

**April -2025****Under Secretary, Govt. of India Visits Human Aid Society established Senior Citizen Home****Date: 07 April 2025**

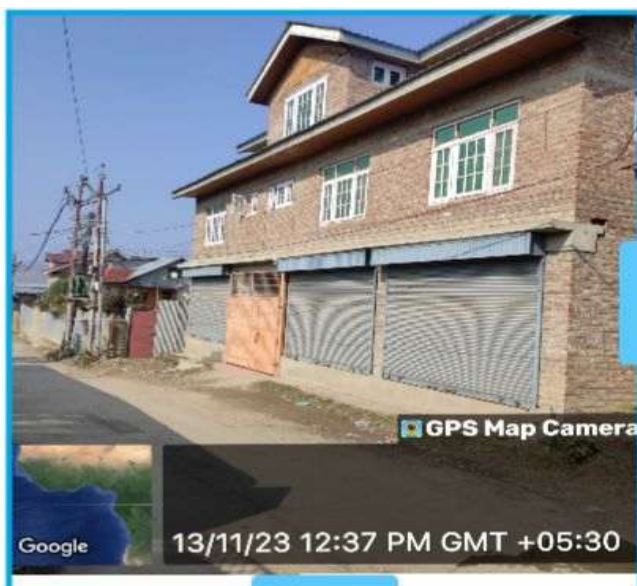
Mr. Ram Charan Meena, Under Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of India, visited Baramulla to review the implementation of Central Government welfare schemes. During his official tour, he held detailed interactions with various departmental heads and representatives of non-governmental organizations, including the Human Aid Society (HAS).



The Chairman of Human Aid Society briefed the visiting dignitary regarding the Society's initiative to establish a Senior Citizens Home under the 2022 Central Government scheme via the E-Anudaan portal. He informed Mr. Meena that, despite the Society's efforts, a formal sanction letter or any reimbursement had not yet been received from the concerned authorities.

The Chairman further explained that Human Aid Society has already spent approximately ₹15,00,000 on the establishment of the Old Age Home. Additionally, the Society bears an annual rent of ₹3,60,000 for the senior citizens' building and pays monthly honorariums to three appointed employees, amounting to nearly ₹4,50,000 per annum. These investments were made solely to make the facility functional in line with the objectives of the Government's welfare initiative.

Regrettably, despite a directive from the Government of India to the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Baramulla to reimburse the instalment to Human Aid Society, the department failed to inform the organisation. As a result, the sanctioned funds lapsed. The Chairman strongly urged Mr. Meena to facilitate the release of the previously invested amount and to ensure that the future operational budget of the Senior Citizens Home is duly supported by the concerned government authorities.



Mr. Meena took serious note of the matter. In a commendable move, he conducted a surprise visit to the Senior Citizens Home to assess the situation on the ground. After reviewing the facility, he appreciated the efforts of Human Aid Society and assured his full support in resolving the issue. He also issued on-spot directions to the District Social Welfare Officer to immediately assist the Society in re-registration on the E-Anudaan portal, paving the way for formal recognition and future funding support.

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