Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Sh. Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu in his office chambers at the Rail Head Complex Jammu on 20.04.2023 at 02:15 pm regarding review of financial assistance to families of West Pakistani Refugee (WPRs) settled in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The following participated:

- 1. Deputy Commissioner, Samba.
- 2. Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu
- 3. AC (R), Jammu.
- 4. AC (R), Kathua.

Initiating the discussion on the subject, the Divisional Commissioner Jammu said that the agenda of the meeting is to review the progress of cases under Financial Assistance Scheme to the families of West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs) settled in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. The Divisional Commissioner reviewed the progress of scrutinization of WPR relief cases and pointed out the pendency at the level of Designated Authorities and subordinate offices. The Divisional Commissioner stressed upon Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Samba and Kathua to expedite verification/scrutinization of the pending cases strictly as per norms.

The Designated Authority i.e Deputy Commissioners apprised the Divisional Commissioner about the detail of WPRs with regard to number of applications received, scrutinized & recommended for relief assistance, after they are put on public domain on their website for information of WPRs and for calling their objections, if any. Further, it was informed that the process of scrutinization and verification of pending claimant families is in progress.

Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu & AC (R) Kathua informed the Chair about the status of the pending WPR cases/ correction cases and cases under scrutiny.

The detailed discussion on the subject was held and the following instructions were issued:

1) As per para-3 of Government Order No. 57 of 2018 dated 11.10.2018, the Designated Committees shall expedite the process of scrutinization of the pending cases strictly as per norms in a time bound manner. Besides, it shall be the responsibility of the Designated Committee to verify and scrutinize the cases strictly as per norms and if any case is found wrong / improper at any stage, the concerned Committee shall only be responsible.

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- 2) The Divisional Commissioner directed Deputy Commissioner Jammu & Kathua to expedite the mismatched returned cases in which either the Adhar Number is incorrect or bank account inactive etc, strictly as per the guidelines/ norms for their time bound disposal.
- 3) Deputy Commissioners shall take a review meeting in the matter soon after this meeting as also hold review meetings on regular and time bound manner to review the progress of WPR cases.
- 4) Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Samba & Kathua shall hold special camps at suitable locations for information/ guidance of the WPR beneficiaries and shall share report in the matter with detail of persons attended the camps, place where camp held and photographs of the camps.
- 5) Deputy Commissioners shall ensure that after processing the case as per norms the same be put on public domain on their website as also get the same published in newspaper for information of WPRs and for calling their objections, if any.
- 6) Deputy Commissioners shall ensure complete transparency in delivery of service in the above said scheme and shall ensure verification of complaint, if any, received against the employees dealing with WPR cases and take appropriate action as warranted under law.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd-Divisional Commissioner, Jammu

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- 1. Secretary to Government, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Civil Secretariat, J&K.
- 2. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu/Samba/Kathua
- 3. PPS to Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.
- 4. I/C Website for uploading on the website.

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