

## Situation Report -1: Jammu and Kashmir Flood

### A. Situation Report

After continuous spell of rain, flood waters breached embankments in many low-lying areas in Kashmir, including the summer capital Srinagar, forcing people to move to safer places. River Jhelum, Chenab and many other streams have been flowing above danger mark.

Number of casualties reported	91
Worst affected Districts	Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, Pulwama, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Budgam, Rajuri, Poonch and Reasi
Gauge reading at 2000 hrs on 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Sangam: Gauge plate under water (last recorded gauge 33.65 ft)  Ram Munshibagh = 22.30 ft  Asham = 15.66 ft
Loss of livestock	150 sheep from Pulwama and report awaited from other districts

- 2 main hospitals in Srinagar and hundreds of villages are inundated/hit by landslide and caused massive damages to water supply, crops and orchards.
- As many as 60 major and minor roads have been cut off and 30 bridges washed away, hampering the relief and rescue operations. Many people are still stranded in various parts of state including Anantnag and Poonch.
- The Leh-Srinagar highway and Srinagar- Jammu Highway were closed due to landslide. The highways were submerged under water and disrupted inter-district communication also.
- Thousands of people are evacuated to safer places. The major breach at Kandizal on Jhelum has impacted 70,000 people.
- The discharge of Jhelum River is 75,000 cusecs of water against the normal discharge of 25,000. Ujh is overflowing with 45,000 cusecs of water and the Chenab at 38 feet is flowing four feet above the danger mark at Akhnoor.

- Almost all 10 districts in Jammu region are affected.
- The livestock of nomads residing in the upper reaches of Shopian district were reportedly washed away.

## B. Response from Government and Humanitarian Agencies

- The NDRF/SDRF is deployed for immediate relief and rescue in the affected areas.
- Army lunches operation SAHAYTA to evacuate people to safer places.
- The State Government has released Rs 20 crore to the Divisional Commissioners for relief and rescue measures.
- The state cabinet directed the concerned authorities to concentrate on immediate rescue of the affected people and get down to the assessment of damages after the rescue operations are completed.
- The cabinet was briefed by Commissioner Secretary PHE, Irrigation and Flood Control and Commissioner Secretary Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation, about the latest flood situation. It ordered immediate restoration of all the roads and other systems of communication.
- Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah personally oversaw the rescue and relief operation carried by Army, State Police and Civil Administration. Directed administration to make safety of human beings first priority while conducting rescue operations.
- The Chief Minister has also directed for establishing shelter camps for the affected families and providing food, blankets, medicines and other items of requirement to them.
- All schools, colleges and university to remain closed till Monday.
- Sphere India has activated the URS for Jammu and Kashmir flood during the Inter Agency Coordination Committee Emergency Coordination teleconference on 4<sup>th</sup> September.
- A teleconference of IAG Kashmir was organized at 2:30 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> of September to take a stock of the situation and plan the joint next course of action.
- Need was felt by the IAG to conduct JRNA in the affected areas. However, due to few challenges regarding the accessibility the timeline would be finalized and discussed in the next telecon on 6<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm.

## C. Emerging Needs

- WASH
- Shelter
- Health

## D. Source

IAG Kashmir and Media sources

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