

Minutes of the DDC meeting held on 6/2/2014 in the Conference Hall of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Barpeta.

Members Present- incorporated in Annexure-I

Dr. Siddharth Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Barpeta presided over the meeting.

At the outset of the meeting Shri S.C. Saha, ACS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev) welcomed all the members present and initiated the discussion as per the agenda with review of progress of some of the departmental schemes mentioned as below-

Agriculture:: While highlighting the progress of different schemes, the Asstt. Executive Engineer, Agriculture Pathsala clarified certain queries relating to the procedures in beneficiary selection process, achieving more than the target fixed i.e 723 nos. against 700 nos. in respect of "Installation of STW" under irrigation component of AACP very convincingly. As regards to distribution of 30 nos. of "power tiller" under mechanization component of RKVY 2013-14 he informed about the requirement of approval for A.P wise breakup of the target from the Zila Parishad, Barpeta. The Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Barpeta requested him to submit the particulars to accord approval early.

As the Asstt. Executive Engineer, Agriculture Sorbhog had completed distribution of 21 tractors against the target of 25 Nos. under AACP 2013-14, the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (D) asked him to complete distribution of the rest 4 tractors immediately so that it won't lie standstill due to coming into force of the model code of conduct in view of the ensuing parliamentary election.

Highlighting the progress of different schemes, the DAO, Barpeta referred specifically to the onion cultivation for which seeds were supplied centrally to 60 Nos. of groups to cover 300 Ha. of land under RKVY (Horticulture) which is in vegetative stage. As regards to KCC, he mentioned the progress as comparatively encouraging with achieving 9546 Nos. against the target of 20,000 nos. which is likely to be increased in the month of March'2014. The LDM informed that the private banks are not cooperative in sanctioning of KCC loan. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner(D) requested the DAO and the LDM to take initiative at their respective level and to put some coordinating efforts to achieve the KCC target within the stipulated period. (Action- DAO/LDM/AEE, Agriculture, Pathsala, Sorbhog).

PWD(Building): The Asstt. Executive Engineer, PWD(Bld) reported of achieving 28% physical progress for the scheme "Establishment of Polytechnic at Ganakkuchi, Barpeta". Out of 7 Nos. of Model Schools under RMSA, 2 Schools one at Chenga Musalmapara Gaon under Chenga Block and the other at Bardoloni village under Mandia Block are in the verge of completion. He admitted slow progress of 2 model schools one at Gamariguri village under Gobardhana Block and the other at village Kaljahi under Gumafulbari Block. The DDC took stock of the progress of works of all the educational institutions under RMSA and asked the PWD(Bld) authority and the Inspector of Schools to settle the problems through joint effort and keep vigil to ensure timely completion of all the schemes. As regards the Barpeta Vidyapith H.S school, Chayaram Girls' Institute and JRP Girls' High School requiring RCC structure instead of Assam type building, the Addl. Deputy Commissioner(D) requested the Asstt. Executive Engineer PWD(Building) to refer the matter to the higher authority to take a quick decision. (Action: E.E PWD(Bld)/I.S).

AACP:: The Asstt. Executive Engineer, PWD Barpeta AACP Sub Division referring to the construction of Sarupeta Whole sale Market" informed that although the site was handed over to the contractor but the works could not be started as the owners of the temporary structures exist on the proposed site are not agreed to allow the MMDC to dismantle these structures. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner(D) requested the Asstt. Executive Engineer to try to settle the matter through negotiation. (Action- A.EE, PWD, AACP).

The DDC reviewed the progress of other sectors like Water Resource, PWD Roads, PHE, H&T, Fishery, Irrigation etc. in detail. The Addl. Deputy commissioner (Dev) expressed his serious concern over the absence of some of the DDC members among those the Ex. Engineer, Irrigation, Barpeta & Pathsala, DEEO, DRCS were the main. The DFDO however sent his representative without taking prior permission. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Dev) emphasized that all the members should invariably attend the

DDC meeting and not to stay away from it without taking prior permission unless certain situations demand. (Action- All the DDC members).

Right to Public Service Act: Participating in the discussion the chairman emphasized the need for proper reporting under the act and wondered furnishing of nil report by some of district sectoral heads in their monthly return. He asked all concerned to erect the citizen charter like display board at their respective office premises prominently as per the proforma supplied and to submit the monthly progress report incorporating the actual figure only. (Action-All concerned).

Land acquisition matter: The DDC discussed the land acquisition problem of Sukmanah and Dhumarkur lift Irrigation schemes under Pahumara Rupohi Division irrigation including the land encroachment problem and requirement of Revenue record correction of PWD(R/R) Barpeta in detail. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) referred to the new land acquisition act which has come into effect from the 1st January 2014. The Chairman asked the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) to settle the problem raised by the AGM, APDCL, Barpeta/DVO/LDM/Superintendent of ITI and to look into the matter of shifting of the existing Kabarsthan/cremation ground Barpeta which has become inevitable due to construction of the State Highway. Emphasizing the need for clearance of all the encroached land he asked the Addl. Deputy commissioner (Revenue) to serve show cause notice to concerned L.M who are found involved in handling land records unscrupulously. (Action- ADC(Revenue)).

Discussion on Manual Scavenger: The chairman DDC urged the chairman of MB/TCs to submit the survey report of manual scavengers immediately and requested them not to be guided with its wrong interpretation and elaborated that the existence of manual scavengers is a shameful affair to the modern society and the Govt. is keen for rehabilitation of persons engaged in manual scavenging in some alternative suitable jobs only. (Action- Chairman of all MB/TCs).

Discussion on Tourism sector:- The chairman pointed out to a number of schemes being implemented under Tourism Sector in the district. As a District Tourism Committee has been constituted recently he asked the Tourism Information officer being its Member Secretary to convene its first meeting early and to develop a format to incorporate the information of tourism schemes having potential for taking future course of action by identifying suitable tourism events. (Action- Tourism Information Officer).

Discussion on convergence of fund: The Chairman pointed out of having ample scope for upscaling of projects of other sector with convergence of DRDA fund. He specifically mentioned the projects of cane & bamboo and dairy sector and requested the District coordinator, Dairy Development Deptt. and district heads of other departments to work out the project proposal and approach the Project Director, DRDA to materialize it to supplement the state plan. (Action- Project Director, DRDA/All district Heads concerned).

Discussion on Election matter: The Election Officer, Barpeta who participated in the meeting as the special invitee referred to the ensuing parliamentary election 2014, notification of which would follow very soon and informed about the preparatory works already initiated. After a threadbare discussion the meeting resolved as under-

- All the District heads to submit the staff list both in hard and soft (in Excel form) copy as per the proforma circulated. While furnishing the employees' data no one should hide any information and incorporate the specific reason if any in the remarks column. (Action- All the District Heads, Barpeta).
- As per ECI's directives all the polling stations are to be video-graphed to assess the availability of basic amenities. As there are 1157 nos. of P.S in Barpeta Civil Sub Division, the Inspector of Schools and the DEEO to instruct the heads of the educational institutions to ensure their presence and to cooperate the videography team at the time of their visit. (Action-IS/DEEO).
- Some of the govt. employees are in the habit of staying away from election duty on medical ground showing medical certificate issued by some Medical Practitioners abruptly. The Joint Director of Health Services to look into the matter and impose restriction on such practice. (Action- Joint Director Health Services).

Miscellaneous

- In view of the confusion taking place in the beneficiary selection process of distribution of mosquito bed nets due to issue of a fresh Notification of selection committee, the Chairman requested the Joint Director of Health services to instruct all concerned to follow the fresh notification for the bed nets to arrive after 7th January 2014 and prior to that the earlier committee would select the beneficiaries of bed nets made available earlier . (Action-Joint Director of Health services).
- The DAO sought cooperation from APDCL authority to the active agriculture scheme by providing regular power supply at 8 points of Patbaushi and Kapoha Irrigation schemes and emphasized the need of presence of high ranked officer of APDCL in the coordination meeting.
- The CEO,Zila Parishad raised the matter of existence of a number of electrically operated grill factories which led to voltage fluctuation causing damages to Computer sets and other electronic apparatus and requested the AGM, APDCL to look into the matter. (Action- AGM APDCL).
- The Ex. Engineer PWD(R/R) raised the matter of existence of a number of SPT bridges requiring improvement works for use during the parliamentary election and although proposal has already been submitted the sanction is not yet accorded. The Chairman asked him submit in writing for taking up the matter with authority concerned. (Action- E.E PWD R/R).

As Shri S.C Saha, ACS, Addl.Deputy Commissioner(Dev) is under order of transfer the DDC bade farewell to him.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.

Sd/-(Dr. Siddharth Singh, IAS)
Deputy Commissioner,
Barpeta

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5. The Director, Decentralised Planning, Planning & Development Department, Assam, Dispur.
6. The Sub divisional Officer (C), Bajali.
7. All Officers concerned for information and necessary action.

Deputy Commissioner,
Barpeta

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