

Wakf Board admits flaws, but says ‘everything not wrong with us’

IMRAN MUZAFFAR

Srinagar, July 8: The J&K Muslim Wakf Board Tuesday came up with a statement in their defence in the wake of increasing public discourse on the failure of the body to help widows, orphans and destitute in Kashmir.

“Wakf alone cannot come to their rescue,” Prof. M. Y. Qadri, the Board’s Vice-Chairman, said in a statement. “It is the joint responsibility of the whole society.”

Wakf Board, which has of late remained under intense public criticism for failing to establish Bait-ul-Maal to help needy Kashmiris, said all was not wrong with the body.

Analysts have said Wakf Board was being used by politicians as their fiefdom and that its funds were utilized by them for electioneering and other personal ends.

Prof. Qadri said the total income from all sources, which was about Rs 1100 lakhs in 2009-10, has doubled to Rs 2300 lakhs in 2013-14.

“The Board is charged with the responsibilities of management of more than 100 shrines and masjids affiliated to it and expenditure on these alone runs into several crores,” he revealed.

The Vice-Chairman, a former Kashmir University head, said there were “difficulties” in realizing the resources in full.

“The rents are too low, properties have been rented and encroachments

Parties using Wakf money in elections: Nayeem Khan

Srinagar, July 8: Chairman of National Front and Hurriyat Conference J&K leader, Nayeem Ahmad Khan, Tuesday said the income of Muslim Wakf Board is being used by mainstream parties during elections.

Khan said that many religious institutions in India have set an example of using their assets for the betterment of their people.

“Akaal Takht of Sikh community is not only successfully protecting its faith but also working on the welfare front and has set exceptional examples by rehabilitating the destitute,” he said in a statement.

“Contrary to it, the so-called Muslim Wakf Board of ours has been insulting the J&K Muslims and irony is that the

income of the institution is used by pro-India parties during elections.”

“If the assets worth crores of rupees are returned to Muslims of J&K and they are allowed to use it professionally, it can create huge income enough to provide best educational and health facilities to its inhabitants,” Khan said.

“The state can also feed all the orphans, widows, destitute and can even rehabilitate them. But our huge assets are under the occupation of the so-called Muslim Wakf Board, the office bearers of which are busy only to fulfill their own needs. They are there to strengthen the Indian occupation through the money provided by the common masses.” GKN

number of widows and destitute.”

Prof Qadri also claimed that the Board was providing assistance for marriage, medical assistance and education to people.

According to the statement, the Wakf Board was right now spending

a whopping amount of Rs 72 crores on “construction works.”

But the diligence of Wakf Board could be gauged from the fact that despite spending Rs 3 crore on marbles alone on cladding the dome of Hazratbal shrine for nearly half a decade, it has not completed the work as of now.

The Vice-Chairman has also stated that Rs 13 crore were being spent on “other construction programmers and maintenance and repairs.”

Accountability and transparency, analysts have argued, is one the biggest challenges for Wakf Board. In the past, the Board has come under serve public criticism for mismanagement and wrongdoing.

In 2012, the State Government constituted a committee to conduct a special administrative and financial audit of the Board following widespread complaints.

In the same year, the Board, in a press conference, admitted that irregularities were taking place in the institution and that some cases had been handed over to the Crime Branch for investigation.

“I have tried my best to ensure transparency over the past three years, but I have found many cases of irregularities and misconduct in the Board which is a national property of the Valley’s Muslims,” Qadri had said.

Some employees of the Board, he had stated, were foiling the steps aimed at weeding out “corruption at different levels in the Board.”

Chief Secretary approves rural electrification plan

2.5 lakh households, 11000 habitations to be covered across JK



GK NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, July 8: Chief Secretary Muhammad Iqbal Khanday Tuesday chaired the State Level Standing Committee (SLSC) meeting to review and approve the implementation plan of RGGVY Phase-II in Jammu and Kashmir.

RGGVY is a scheme of Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification with an objective of providing access to electricity to all rural households.

The scheme also provides for installing sub-stations and distribution transformers of appropriate capacity to set up new or augmenting the existing rural electricity infrastructure.

Under RGGVY-II, over 2.5 lakh un-electrified rural households and 11000 habitations spread across all districts of the state are to be covered besides completing any spill over work of projects under RGGVY-I.

Principal Secretary PDD, A. K. Mehta informed the committee that RGGVY Phase-I is being successfully closed district wise in the state besides for the implementation of Phase-II under the scheme funds to the tune of over Rs 1300 crore have been approved by the Union Government.

Principal Secretary Planning B. R. Sharma, Principal Secretary Finance B. B. Vyas and other senior officers attended the meeting.

Naikoo family demands arrest of killers

Stages demo outside DC office; Police say probe on

GHULAM MUHAMMAD

Sopore, July 8: The family members of two youth killed by unidentified gunmen at Seelu, Sopore, last month, staged a protest outside the office of Deputy Commissioner Baramulla on Tuesday demanding immediate arrest of the killers.

On June 20, two cousin brothers, Nazir Ahmed Naikoo and Shabir Ahmed Naikoo, were attacked by unidentified gunmen leaving Nazir dead on the spot

while Shabir succumbed after a few days.

“Why isn’t police able to nab the culprits? We want the killers to be brought to book without any further delay,” the families said.

Talking to Greater Kashmir, SP Abdul Qayoom said police have already registered a case and some arrests were also made. “One of the suspects, Mehranj ud Din, continues to be under detention and we are questioning him. We urge the people of the area if they have any information or clue, they must share that with us,” Qayoom said.

“Police is committed to nab the culprits behind the twin killings. Investigations are on,” he informed.

LC drops privilege notices

Srinagar, July 8: A meeting of Committee on Privileges of JK Legislative Council was held here Tuesday to examine various breach of privilege motions. The Committee examined the notice given by MLC Dr B A Shah Veeri, Naresh Kumar Gupta, Dr Shehnaz Ganie, Aga Syed Rizvi and other legislators against several officials. The breach of privileges against officials of JAKFED, PDD and Forests were dropped after receiving satisfactory reply.

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Muhammad Ashiq S/o Abdul Hameed R/o Traranwali Surankote District Poonch J&K (18 Yrs. of Age, Height 5 ft.) is missing since 06/07/2014 from Chandimad, Surankote. The person is deaf & dumb. If anybody is having any information regarding this person may contact Police Station Surankote, Poonch
The person will be rewarded Rs. 50,000/-
CONTACT NO: 9469414220, 9596749063
Abdul Hamid F/o Muhammad Ashiq

Jammu and Kashmir

General Line Teachers Forum Kashmir

An emergency meeting was held in zone Pampore by J&K General Line Teachers Forum to discuss the issue of gross injustice perpetrated against general line teachers by the recently proclaimed order of the J&K Government in favour of RET's. In the meeting all the members made an avowed commitment to fight against this one-sided and unfair cabinet decision smacking of political favouritism to utter detriment of the interests of general line teachers. The body made it a common objective to battle it out whatever it takes to reclaim our right and interest.

In the end the body of the zone Pampore was framed as under:
1. Mr. Sajad Ahmad Lone (Zone President) 9906850637
2. Mr. Manzoor Ahmad (Vice President) 9697052824
3. Dr. Abdul Wasay Bhat (Gen. Secretary/Publicity Secretary) 9419513505
4. Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Mascodi (Joint Secretary) 9906918608
5. Mr. Mohammad Aslam Mir (Zonal Treasurer) 9797505477
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NOTICE

SUBJECT: Training Programme of BLOs as per training Module prepared by Election Commission of India.

The Chief Electoral Officer J&K Srinagar vide his office letter No.2441/CEO/Pub/2014/1429-52 Dtd03/07/2014 has prepared a training module for imparting training to Booth Level Officers at constituency level in the small group of 30 to 40 BLOs as per below mentioned calendar.

Name of the District	Total Assembly Segments	AC No & name	No. of Polling Stations Involved in Batch	No. of BLOs Involved in Batch	No. of Batches	Dates of Training	Time of Training	Venue
Shopian	2	35-Wachi	Ps No. 1 – 30	30	1	9/7/2014	10 AM to 4 PM	Town Hall Shopian
			Ps No. 31 – 60	30	1	10/7/2014	10 AM to 4 PM	Town Hall Shopian
			Ps No. 61 - 95	35	1	11/7/2014	10 AM to 4 PM	Town Hall Shopian
		36 - Shopian	Ps No. 1 – 40	40	1	9/7/2014	10 AM to 4 PM	Town Hall Shopian
			Ps No. 41 – 80	40	1	10/7/2014	10 AM to 4 PM	Town Hall Shopian
			Ps No. 81 – 101	21	1	11/7/2014	10 AM to 4 PM	Town Hall Shopian
		Total	196					

All the concerned BLOs are advised to attend in the said training programme on the scheduled date and time positively.

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