**ERRA completes 10,002 projects in AJK and KP**

Islamabad, March 7, 2016 (PR): Earthquake Reconstruction, Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) has completed 10,002 important projects in Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa worth billions of rupees which will helpful to improve quality of life in AJK and KP areas which severely effected by massive 8th October 2005 earthquake.

 In a marathon monthly project review meeting, different projects were discussed in detail. The meeting which was presided over by Earthquake Reconstruction, Rehabilitation Authority Acting Deputy Chairman Brig. Abu Bakr Amin Bajwa reviewed and discussed progress of completed, under construction and yet to start projects.

On the occasion he congratulated all today who worked in past that ERRA due to inclusive approach and collective efforts has been able to complete over ten thousands projects. He expressed his commitment to complete the task assigned by the Government of Pakistan and the confidence shown by international community.

In the meeting Director General (DG) State Reconstruction Rehabilitation Authority AJK (SERRA), DG Pakhtunkhwa Reconstruction Rehabilitation Authority (PERRA), Projects Directors, ERRA officials and NESPAK representatives participated.

In meeting Acting Deputy Chairman said that ERRA despite facing funds problems but we are committed to complete near completion projects especially educational institutes on priority basis. It is our resolve to complete educational institutions on priority and it is unfortunate that Balakot site has not been handed over to ERRA yet and we stand by the people of old Balakot.

He directed all project heads to complete ongoing projects and remove impediments by finding amicable solutions for the construction of projects. He also appreciated all the concerned staff that played meaning full role in the completion of these projects.

The meeting was updated about overall completed projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and AJK. DG PERRA Syed Hidayat Jan told that in KP earthquake affected areas out of total 6886 different sectors projects, ERRA completed 4873 which are now functional.

He added that in Abbottabad 930, in Battagram1035, in Kohistan 273, Mansehra 2045, and in Shangla district 590 projects have been completed and handed to the relevant departments.

Director General State Earthquake Reconstruction Rehabilitation Authority (SERRA) Muhammad Zafar Khan in AJK total 5129 projects have been completed which included 1251 projects in Bagh, 2864 in Muzaffarbad, 223 in Neelum 770 Poonch and 21 in Sudhnoti have been completed and handed over to the concerns district administration for the public benefit.

Giving the details of sector wise completed project the meeting was told that in education sector 2928 projects completed while in environment sector total 253, governance, 509, health 198, livelihood 1372, transport 177, water and sanitation 4544 while in other areas total 21 projects were completed.

During the meeting Acting Director General ERRA donor and sponsor Muhammad Imtiaz apprised the meeting that from Kuwait fund 26 ongoing educational projects completed in Azad Kashmir and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa which costs Rs.2.3587 billion.

He said that 11 educational facilities completed in Muzaffarabad, 13 schools in different categories, four schools in district Bagh while two in Neelum valley and handed over to the concerned authorities.

He said that from Saudi Fund for Development 16 projects completed with cost of Rs.960 million including 11 educational and health projects in Mansehra, three in Abbottabad and two in Shangla. He added that Rs. 622 million from Islamic Development Bank was spent on 11 projects which included basic health units, schools and roads.

While giving the details of projects, Pakhtunkhwa Earthquake Reconstruction Rehabilitation Authority (PERRA) Director General Syed Hidayat Jan said that out of 6887 projects so far 4741completed.

Director General State Earthquake Reconstruction Rehabilitation Authority (SERRA) Muhammad Zafar Khan said in AJK out of 7626 projects have been completed.

A/Deputy Chairman ERRA directed the concerned department officials to complete on going projects within stipulated time. He expressed his satisfaction over the pace of work in earthquake hit areas and directed for quality and durable work.

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