

## **Basharat Bukhari sanctions Rs.7 cr for dev of judicial infrastructure in Handwara**

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*Jehlum Post News/ Handwara/ June 10, 2015/Minister for Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Relief & Rehabilitation, Syed Basharat Bukhari Wednesday visited Handwara to review the development of judicial infrastructure there.*

*While addressing a well-attended gathering, the Minister said that all measures are being taken for upgradation of judicial infrastructure in Handwara, adding that Rs 6.98 crore have been earmarked for the project out of which Rs 1 crore stand released. The Minister said that the present Government has been contemplating to provide a fully developed and well equipped Court Complex to the people of Handwara. He said the complex will be holistically developed that will address the needs of having court rooms, lawyers chambers, library, canteen and other such amenities. The Minister also directed Chief Engineer R&B Kashmir to include also such infrastructural demands in the project report that will be prepared for the same. With regard to the existing infrastructure in the complex, the Minister said that there is need to utilize the land judiciously in order to accommodate all required facilities.*

*On the occasion, the Minister also announced that Rajya Sabha MP Fayaz Ahmad Mir would contribute Rs 5 lakh out his MPLAD for the upgradation of library and purchase of latest Law Books and Journals. With regard of transferring powers to hear cases regarding Motor Accident Claims to Additional District Sessions Judge Handwara, the Minister assured that matter will be taken up with the High Court. The Minister also asked the Lawyers to create a Corpus Fund that could be utilised for their welfare and also to attend to certain issues of importance. The Minister also said that all efforts are being made to make Law Department more vibrant along with its extensions outside the secretariat so as to make service delivery better. Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Animal Husbandry also highlighted the importance of economic utilization of land for the development of judicial infrastructure so that it becomes a model for other districts to follow. The Minister also announced Rs 10 Lakh out of his CDF for the development of basic amenities in the Court Complex.*

*Earlier the Ministers inspected the Court complex and took stock of the facilities available there. Secretary Law, Principal District Session Judge, Kupwara, Additional District Session Judge, Handwara, DC Kupwara, ADC Handwara, CE R&B, Kashmir besides, other district civil and judicial officers were also present on the occasion. The Minister was accompanied by Minister for Science & Technology and Animal Husbandry, Sajad Gani Lone, MP, Fayaz Ahmad Mir, and MLA Kupwara, Bashir Ahmad Dar.*