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J&K PROJECTS GETS INVESTMENT CLEARANCE

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The Planning Commission has given investment clearance of scheme "Construction of Flood Protection Works in the form of Embankment, Spurs and Revetment to project Defence Posts along river Basanter and Devak" in J&K. The scheme is estimated to Cost of Rs 8.00 Crore.

The project shall be completed by the financial year 2013-14 and Plan accounts would be closed by 31st March 2014. Project may accordingly be executed as per the approved outlays in the State Annual Plan. The State Finance Department would restrict the expenditure to the approved cost and no additional expenditure beyond approved cost may be permitted.

For ensuring safer passage of flood water through villages as well as intra village and inter village drainage of flood water, the State Government should provide non-return valves at suitable locations of the flood embankment so that flood water from country side may discharge into the main channel. Work may also be done to strengthen local drainages within villages. MGNREGA funds may be used for this purpose as this is a permissible activity under the recently issued Operational Guidelines for MGNREGS. Regular maintenance should be ensured by State Govt. before and after each monsoon season as well as even during execution.

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