

## **DC Bla chairs meet to review flood preparedness**

Baramulla, 30 June: Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Dr Nasir Ahmad Naqash today chairs a meeting of officers here in his office chamber to review the flood preparedness in view of the incessant rains that lashed the valley.

Meeting was attended by ADC Baramulla ,Director Planning,SE's, EXNs, AEEs and other authorities of Irrigation and Flood Control Department, R&B and various other concerned.

On the occasion, the DC directs all the district and sectoral officers to remain stationed at the headquarters and also ensure the attendance of their subordinate staff. He called for close coordination between the departments and other agencies to safeguard the precious lives and property. He also directs the concerned to remain prepared to deal any kind of eventuality that may arise due inclement weather conditions.

It was informed that the department has a capacity of more than 1.37 sandbags and other vital material that has been kept ready whenever required.

The DC pressed for making a list of vulnerable flood-prone areas, location of related infrastructure viz dozers, sandbags, boats, vehicles, dewatering pumps besides telephone numbers of in-charge of related department and agencies. He directs to regularly update the guage level and to keep men and machinery ready besides identifying the vulnerable locations in the district.

He also called for close coordination between the departments to ensure timely rescue and rehabilitation. Moreover he urged upon the people living along the embankments of river Jhelum, Nallahs or in the low lying areas to remain vigilant and to contact the administration in case of any eventuality.

Earlier the DC inspects the control room that was established for the purpose, to review its functioning. He directs the concerned to establish such helplines at the sub division levels also.