



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
Chief Minister's Monitoring Cell

Physical verification report of the project namely  
"WIDENING OF ROAD FROM QAMARWARI CHOWK TO PARIMPORA  
BYE-PASS JUNCTION AS FOUR LANE"  
District Srinagar



By  
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1. Name of the Project:	Widening of Road from Qamarwari Chowk to Parimpora bye-pass.
2. Source of Funding:	CRF
3. Executing Agency:	PWD, (R&B) Const. Division 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Srinagar
4. Year of start of Work:	July, 2010
5. Target date of completion:	July, 2012
6. Expected date of completion:	June, 2013

Traffic problems in the city of Srinagar are numerous and as such the capital city has been facing problems on account of traffic since long. The traffic problems have erupted mainly because of the tremendous increase in the vehicular population over the years coupled with inadequate road infrastructure at certain places. The congestion and traffic jams resulting from the movement of vehicular traffic coming in from the rural areas and out side state to the capital city has always been a big challenge for the state government.

In order to streamline and regulate the traffic in Srinagar city, the state government has already taken various steps by way of widening and upgradation of existing roads besides construction of new roads. It is purely in this context that the widening and upgradation of 2.60 Kms of stretch from Qamarwari Chowk to Parimpora bye-pass junction has been approved and put to execution under CRF in July, 2010.

### Financial Status

	(Rs. in lacs)
Project Cost	1379.39
Funds released (June, 2012)	625.00
Cumulative expenditure	625.00

### Physical Status of Works:

The physical status of some of the major components of the scheme is detailed hereunder: -

S. No	Item	Unit	Target	Achievement	% age achievement
1	Earthwork excavation	Kms	2.60	2.50	96
2	WBM G-I/ G-II	Kms	2.60	2.10	80
3	Khakbajri/Earth filling	Cum	7956	4950	62
4	R/Edge walls	Rm	2000	680	34
5	Cross Drainage Pipes	Rm	400	100	25
6	Central verge	Rm	2600	200	8
7	Footpaths (Left/Right with)	Rm	5200	200	4

The overall physical achievement of the project works out to 33% only.

### Observations/findings and Problem Areas:

The project is of prime importance for the government and therefore, it becomes imperative that all possible steps are taken and all possible efforts are made for its early completion. The project is administratively approved at a cost of Rs. 13.79 crore under CRF. The work on the project has started in July, 2010 with its target date of completion as July, 2012. Only 33% of the progress has been achieved during the period of two years. The road is being developed as four lane road by way of widening on its either side for achieving the formation width of 23-24 meters with a central verge and footpaths on both the sides.

The executing agency is expecting completion of the scheme in June, 2013 i.e. one year after the actual target date. But it appears that the agency may not be bale to complete the project even by the expected date as it is fraught with major acquisition problems. as per the assessment made by the concerned R&B Division, As many as 89 residential and commercial structures of single, double and three storey are coming in the alignment of the road with acquisition of 31 kanals of land. These 89 structures

are presently housing 50 families and 239 shopkeepers. The maximum number of structures have been reportedly constructed on state land and a survey made in this regard reveals that widening of the road involves acquisition of only 10 kanals of the proprietary land on which structures also do exist.

The valuation has also been done in respect of all the structures which need acquisition and as per the valuation, an amount of Rs.956.55 lacs would be required as compensation cost (Rs. 656.55 lacs for acquisition of structures and Rs.300.00 lacs as land compensation). Besides this compensation cost, an amount of Rs. 2390.00 lacs would be also required for rehabilitation of 239 shopkeepers @ Rs. 10 lacs per business unit.

There is no provision for compensation of structures and land under CRF and, therefore, the compensation cost has to be met out of the State Plan. Against the huge financial requirement of Rs. 3346.55 lacs for acquisition of land/structures and rehabilitation of shopkeepers, an amount of Rs. 30.00 lacs only has reportedly been released under state plan upto now and placed at the disposal of the Collector for disbursement.

The inspecting officer had also an interaction with the shopkeepers and house owners who are likely to get displaced as a result of widening of the road. Though it is a stark reality that maximum number of structures in the shape of shops and residential houses have been constructed on state land but still they are demanding for rehabilitation by way of allotment of shops and residential plots.

The work on the project is presently going on and the quality of works executed so far was found satisfactory.

The acquisition and subsequent removal of structures whether commercial and non commercial appear to be a stupendous task but still the executing agency is working very hard in further pushing up the work at the spots wherever the provision is available. The executing engineer seems to be very enthusiastic for early completion of scheme and in a bid to further

accelerate the pace of work has prioritised the acquisition and removal of 14 structures which houses 17 business units and 2 families at the spots detailed below: -

Location of structures	No. of structures
RD-0.0 to RD-200 (Left side)	2
RD-600 to RD-1750 (Right side)	1
RD-1750 to RD-2100 (Right side)	9
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All the 14 structures reportedly have come up on state land and as such there is no issue of land compensation. However as per valuation an amount of Rs.46.00 lacs would be required as compensation cost for acquisition of structures besides Rs.170.00 lacs for rehabilitation of shopkeepers @Rs.10.00 lacs/shopkeeper.

There are additional bottlenecks which need to be addressed in the shape of shifting/strengthening of utilities related to PDD, PHE, UEED and Telecommunications.

The widening work at various spots wherever the provision is available has been executed mainly upto WBM G-II. The PDD has also started working by way of shifting of its utilities. Against the target of shifting 07 sub stations, only 02 sub stations have been realigned and similarly the shifting of LT/HT network along with poles has been done for a length of 600 Rms against the target of 2600 Rms and the balance portion of work is under progress. However it was observed during inspection that some of the electric poles which have become redundant as a result of erection of new poles and are non-usable as of now, have not been still removed. The existence of these non-usable poles is creating hurdles in the free movement of traffic and pedestrians besides hindering the executing agency in taking up further work at these spots. It is in place to mention here that an amount of Rs. 50.00 lacs has already been released under state plan to PDD against the requirement of Rs. 99.81 lacs by the agency for shifting of utilities.

The UEED is also on the job for strengthening and raising the height of the manholes to the required levels. An amount of Rs. 8.00 lacs has also been released to the Deptt out of the overall project cost against the requirement of Rs. 23.00 lacs for the purpose. Some work also has to be done by the Telecom Deptt (BSNL) by realigning 07 No. Inspection Chambers and 61 telephone poles for which the estimates have been sought from BSNL. The executing agency has also sought estimates from PHE for shifting of the 3 No. Sluice chambers and water supply pipes for a full length of 2.60 Kms. The estimates are still awaited from BSNL while as PHE Division has furnished estimates to the extent of Rs. 365.59 lacs for realigning of the Water supply pipes.

### Suggestions:

1. The Administrative Department should keep adequate provisions during the current year and next financial year under state plan as compensation cost for acquisition of structures and land coming in the alignment of road widening. It should also keep sufficient provision of funds for its release to the different agencies for shifting of the utilities.
2. The concerned Division of PDD should complete the process of shifting of the PDD utility without any further delay. It should also remove the non-usable electric poles which besides impeding the free movement of traffic is creating hurdles to the executing agency in taking up the further work.
3. The Chief General Manager, BSNL should be impressed upon to furnish the estimates for shifting of the telecom utility and simultaneously take up the shifting work.
4. The government can do away with the shifting of PHE utility as it is not felt so necessary. The water supply pipes are buried meters under the ground and therefore, hardly require any repairs. The shifting activity besides involving huge expenditure of Rs. 400.00 lacs will certainly cause considerable delay in completion of project. However, the PHE Department should take up the work of strengthening

and raising the height of 3 Sluice chambers to the required level.

5. The government can also explore the possibility of identifying a suitable piece of land for construction of a shopping complex in the nearby area for allotment of shops to the shopkeepers in lieu of the compensation who would get displaced as a result of widening of the road.
6. The Competent Authority should take immediate steps for acquiring 14 No. structures and its subsequent demolition as has been prioritised by the executing agency for further accelerating the pace of work.
7. The District Administration should provide Magisterial Assistance to the executing agency wherever required to overcome public resistance in removal of bottlenecks coming in the way of execution of the scheme.

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Structures which need demolition







PDD utility which needs shifting





Work under progress near Parimpora





Non-usable electric poles still existing on road



Unwanted structure almost in the middle of road