



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
Chief Minister's Monitoring Cell

Physical verification report of the project namely,
"Construction of four roomed double storeyed additional
accommodation at Govt High School, Batpora, District
Kupwara"



By Joint Director,
CM's Monitoring Cell.

PHYSICAL VERIFICATION REPORT

Name of the Project:	Construction of additional accommodation at Govt Hr. Sec. School, Batpora
Source of Funding	District Sector/ State Plan
Executing Agency	R&B
Year of start of Work	2008
Original target date of completion of the project	2010 (two working seasons)

Batpora village is situated near about 07 Kms from Handwara Sub Distt Headquarter. The school being of Hr. Secondary status has to cater many areas from education point of view and given the limited accommodation in the school building, it was felt necessary to construct additional accommodation on the land available within school premises. Accordingly the construction of the additional accommodation was put to execution in the year, 2008 under District Plan.

Financial Status

(` In lakhs)

	Estimated Cost	Releases	Expenditure
District Plan	62.83	35.00	35.00
State Plan	30.77	-	15.00 (Work done liability)

The basic proposal was for construction of two storeyed building at a cost of ` 62.83 lacs under District Sector against which funds to the tune of ` 35.00 lacs stands released and expended by the executing agency during 2007-08 and 2008-09 on the construction of the ground floor. After this no funds

flowed down to the agency for further construction as a result of which the work of the project came to a stand still. The DDC had not also accorded AA for the execution of the scheme under District Plan despite the fact that more than 50% of the funds against the estimated cost were released.

Due to non availability of funds under Distt sector, which resulted in suspension of the work for some time, the authorities realising the need for the additional accommodation approved the construction of the 1st floor over the existing ground floor under State Sector at a cost Rs 30.77 lacs for which the Administrative Approval stand also accorded by the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir. The work of 1st floor has also been put to execution by creating the work done liability as no funds even after according the AA have been released.

Physical progress

The additional accommodation is going to be a four roomed double storeyed building with a plinth area of 2654 sft. The plinth constructed is a masonry load bearing structure with super structure raised upto the lintel level of 1st floor.

Deodar wood has been provided in door/window frames in both the floors with shutters for windows and doors of kail wood in the ground floor. The walls of the ground floor have also been completed by way of cement plastering. The overall physical progress of the building works out to 50%.

Observations/Findings/Problem areas

The physical inspection of the work was undertaken on the orders of the Principal Secretary to HCM on the basis of representation which was made by the inhabitants of village Batpora for the delay in completion of the scheme.

The school premises is spread over a piece of land measuring 8 Kanals. Within the premises there exists a small old structure of Middle School building which is beside the new

construction. The old structure is not used by the school administration because the building is reportedly unsafe for use. However, the orders for its demolition stand issued by the competent authority.

Presently the school is having an enrolment of 230 students. It was explained by the Principal of the institute that the process of admissions is still going on and it is anticipated that this enrolment will increase given the size of the population of the village and its adjoining areas.

There are 6 class rooms in the existing school building. Most of the class rooms are without benches and desks except two class rooms in which the facility has been provided. There is no proper science laboratory for the school and a small room of 15'x16' size is used for the purpose and similar is the case for library for which another small room is being utilised.

The additional accommodation to the already existing Hr. Secondary School building shall have eight class rooms with rooms in each floor of 18'x20' size.

The construction for additional accommodation has been taken up on the lower side of the slanting land of the school premises. The plinth has been constructed in such a manner that its 75% height would remain under the ground. On the day of inspection it was observed that earth excavation work was done around the plinth in order to make it visible. As the building has been constructed at a lower, it is presumed that the rain and snow water will flow towards this new construction and it is definitely going to damage the building in near future which will jeopardise its sustainability for a longer time.

The suspension of work of the project for some time has also resulted in some damage to the outer walls of the ground floor. Further the single door shutters fixed in the ground floor are of very huge width which makes them to look awkward, these door shutters should have been of a pair instead of single shutters.

The estimates for the construction of the building have been prepared under District Plan at ` 62.83 lacs and subsequently under State Plan for ` 35.00 lacs. The funding under state sector shall be for the construction of 1st floor with truss work over the already constructed ground floor. Under the circumstances it becomes enormously important for the executing agency to firm up estimates for completion of the ground floor and submit the same to the DDC for accord of AA through proper channel.

The expenditure of ` 35.00 lacs incurred during 2007-08 and 2008-09 under district plan for the partly completed ground floor prima-facie looks on the very higher side. The authorities should consider verifying the expenditure incurred on this account on each item of the work executed on ground for the ground floor with reference to the official records.

The Principal of the school also demanded for increasing the height of the boundary wall for a length of 250 Mtrs from main road side as the present height of the wall can be accessed even by small children.

The public of area near Batpora also demanded for early completion of the drain which is under execution through PMGSY on Handwara Magam HMS road and providing of solar lights for PHC, Ziyarat Sharief, Hr Secondary School and Jamia Masjid at Batpora Magam.

Suggestions

The executing agency should firm up the cost estimates for construction/completion of the ground floor and submit the papers through proper channel for accord of AA to the DDC. The District Development Commissioner after according AA should also simultaneously release the balance funds if any required towards the completion of the ground floor out of District Plan.

The Directorate of School Education, Kashmir should also consider releasing sufficient funds out of State Plan for construction of 1st floor with truss work during the current financial year in view of the fact that there is already a contractual work done liability of ` 15.00 lacs on this account. It should also consider the demand for raising the height of the boundary wall on main road side of the school by approving the execution of the work and releasing funds for the purpose.

The Govt should constitute a team of officers having technical expertise which will ascertain the reasons for construction of the plinth below the ground level and sustainability of the building constructed over it as it is apprehended that the seepage of the rain or snow water may cause damage to it. The engineers if found delinquent in the designing/construction of plinth of the building should be held accountable for the lapse.

The authorities should consider construction of a separate science laboratory and library at a place which will become available as a result of demolition of old structure.

The District administration should consider providing of solar lights at the various places as demanded by the public besides enjoining upon the Xen PMGSY Kupwara to complete the execution of the drain on Handwara Magam HMS road.

Date of conduct of Physical verification: Conducted by :	28-11-2011 Aftab Ahmad Zargar, Joint Director Planning, Monitoring Cell, Chief Minister's Secretariat.
Officers of Executing Agency who accompanied the inspecting officer:	Executive Engineer, AEE, R&B Div Handwara



Right side view of the additional accommodation



Earth excavation done to make the plinth work visible



Bricks dumped on the site of the construction



Brick work of 1st floor completed upto lintel level



Boundary wall on main road side which requires increase in the height



Windows/door shutters made of deodar fixed in the ground floor