

Altaf Bukhari calls on Governor



Seeks his intervention in addressing issues of public importance

SRINAGAR, May 18: Former finance minister Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Friday evening called on Shri. Satya Pal Malik, the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, at Rajbhavan. Bukhari brought various issues of public importance into the notice of the Honb'le Governor. The former minister also discussed about the progress on various Central and State Government developmental schemes under implementation in Srinagar city especially in Amirakadal constituency and pleaded for expediting their early completion.

Emphasizing on the need of construction of grade separators at Sanat Nagar, Nowgam and Bemina crossings, Bukhari urged the governor to facilitate the approval and release of requisite funds so that the work on these projects is started at an earliest. He also highlighted the importance of these projects in minimizing the accidents and decongestion of traffic at these junctions.

The former minister demanded macadamization in Gangbugh area of Amirakadal where the major project of drainage has been already completed during the last elected government.

Similarly, he also brought the importance of establishing an Irrigation Pump station in view of frequently interrupted irrigation water supply for around 115 acre of paddy and other agriculture land in Rawalpura and its adjoining areas.

Bukhari also demanded establishment of government Primary Health Center and government primary school at Mehjoor Nagar at already identified chunk of government land. He said a huge population in this ward is suffering for want of these facilities as both the institutions are currently being run in rented rooms with no standard facilities available therein. He also invited the attention of Honb'le Governor towards establishment of fire service station at the same location to cater to any kind of eventuality.

Regarding the condition of public parks, Bukhari urged the governor to direct the floriculture and tourism departments to focus of maintenance of the existing parks in entire Srinagar especially in Amirakadal constituency besides installing of mast head lights and the recreational facilities for children and the old age people.

The former minister also pleaded for revamping of drainage at Gulshan Nagar Nowgam where the ERA had constructed the drainage long back without following the proper alignment and other specifications.

Bukhari also highlighted the severe hardships being faced by the people on account skyrocketing prices of essential commodities that too in the holy month of Ramadhan. He also brought into the notice of Governor the difficulties being faced due to lack of basic amenities especially in Srinagar city including frequent curtailment of electricity, shortage of potable water, availability of kerosene and sugar particularly in economically downtrodden areas like Mehjoor Nagar, Natipora, Rawalpura, Chinarbagh, Kursoo and Ikhrajpora. The governor assured the former minister of all cooperation from his administration in mitigating the sufferings of people.