

About 2.80 lakh beneficiaries were being covered under the scheme : Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal

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Fleet strength of ambulance under Atal Swasthya Sewa would be raised from 108 to 135 during current financial year to extend services to left out areas in the State. All 56 gram panchayats of Sulah Assembly segment had been connected with motorable road and all villages with 250 and above population would be connected with motorable road on priority. This was stated by Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, Chief Minister, while addressing a mammoth public meeting at Sulah, in Sulah assembly segment of district Kangra, after he dedicated and laid foundation stone of development schemes valued at over Rs. 22 crore, a record in itself in the development history of the area, today. Chief Minister said that Rs. 60 crore were being spent over providing school uniform to about 10.5 lakh students studying in government schools from first standard to matric standard twice a year to bring about uniformity amongst the different sections of the society while pursuing their academic pursuits. He said that the State Government had extended social security pension cover to widows, aged and handicapped which was also initially started by BJP Government in the State with a provision of Rs. 50 per month and present Government enhanced it from Rs. 200 to Rs. 330 in 2008 and now it had been enhanced to Rs. 400 per month. He said that about 2.80 lakh beneficiaries were being covered under the scheme. He said that every gram panchayat was being provided a gymnasium to inculcate habit of exercise and physical fitness amongst the youth in rural areas so that they could also go for sports activities. Prof. Dhumal said that the State Government had extended the cover of facilities to every section of the society through Atal Bijli Bachat Yojna, subsidised domestic power, subsidised essential commodities where the State Government was spending hundred of crores of rupees annually. He said that housing grant under Atal Awas Yojna had also been enhanced from Rs. 27,500 to Rs. 48,500 so that more families were covered under the scheme. He said that Atal Swasthya Sewa had emerged as a boom to the people of the State where any person, irrespective of their economic and social status. He said that besides free institutional delivery, medicines, medical tests of mother and child were being ensured. He said that second phase of Mukhya Mantri Vidhyarthi Swasthya Yojna had been launched wherein free de-worming tablets would be made available to every student. He said that every critical ailment in the child would be treated on priority so that they were made hale and hearty. Chief Minister said that women section of the society had been benefitted immensely with the policies and programmes aimed at their speedy socio-economic upliftment. He said that it was during BJP regime that working women were sanctioned public holiday on Bhaiya Dooj, Raksha Bandhan and Karva Chouth besides providing them free travelling facilities on Bhaiya Dooj and Raksha Bandhan in HRTC buses. He said that muslim women had also been provided similar facility on Eid so that no section of the society was deprived of their legitimate rights. He said that it was BJP Government in the State that 50 percent reservation had been provided in panchayati raj institutions with a view to provide women equal opportunity to contribute towards development of their areas. He said that now cooperative societies would also be consisting of 33 percent women and included self help groups. He said that there were numerous schemes which had benefitted women folk immensely. He said that additionally senior citizens of vulnerable sections of the society were being provided free dentures. He said that 50,510 petty traders had been brought under the umbrella of Rs. one lakh accident insurance so that their families were secure

of any such eventuality. Prof. Dhumal said that the State Government would be honouring in public the officers and contractors who set a record by constructing projects well before the scheduled time and also save on the estimated cost. He said that work on college building at Noura would be completed on priority so that new campus was available to the students to carry forward their academic pursuits conveniently. He directed the authorities to ensure that the college building was completed to save on cost escalation. Chief Minister also listened to the public grievances after the public meeting. Smt. Pooja Devi, wife of late Shri Ranjeet Singh, Panchayat Sahayak, who had died of heart attack recently, was presented a draft of Rs. 1.08 lakh as financial assistance to the family by Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, Chief Minister. The amount had been donated and collected by Shri Sanjeev Rana, Chairperson, Bhawarna Panchayat Samiti. PTA Bhawarna also presented a draft of Rs. 17,800, to the Chief Minister, as contribution towards the Chief Minister Relief Fund. Shri Vipin Parmar, local MLA, welcomed the Chief Minister to his home segment and thanked him for setting a record in the development history of the segment by dedicating and laying foundation stone of developmental schemes valued at over Rs. 22 crore. He thanked for providing Rs. 5.37 crore for laying irrigation pipe from Palampur to Garh Jamula, to benefit population of 18 villages. He said that Rs. 7 crore drinking water supply had been sanctioned for Changer area in Sulah. Chief Minister was accompanied by Shri Ravinder Singh Ravi, Irrigation and Public Health Minister, Shri Kishan Kapoor, Industries Minister, Shri Ramesh Dhwal, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister, Smt. Sarveen Chaudhary, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister, Capt. Atma Ram, MLA, Rajgir, Shri Vipin Parmar, local MLA, Shri Parveen Sharma, MLA, Palampur, Shri Kripal Parmar, former MP and Vice Chairman, HP State Marketing Board, Shri Trilok Kapoor, Chairman, WOOLFED, Smt. Shreshta Koundal, Chairperson, Zila Parishad, Shri Bhagwan Dass, Vice Chairman, Kangra Central Cooperative Bank, Shri Sanjay Rana, Chairman, Panchayat Samiti, Bhawarna, Smt. Sunita Dhiman, Chairperson, Panchayat Samiti, Sulah, Smt. Pawna Devi, Chairperson, Panchayat Samiti, Lambagaon, Shri Vinay Sharma, General Secretary, Kangra BJP, Shri Giyan Chand, President, Sulah BJP Mandal, Shri P.L.Thakur, Inspector General, North Zone, Shri R.S.Gupta, Deputy Commissioner, Shri M.S.Kanwar, Chief Engineer, IPH, Shri D.R.Chaudhary, Chief Engineer, PWD, other senior officers and prominent people of the area were present on the occasion.

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