your information, please:

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## Copy to:

- 1. Director General Finance, ERA
- 2. Director Jammu ,ERA
- 3. Contract Specialist, ERA
- 4. Mr. Dinesh, PSU ADB
- 5. Environmental Expert Jammu ,ERA
- 6. P.A to CEO for the information of CEO.



