

Minutes of the special meeting of the UT level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee for Rural Development Programmes for Daman & Diu held on 30.7.2008 at 12.00 noon in the Conference Hall of Secretariat, Moti Daman.

List of participants is enclosed at Annexure A.

At the outset, Shri P. K. Gupta, Development Commissioner and Member Secretary of the UT level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee welcomed Shri Satya Gopal, Administrator of Daman & Diu, Chairman, Shri Dahyabhai Patel, Member of Parliament and other members of the Committee and requested the Project Director, DRDA to place the performance of the various Rural Development Programmes being implemented in the UT of Daman & Diu before the Committee.

Initiating the discussion on the performance Report, the Administrator / Chairman of the Committee emphasized that the implementing machinery must take all appropriate action to complete the projects by utilising the funds received from the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India on time and submit the Utilization Certificates so that the funds earmarked for the Union Territory can be released and utilized.

1. Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA)

It was noted that total amount of Rs. 5,48,36,000/- has been received for implementation of the Act in the year 2008-09. The Chairman, Member of Parliament and all the members were of the unanimous view that the guidelines / procedures outlined by the Ministry of Rural Development should be followed scrupulously so as to ensure livelihood security in rural areas by providing atleast 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every eligible household in a transparent manner. For effective implementation of the Act, the following decisions were taken :-

- a) The information regarding the Act be widely disseminated among the beneficiaries and Panchayati Raj representatives through pamphlets / brochures in the local language. The CEO, DP intimated that necessary action has been taken in this regard.
- b) The Panchayat Secretaries shall prepare and submit the annual 'Shelf of Projects' (SOP) for the year to be taken up at the Panchayat level to the BDO / Programme Officer. The Programme Officer on consolidating all the Panchayat Level Plans, will prepare the District Level Plan and forward the same to the District Programme Coordinator for placing it before the District Panchayat for its approval. The CEO, District Panchayat informed that the District Plan has been approved by the District Panchayat in its meeting held on 24.7.2008.
- c) The Annual Plan so approved by District Panchayat will be forwarded to the UT Administration by the Project Director, DRDA. The UT

Administration after examining, will submit the same to the Ministry of Rural Development for its sanction.

- d) The Panchayat Secretaries shall receive the applications made by the applicants (households) and will prepare a consolidated list of applicants / beneficiaries for each Gram Panchayat. The list so prepared shall be submitted to the Programme Officer / BDO.
- e) Once the list of applicants / beneficiaries is prepared, the job cards should be opened in the name of each applicant (household).
- f) The Shelf of Projects (works) should be executed as per the guidelines of NREGA.
- g) All payments of NREGA wages shall be through accounts held in Banks or Post Office only. As stated in the Act, contractors cannot be engaged in any manner in the execution of works.

(Action : BDO / Programme Officer, CEO, District Panchayat)

2. Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)

While monitoring the performance of the Scheme, it was pointed out by the Member of Parliament that during 2007-08 no applications were received and during 2008-09 only 10 applications have been received for obtaining assistance, which is not encouraging. He further pointed out that no one from Diu District has applied for assistance. The Member of Parliament also pointed out the problem connected with identification of BPL families and requested that the matter be taken up with MoRD for carrying out proper survey based on the ground realities so that people from poor families are covered under BPL category can take advantage of the scheme. The Administrator / Chairman of the Committee also emphasized that the cases under SGSY be taken up with the banks and necessary clarifications, if any be provided so that the assistance can be released on time and not being rejected on flimsy grounds. It was decided that suitable steps should be taken for popularizing the scheme. It was therefore decided that :-

- a) The scheme is required to be popularized in the District of Diu. The Vice President, District Panchayat suggested that detailed information be made available by DRDA to the District Collector for wide circulation among the public representatives and target groups.
- b) Regarding the applications lying with banks, matter be followed up and clarifications, if any be readily provided.
- c) The Collector, Daman to conduct meeting of the lead bank officials in August 2008 and review / monitor the progress made by the respective banks on the 10 applications received so far.

d) The matter be taken up with Govt. of India for re-survey and identification of BPL families.

(Action :- PD, DRDA, Collector, Daman and Collector, Diu)

3. **Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)**

While monitoring the performance of the Indira Awaas Yojana being implemented in the Union Territory from the year 2001-02 upto 2008-09, it was noted that though adequate funds were available under the scheme with the Union Territory, the expenditure incurred / assistance provided has not been satisfactory since the number of applicants were few. It was informed that 27 applications have been received during the year 2008-09, out of which 4 applicants have been released assistance amounting to Rs. 1.40 lakhs. Since only Rs. 29000/- out of the earlier funds is now available under the scheme, matter has been taken up with MoRD to release adequate funds so that rest of the applicants can be provided assistance as per the guidelines of the Scheme. It was decided that the matter be taken up with MoRD afresh and a proposal with detailed justification should be sent to release the fund at the earliest. (Action :- PD, DRDA and CEO, District Panchayat and BDO, Daman)

4. **DRDA Administration Scheme**

It was informed that the DRDA Administration wing has requirement for 17 posts, out of which 8 posts have been filled up on contract basis. Since more number of staff will be required to implement the NREGA Act and other Rural Development Schemes, the DRDA wing has requested the Ministry of Rural Development to allow to fill up the remaining 9 posts on contract basis. In this regard, it was decided that a fresh proposal with full justification be submitted to Jt. Secretary, Rural Development, Govt. of India. A copy of the proposal should also be sent to the Development Commissioner for following up the matter with Jt. Secretary, Rural Development, MoRD. It was decided that any further action shall be taken only after obtaining approval of the MoRD, Govt. of India in this regard.

(Action:- PD, DRDA)

5. **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**

While reviewing the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, it was noted that the funds sanctioned in the year 2002-03 (of Rs. 10 crores) could only be utilized by 2008-09 and no further amount has been sanctioned. Shri Dahyabhai Patel, Member of Parliament insisted that the implementation of the Yojana should be expedited for which a detailed road network of the District should be prepared and a comprehensive plan be carved out to cover all the rural

roads of the Districts of Daman & Diu. It was decided after detailed deliberations that :-

- a) The District road network / plan be prepared and submitted to District Panchayat for approval.
- b) The UT level Committee to consider the plan approved by the District Panchayat and pass the projects at the earliest.
- c) The proposal so cleared should be submitted with the State Technical Authority (STA) immediately thereafter.
- d) The Executive Engineer and Asst Engineer, PWD attached with District Panchayat to monitor the proposals with STA closely. Any difficulty in the whole process should be brought to the knowledge of Collector, Daman and Secretary PWD, who in turn will take further action to sort out the issues.

(Action :- Executive Engineer, PWD, Collector, Daman, Secretary PWD)

6. **Computerisation of Land Records**

It was informed that the computerisation of Land Records is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of MoRD and the Ministry has sanctioned grant of Rs. 25 lakhs to the UT Administration of Daman & Diu to implement the same. Out of this expenditure about Rs. 6.5 lakhs has already been incurred in converting the data to digital form. The Collector, Daman informed that further action regarding preparation and testing of software is required to fully implement the scheme. It was decided that a consolidated proposal for 22 revenue villages of Daman and 6 revenue villages of Diu be prepared for implementation through a specialised software developer having experience in land records. Time limits should be fixed for implementation of the aforesaid decisions. After finalising the cost estimates as per rules, steps be taken for obtaining assistance from the MoRD immediately.

(Action :- Collector, Daman & Collector, Diu)

7. **Watershed Development Programme under DPAP, DDP and IWDP (Hariyali), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Sector Reforms Project/Swajaldhar**

These three schemes are presently not being implemented in the UT of Daman & Diu. The Administrator and the Member of Parliament were of the view that the UT Administration should take adequate steps to obtain assistance under the said Schemes from MoRD, Govt. of India for development of water supply related projects in the rural areas of Daman & Diu, particularly in the water scarcity District of Diu. The CEO, District Panchayat was advised to study the schemes in detail and submit proposals as per the guidelines of the Schemes to MoRD, Govt. of India. Regarding the issue of Nodal Officer, it was decided that

CEO, District Panchayat will act as Nodal Officer and the Executive Engineer, PWD will provide necessary assistance to him.

(Action :- CEO, (DP) & EEC PWD) Dist. Panchayat).

At the end the Chairman directed that the meeting of the UT level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee be held in every quarter of a financial year and the Ministry of Rural Development be informed of the developments. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(P. K. Gupta)
Member Secretary