

Exercise to be completed in Monsoon session

Govt to go to Legislature for revised budget figures

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, July 22: With the Planning Commission of India having upset entire budget of the State Government by not acceding to its demand for 10 per cent step-up in annual plan, the Government has decided to get revised estimates passed from the Legislature when it meets, most likely in September, in Srinagar, the summer capital of the State for Monsoon session.

The State Legislature had passed Rs 38,068 crores worth budget for 2013-14 in March during budget session of the Legislature taking Rs 8000 crores worth annual plan for current financial year into account. The budget had Rs 4215 crores worth increase over last fiscal year (2012-13), which was to the tune of Rs 33,853 crores.

Official sources told the Excelsior that the Government has been left in a precarious situation by the Planning Commission of India by initially giving a verbal nod to incorpo-

rate Rs 8000 crores worth annual plan figures in the budget, which was presented in both Houses of the Legislature in first week of March but later backtracked from the assurance and approved only Rs 7300 crores worth plan, equal to the last financial year.

Admitting that no increase in annual plan for 2013-14 by the Planning Commission has upset the budget figures presented in the two Houses, sources said the Government would take both Legislative Assembly and Council into confidence and submit revised figures when the Houses meet for Monsoon session in September in the summer capital.

"There is, however, no need for convening special session of the Legislature to get the budget figures revised. We can do this in Monsoon session of the Legislature. The members of both the Houses would be taken into confidence and apprised in detail about discussions with the Planning Commission of India on the annual plan, the State

Government's insistence on Rs 8000 crores worth plan and the Commission's refusal to accede to the demand," sources said.

They added that the Government would prepare new figures for the budget for approval of the two Houses in the Monsoon session.

"Generally, the Planning Commission used to give us nod few days before the budget on the amount the State would be getting under annual plan, Prime Minister's Re-construction Plan (PMRP) and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the current fiscal. The figures used to prove accurate later. This is, however, an unusual situation that the figures have gone wrong forcing the Government to go for revised figures to get the Legislature nod," sources said.

The State Government had presented Rs 38,068 crores worth budget in the State Assembly in March this year. Both House had approved the budget after detailed discussions. The budget had figures of

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'State needs special assistance to tap power potential'

PCI Member in J&K to assess progress on PMRP, other major infra projects

***Inspects work on Dal Conservation, Baglihar Stage-II**

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, July 22: In order to assess ground situation vis-à-vis implementation of the major infrastructure projects being funded under the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan (PMRP) and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Planning Commission of India (PCI) Member, B K Chaturvedi is on four-day visit to the State. He will submit a report to the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia highlighting the assistance required by the State in various areas under schemes of Central Ministries.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that B K Chaturvedi, who looks after the Jammu and Kashmir State in the Planning Commission and plays key role in projecting the requirements of the State in various sectors, arrived here yesterday to evaluate the progress made by the State Government in implementation of the projects sanctioned under the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Programme, other

Centrally Sponsored Schemes and special components.

On first day of his visit, the Planning Commissioner Member accompanied by Principal Secretary Planning and Development Department, B R Sharma inspected ongoing work on conservation of Dal Lake, which is a Central Sector project being executed by the State agencies, sources said. Besides conservation work, he also had a detailed assessment of the progress made on the rehabilitation of Dal dwellers.

Mr Chaturvedi also inspected work on the additional 200-bed block of Lal Ded Hospital. The block has already been constructed and at present finishing work was going on. Today, he inspected the work on Stage-II of the Baglihar Hydroelectric Project on river Chenab at Chanderkote in Ramban district. For the Stage-II of Baglihar, which will also generate 450 Mega Watts of electricity, the State Government has sought grant-in-aid from the Planning Commission on the pattern of Stage-I, sources said.

Tomorrow, the Planning Commission member will visit Mughal Road, which connects Rajouri-Poonch districts of Jammu region with the Shopian district of Kashmir valley and is an alternate to Jammu-Srinagar National Highway 1A. He is also scheduled to inspect some major roads and bridges projects in Shopian and visit Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) tomorrow.

Talking to EXCELSIOR on telephone from Srinagar soon after inspecting work on Baglihar Stage-II, the Planning Commission of India Member said, "the purpose of my visit is to assess the progress made by the State Government in implementing the projects under PMRP as well as other mega projects funded under different schemes. Moreover, Planning Commission wants to ascertain the actual requirements of the State particularly in the vital sectors like power where Jammu and Kashmir has huge potential".

In response to a question, he said, "the financial support to any

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Two non-state subjects held for stone pelting

Normalcy returns to Kashmir after 3 days

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 22: Life in Kashmir today returned back to normal after three days of curfew and strikes over the firing incident in Ramban district that left four persons dead and 42 injured.

Shops, business establishments and Colleges re-opened after three days. Public transport also plied on all routes of the Valley and markets were full of shoppers.

Authorities imposed curfew in Srinagar and all major towns of Kashmir on Friday, a day after firing at Gool in Ramban district.

While the curfew was lifted yesterday, normal activities

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Rather heads GST panel

NEW DELHI, July 22:



Jammu & Kashmir Finance Minister Abdul Rahim Rather has been elected as the new Chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on GST.

Rather, also a senior National Conference leader, was chosen to head the panel at a meeting of State Finance Ministers here.

The post of Chairman of the FM's committee on Goods and Services Tax (GST) has been lying vacant since June 17 when Bihar Finance Minister Sushil Kumar Modi resigned following the JD(U)-BJP split in the eastern State.

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4 drown while bathing

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 22: Four persons drowned today while taking bath at different places in Kashmir.

A spokesman of police said that two boys, Abdul Qayoom Sheikh son of Asadullah Sheikh and Mohammad Altaf Sheikh son of Mohammad Maqbool of Checki-Pohru, drowned in river Jhelum at Baghi Shakoora Shah while taking a bath in Nowgam area of Srinagar. Police said their bodies are yet to be retrieved from the river.

Similarly, Ashiq Husain Ganie, 12, son of Bashir Ahmad of Lalpora, Kupwara, drowned while taking a bath in a water reser-

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7 AEEs promoted as X-Ens

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 22: The Government today issued orders of promotion of seven in charge Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) Mechanical as I/C Executive Engineers in the Public Works Department (R&B).

Those promoted as I/C X-Ens are - Anil Kumar, Rohit Gupta, Zahoor Ahmed Shah, Pankaj Bhalla, Harpal Singh Talwar, Bodh Raj and Makhan Khajuria. While Mr Khajuria has presently been posted in MED Kathua, Zahoor Ahmed Shah is in ERA (J&K). The other five are posted in PHE, I&FC Department. They will continue at their respective places of posting till further orders.

SI detained in Gool firing

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 22: Police today detained Sub Inspector Mohammad Afzal Wani, Incharge Sangaldan Police Post in connection with the recent firing incident at Dharam, Gool in Ramban district in which four persons were killed and 42 others injured.

Wani was today detained for investigations on the basis of a case registered in Gool police station pertaining to July 18 firing incident involving an attack by a mob on a BSF camp, police sources said.

Afzal, a resident of Gool belt of Ramban, was In-charge of

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Holy Mace taken to Pahalgam

Amarnath yatra touches 3 lakh

Avtar Bhat

SRINAGAR/JAMMU, July 22: While 'Bhoomi Poojan and Dhawajardhan' were performed on the occasion of 'Vyas-Purnima' today after the silver mace (Chhari

tude of 3880 metres in Liddar Valley in South Kashmir district of Anantnag today.

He said 2,93,008 pilgrims had performed darshan in the cave shrine till yesterday evening which took the total number to 2,99,430.

Pahalgam under tight security arrangements. Spokesman said the Chhari-Mubarak was taken from Dashnami Akhara in Srinagar early this morning by Mahant Ji, custodian of the Mace, under heavy security bandobast to Pahalgam, about 100 km from Srinagar in South Kashmir.

A good number of Sadhus also joined the Chhari at Pahalgam, where Bhoomi Pujan and Dhawajardhan ceremonies were performed on the occasion of Vyas Purnima which is also known as Guru Purnima.

He said the holy mace returned to Dashnami Akhara later in the day after performing Puja at historic Martand temple at Mattan in Anantnag district.

Besides a large number of Sadhus a sizable number of Kashmiri Pandits accompanied the 'Chhari Mubarak' from its abode at Dashnami Akhara in the heart of Srinagar to the base camp where 'Bhoomi Poojan' and 'Dhawajardhan' (flag hoisting) ceremonies were performed at its resting place.

After performing Chhari-Poojan at Dashnami Akhara here on 'Nag Panchami' on August 11, Mahant Ji will carry the Mace to the Amarnath shrine on Shriyan-Purnima on August 21.

The 'Holy Mace' will begin its journey from Srinagar to the

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SC directives thrown to winds, even sealed units start functioning

161 nursing homes, pvt clinics operating illegally in J&K

Gopal Sharma

JAMMU, July 22: In sheer violation of the Supreme Court directives, over 161 private nursing homes and clinical establishments are operating illegally in the State while several such units which the State Health authorities had sealed during surprise raids/ checking fresh months back, have again started their activities under the nose of the concerned authorities.

Not only this, the banned sex-determination activity in many clinics is thriving clandestinely despite strict instructions by the Ministry of Health and even the surgeries are being performed in the illegally operating clinics/ nursing homes by the serving doctors of the Health and Medical Education Department. Worst is the condition in Rajouri and Poonch districts where raids were conducted by a special team from the Directorate of Health Services with the support of local administration in the recent past, but some of the units again managed to start their activities.

Highly placed sources in the Health Department told Excelsior that as on date total 1530 private nursing homes and

clinical establishments/ Labs/ ultrasound units are existing in the State. Out of the total, 944 such units exist in Kashmir region while 586 in Jammu region.

Out of the total such units in Jammu region, 29 are nursing homes. As on today, 86 such establishments including 10 nursing homes are unregistered. Many of them have applied for the fresh registration to the Directorate of Health Services concerned. Similarly in Kashmir region, out of the total 944 such establishments, 75 are unregistered, or in other words operating illegally.

As per the senior officials concerned, majority of them have applied for the fresh registration and lack the required norms and other much needed formalities. There are total 41 private nursing homes operating in Kashmir as on today and 50% of them are said to be operating illegally or still to get registered with the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir.

The sources further said that during 2010 the Supreme Court in a petition had directed the State Health authorities to go for fresh registration of private nursing home and allied



—Excelsior/Sajad Sameer

Mahant Dependera Giri performing Pooja of Chhari Mubarak for the Amarnath yatra at a Temple in Pahalgam on auspicious occasion of 'Ashad-Purnima' (Vyas-Purnima).

Mubarak) of Lord Shiva was taken to Amarnath cave shrine base camp Pahalgam, the Amarnath yatra also touched three lakh mark in last 25 days with 6,422 pilgrims performing darshan of Ice lingam of Lord Shiva till this evening.

According to an official spokesman, 6,422 yatis performed darshan in the holy cave of Lord Shiva situated at an alti-

Meanwhile, chanting 'Bam Bam Bhole' and other Vedic mantras, the Chhari-Mubarak, (Holy Silver Mace of Lord Shiva) was taken to Amarnath cave shrine base camp, Pahalgam by Mahant of the holy Mace, Dependera Giri Ji Maharaj.

Besides, the Bhoomi Poojan, the Dhawajardhan was also performed in a traditional way at

75 killed in China quakes

BEIJING, July 22:

At least 75 people were killed and 412 others injured when two powerful shallow earthquakes today jolted a remote mountainous province in northwestern China near Tibet, causing extensive devastation and triggering landslides.

The quakes with magnitudes of 6.6 and 5.6 struck Minxian and Zhangxian counties in Gansu Province.

Over 400 aftershocks had been recorded in the quake-hit region, with the strongest measuring 5.6 in magnitude, Chang

Zhengguo, spokesman for the provincial Government, said.

Official Xinhua news agency reported that the death toll has climbed to 75.

According to latest figures, 73 people were killed in Dingxi City and two in its neighboring Longnan City, said the Dingxi municipal government.

An initial survey showed that the quake had caused the collapse of more than 1,200 houses and severe damage to 21,000 homes. Around 3,000 firefighters, armed police, soldiers and local Government workers have

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Court turns down SVO request, grants only 4 months for completion of probe

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 22: In the much publicized double drawl of Petrol Oil Lubricants (POL) by the vehicles attached with the Deputy Chief Minister, Tara Chand, Special Judge Anticorruption Jammu, Puneet Gupta today gave four months time for the completion of investigation instead of six months sought by the State Vigilance Organization. However, in the latest status report submitted by the investigating agency it has been mentioned that different organizations issued POL in favour of the vehicles attached with the Deputy Chief Minister and also in favour of the staff posted in his office.

When the case came up for hearing, the CPO appearing for the Vigilance Organization submitted that status report in terms of earlier orders has been submitted and further six months time was required to complete the investigation on the ground that matter was required to be verified from different officers/drivers posted in different parts of the State. However, Advocate Sheikh

Shakeel Ahmed appearing for the applicant Prof S K Bhalla submitted, "the applicant has no grievance so far the direction in which inquiry is taking place in the matter. However, the applicant is aggrieved over the time being taken by the SVO to complete even the preliminary probe in the matter".

Opposing the time sought by the SVO to complete the inquiry, Advocate Ahmed said, "the agency has already taken sufficient time in this regard and there should be some specific time-limit as well as direction so that even the preliminary investigation comes to close".

After hearing both the sides, the court turned down the submission of SVO regarding time-frame and remarked, "further four months time should be adequate to complete the inquiry and reach the logical conclusion in the matter", adding "in case the needful is not done within this period and further time is sought the SVO will be required to satisfy the court for not completing the inquiry within the given time frame". However, the Court expected the SVO to com-

plete the investigation within the time granted.

In the latest status report, the Vigilance Organization has submitted that it has been found that different departments/organizations have issued POL in favour of vehicles attached with DyCM and also in favour of staff posted in his office. "From the records obtained from different departments and the perusal of log books of vehicles made so far it has been found that quantity of POL issued in favour of 11 vehicles is more than the POL issued in favour of these vehicles", the report said.

"Since the name of the departments which issued the remaining POL in favour of these vehicles is not coming forward from the log books of these vehicles the matter needs further probe", the report said, adding "during the course of verification conducted so far it has been found that MTOs/drivers of different departments had not mentioned the name of POL issuing department properly in the log books of the vehicles".

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