

Minister stresses need to strengthen manufacturing & service sectors

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A review meeting of various projects going on in the district was held at Circuit House here on Saturday under the chairmanship of UP Minister of Finance and Parliamentary Affairs and minister-in-charge of the district Suresh Kumar Khanna. During the review of the electricity department, the Minister directed the officers to make separate lists of under repair and newly installed transformers so that information about the quality of the transformers after repair can be obtained. He said that information about the approved schemes of all the departments must be given to the public representatives. He asked the officers concerned that to ensure that rainwater went to the Amrit Sarovars being built under MNREGA so that it does not get wasted. While reviewing progress of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Khanna said the selection in the housing scheme should be done as per the government norms. "The panchayat secretary must give a certificate in this regard that he/she has selected the right candidate and the first installment should be paid only after cross-checking", he said.



According to Chief Development Officer (CDO) Himanshu Nagpal, in the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin, 38,026 houses have been completed against the total approved number of 38,268 houses, which is 99.37 per cent and in the Mukhya Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin, 4,265 houses have been completed against the approved number of 4,350, which is 97.95 per cent and the remaining houses will be completed soon.

Expressing strong displeasure over the wrong electricity bill readings, Khanna asked to correct them with immediate effect. Expressing unhappiness over the cleanliness system, he directed the officers concerned to further improve the cleanliness system. "The salary of the

sanitation worker who does not work should be deducted", he said, directing the officers to ensure that information about all the subsidised schemes of the government is constantly given to the general public so that the needy can get the benefit of these schemes.

Khanna kept special focus on three departments to create a one trillion dollar economy, which include agriculture, industry and tourism. For this, he stressed the need to strengthen the manufacturing and service sectors. He asked to ensure maximum employment through all three departments. At the beginning of the meeting, District Magistrate S Rajalingam welcomed the minister-in-charge by giving a bouquet and then the CDO gave information about various schemes being

run in the district through a presentation, in which he presented information about various schemes.

MLC Dharmendra Singh expressed displeasure over the Electricity department not solving the problems of the people and demanded making the roads pothole-free, checking of quality of work done at Kalka Dham, reconstruction of reservoirs and arrangements for garlanding the statues of great personalities. MLA Saurabh Srivastava raised the issue of naked electric wires, quality check of the work done by UPPCL at Samne Ghat and appointment of sanitation workers in newly expanded areas. Zila Panchayat Chairperson Poonam Maurya asked to fix the electric wires. Sevapuri MLA representative Aditi Patel also raised many issues. In the meeting, UP Ministers of State (Independent Charge) Ravindra Jaiswal and Dr Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu', Mayor Ashok Tiwari, MLA Dr Awadhesh Singh, MLC Hansraj Vishwakarma, Vice-Chairman of Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) Pulkit Garg, Municipal Commissioner Akshat Verma, DFO Swati Singh and many other officials of various departments were also present.