

## **Report of Varanasi visit by Ms Radhika Jha, IAS, ED (IPDS) on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

A review meeting was convened by Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to review the progress of various projects under implementation at Varanasi. Later, the meeting was chaired by Shri Nitin Ramesh Gokaran, Divisional Commissioner, Varanasi on behalf of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of U.P. The meeting was attended by various officers in addition to Shri Praveen Prakash, JS, MoUD and Dr. A. K. Verma, JS (Distribution) MoP and the undersigned.

Following were the salient points discussed regarding IPDS implementation during the visit:

1. It was advised that work may to be taken up at multiple horizons to speed up the progress. The manpower mobilisation at site to be increased accordingly.
2. It was suggested that for field level execution of underground works, experienced and resourceful contractors to be mobilised so as to complete the works in time and avoid any inconvenience to local public.
3. Proper barricading of area to be done for safety of local public by using caution boards, tapes and other necessary measures.
4. The Kashi-IPDS app to be updated on daily basis along with site photographs.
5. Divisional Commissioner, Varanasi, advised that the road-restoration work should be taken up on priority. He advised ADM (City) and Municipal Commissioner (VMC) to ensure the same without any duplication.

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