
Proceedings of the meeting of District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee, Kangra held on 29th December, 2009 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rajan Sushant, Hon'able Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) – Cum Chairman, District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee.

The following members were present in the meeting:-

1. Sh.Captain Atma Ram Hon'able M.L.A, Panchrukhi
2. Sh.Sanjay Choudhary Hon'able M.L.A Kangra
3. Sh. Parveen Sharma Hon'able MLA, Palampur.
4. Sh.P.C. Kaushal Divisional Forest Officer, Dehra
5. Sh.J.C Katoch, Divisional Forest Officer, Dharamshala
6. Dr.Harish Gajju, Project Officer,DRDA, Kangra
7. Er.P.C. Palia, Superintending Engineer, HPPWD, Palampur
8. Sh.R.C. Gumi, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Nurpur
9. Sh.Sanjay Dhiman, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Palampur
10. Er. Sanjay Kumar, Executive Engineer (Design)HPPWD Palampur
11. Er. A.K. Abrol , Executive Engineer, (HPPWD Nurpur
12. Er. B.S.Bharadwaj, Executive Engineer, (HPPWD Dehra
13. Er. D.C. Dhiman, Executive Engineer,(HPPWD) Dharamshala
14. Sh.Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Executive Engineer, PWD Baijnath
15. Sh.Anil Gupta, Executive Engineer (HPPWD Fatehpur.
16. Er. S.D Choudhary, Executive Engineer , IPH, Nurpur
17. Er. R.K. Birmani, Executive Engineer, IPH Jawali
18. Er. G.K. Kalia, Executive Engineer, HPPWD Kangra
19. Er. P.K. Sharma, Executive Engineer, IPH Dharamshala
20. Er. Subhash Choudhary,Executive Engineer, IPH Dharamshala
21. Er. J.C. Kaushal, Sr. Executive Engineer, HPSEB Dharamshala
22. Sh S.P Sharma, Executive Engineer, HPPWD Jawali
23. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sood, DAPO O/o CMO Dharamshala
24. Sh. Chaman Jeet Kapoor, District Agriculture Officer, Dharamsala.
25. Sh. A.S. Walia, District Welfare Officer, Dharamsala.
26. Sh. B.R.Chahaun, District Public Relation Officer, Dharamsala.
27. Sh. Rajender Kumar, District Panchayat Officer, Dharamsala.
28. Er. S.N. Sood, AE (D) O/o Chief Engineer, IPH, Dharamsala.
29. Sh.D.R Awasthi B.D.O Fatehpur.
30. Sh.Sanjay Kumar Dhiman B.D.O Sullah.
31. Sh.Sanjay Bhagwati B.D.O Dharamshala
32. Sh. Trilok Choudhary B.D.O Dehra.
33. Ms Rekha Kumari, B.D.O Pragpur.
34. Sh.. Naveen Sharma, B.D.O Rait.
35. Sh .Krishan Chand, B.D.O Nagrota Surian.
36. Sh .Munish Dhadwal B.D.O Bhawarna.
37. Sh .Sanjeev Thakur B.D.O Baijnath.
38. Sh. J.S Mandhol B.D.O Indora.

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39. Dr. Shahsi Sharma, SMS (Hort), O/o DDH, Dharamsala.
 40. Er. Diwan Chand, AE, IPH, Dehra.
 41. Dr. A.K. Gupta, Dy. Director (AH), Dharamsala.
 42. Er. Rajeev Sharma, AE, HPPWD, Bhawarna/Palampur.
 43. Er. Anil Kumar, AEE, HPSEB, Dharamsala.
 44. Sh Rakesh Choudhary JE Block Nurpur.
 45. Sh Desh Raj Ludhiarch SEBPO Block Lambagaon
 46. Sh Jeevan Jyoti JE Block Kangra..

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Member Secretary, Vigilance & Monitoring Committee, Kangra welcomed the Hon'ble M.P. and Chairman , Dr. Rajan Sushant. Meeting started with the introduction of participating Officers. Deputy Commissioner apprised the house about the importance of District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee meeting and emphasized its continuity in future. After the permission of the chairman, point-wise agenda items were taken up for discussion as follow:-

1. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IMPEMENTED THROUGH RURAL DEVELOPMENT

A) MAHATAMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE ACT/ SCHEME

Deputy Commissioner apprised the house about the effective implementation of MNREGA in the District. In the year 2008-09, District incurred an expenditure of Rs. 9989.00 lac generating 46.00 lac mandays. During the current year (2009-10), out of Rs. 79.63 crore , Rs. 45.04 crore expenditure has been incurred on wages and 10317 works under the scheme have been taken up in the District generating 41.06 lac mandays upto November, 2009. The overall progress of the district was found satisfactorily.

Hon'ble Chairman narrated the incidences of forcible job card registration in certain parts of the district. BDO, Bhawarna also told the house about the refusal of certain families of different Panchayats opposing the formation of job cards. To this, the Deputy Commissioner apprised the house that no direction to make job cards forcibly has been issued at any level but since this is the National Programme, Govt. of India has accredited job cards as unique identification cards with its unique identification number, hence it is necessary to make the job cards for all the rural household families. Moreover the job card is to be issued to the nuclear family hence the number of job cards issued should increase in the district. He also apprised the house that the emphasis on water harvesting structures under the scheme has been taken up during the current year. The issue of overall 60:40 ratio of wage and non-wage was also discussed, to which, Deputy Commissioner clarified that the ratio of 60:40 ratio is to be maintained at District but at work site it can vary as per actual requirement of the scheme.

DFO, Dehra raised the point of executing works under MNREGA in Forest areas and the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard. He requested that the funds under MNREGA should be allocated head-wise for different works. To which, Deputy Commissioner apprised that the MNREGA is a demand based programme and the priorities are decided by Gram Sabha of the respective area and actual expenditure under the programme is incurred on the basis of the actual job card holders and employment seekers in the area. He also emphasized to take up works related to soil/ moisture conservation and water harvesting on priority. He also requested all the implementing agencies to take up individual works for BPL families, IAY, landless families and small and marginal farmers under MNREGA.

Hon'ble Chairman directed all the implementing agencies to construct pucca durable structures under MNREGA. He also directed to form group of officers from all departments to study and recommend the policy and design for construction of pucca path under the MNREGA including the Forest area in consultation with Forest Department. He also inquired about the availability of enough number of schemes to provide employment under MNREGA, to which Deputy Commissioner informed that shelf of Rs.546.00 crores have been passed by the Gram Sabhas in the District, apart from schemes worth Rs. 39.00 crores of the line departments and hence there was no dearth of schemes to provide employment opportunities to the job card holders in the district. The Hon'ble Chairman also brought to the notice the plight of certain families in the panchayat area where concerned Gram Panchayat Pradhans do not provide employment opportunities to all families under MNREGA.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that since MNREGA is an Act, hence any person with job card approach Gram Panchayat to provide employment opportunity under the programme within 15 days of application. Any kind of refusal in this regard will amount to violation of the Act. Hon'ble MLA, Palampur, Sh. Parveen Sharma informed that funds in different panchayats are not being distributed equally and due to MNREGA implementation, the funds under other different programmes are not being utilized by the Gram panchayats and huge balance of funds under Planning Head are at Block and Panchayat level, to which the Deputy Commissioner informed that serious efforts are being taken to ensure timely completion of all schemes pertaining to Planning Head.

The issue of shortage of staff under MNREGA was also discussed. It was informed that the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has sanctioned additional posts for all the Blocks on the basis of expenditure under the scheme. The concerned SDMs and BDOs have been asked to fill up these posts on priority.

The Deputy Commissioner requested all the line departments to ensure convergence of their programmes with MNREGA so that the wage component of permissible works in line departments is met from MNREGA.

B) SWARANJAYANTI GRAM SWAROJGAR YOJNA

The Deputy Commissioner apprised the house about the basic components of the scheme. Upto November, 2009., the District has achieved the target of Rs. 4.92 crores of credit mobilization. 1602 SHGs have been linked with economic activities since the inception of the programme. During the current year 107 groups have taken up economic activities. The overall progress of the scheme was adjudged as satisfactory.

C) DRDA ADMINISTRATION

Under the scheme upto November, 2009 an expenditure of Rs. 68.00 lac have been incurred. Hon'ble Chairman was requested to take up the case with Govt. of India to get the release of required funds under the scheme to the DRDA, since it pertains to salary head of DRDA's employees.

D) RURAL SANITATION

The Deputy Commissioner apprised the house about the progress made under Total Sanitation Campaign project. It was informed that 471 Gram Panchayats have submitted their resolution for declaring themselves as Open Defecation Free in the District and campaign through BDOs and 13 Support Organizations is continuing in the district for the last one year. The Hon'ble Chairman wanted to know about the procedure of selection of SOs under the programme in the District. He also desired that deployment of new SOs and revision of the contract be made after consulting the committee.

E) WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (IWDP)

The Deputy Commissioner apprised the house about the implementation of the Watershed Development Programme. He informed that 18 IWDP projects are being implemented in the District and one project for Dehra Block has been sanctioned under IWMP at the cost of Rs. 40.00 crores recently. Hon'ble Chairman wanted to know about the difference between Hariyali and IWDP Programme and the MID Himalayan project implemented through Forest Department. He desired that the concerned Officer from MID Himalayan project should attend the meeting in future.

F) INDIRA AWAAS YOJNA

The house was informed about the progress made under the programme. 1803 houses have been sanctioned under the programme for the current year. Hon'ble Chairman wanted to know about the selection procedure under the programme and emphasis the need to ensure proper

selection of beneficiaries of this scheme. The Deputy Commissioner informed that only BPL families are provided funds under the scheme after being selected in the 5 year waiting list of the panchayat by the Gram Sabha. If wrong selection under BPL families is done as per the Govt. directions, the complaint can be lodged to SDM concerned who after verification of the credentials of the selected families can add and replace BPL families in the list whereas the overall number of the families can not be altered. Hon'ble MP directed all officers concerned to verify the selection of IAY beneficiaries and 5 year waiting list so that only genuine people get benefit under the scheme. He also said that there is a need for yearly amendment of the list.

G) SPECIAL SGSY PROJECT (IDDP)

The progress under the project reviewed upto November, 2009. The Deputy Director, AH, informed that an expenditure of Rs. 7.21 crore has been done in the district under different component of the Project viz., Extension and Training, calf rearing, fodder development, improvement of breeding efficiency, milch livestock development, milk marketing etc. The Deputy Commissioner directed the department to gear up the progress of the project whose extension has been given upto 31st March, 2010.

2. PRADHAN MATRI GRAM SARAK YJNA (PMGSY)

The Hon'ble Chairman pointed out that the selection of the roads has not been done in consultation with the local MP and MLAs of the district as per the guidelines of the programme. The S.E. HPPWD informed the house that all the plans for construction of the roads under PMGSY were made at the Zila Parishad level wherein all the Hon'ble MLAs of the district were invited and during the execution of the scheme Hon'ble MLAs are invited for the inspection of the roads. He also informed a large number of projects have not been taken up due to want of Forest land. The Deputy Commissioner requested the department to expedite the follow up of these projects at Govt. of India level and also take into the consideration the Hon'ble High Court Orders in this regard.

3. COMPUTERIZATION OF LAND RECORDS

The Deputy Commissioner informed the house that out of 3808 villages, 3108 villages have been computerized and the District will be able to computerize the whole data by 31st March, 2010.

4. ACCELERATED RURAL WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME (ARWSP)

The S,E IPH, Dharamsala informed the house that the target of 444 schemes have been given to the District and out of which 80% of the schemes are near completion. He further told that 21,918 persons have been

covered upto November, 2009 during the year 2009-10. 88 Nos. NC and 21 Nos. PC habitations have been covered upto November, 2009 and potable drinking water @ 70 litres/ day is being supplied to the public.

5. SWAJALDHARA

The progress of the programme was reviewed in the meeting, The XEN IPH headquarters informed that from last year onwards separate funds allocation for Swajaldhara are not being made by the Govt. of India. However, 20% funds under ARWSP are earmarked for Swajaldhara Scheme. He also informed that the total budget is almost same as compared to previous year. Hon'ble Chairman directed the department to create awareness about the scheme amongst the people.

6. GOVT. OF INDIA SCHEMES

i) Welfare Department

The District Welfare Officer, Kangra at Dharamsala told the house that the schemes namely, Indira Gandhi National Oldage pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi Widow pension Scheme & Indira Gandhi National Disabled Pension Scheme are being implemented in the district. He further told that the house that 46,599 persons have been covered under the above said schemes upto the month of November, 2009.

The Chairman directed the Welfare Department to ensure wide publicity of the above mentioned schemes amongst the people so that all deserving poor people could be benefited under the schemes.

ii) ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT- Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyuttikaran Yojna

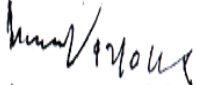
The Senior Executive Engineer, HPSEB apprised the house that all hamlet of District Chamba have been electrified under the scheme. On this, the chairman directed the department to cover all the hamlets of district Kangra also under the scheme.

iii) HEALTH DEPARTMENT- National Rural Health Mission/Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna.

The Chief Medical Officer, Dharamsala told the house that 82% Swasthya Bima cards have been provided to BPL households and the medical services are being provided to the card holders through various Govt/recognized private hospitals. On this, the chairman directed the department to cover all BPL families under the scheme so that maximum BPL people may take the advantage of the scheme.

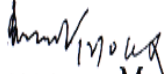
At the end , Hon'ble Chairman addressed the house. He appreciated the departments for their efforts in implementing the schemes under various Govt. of India programmes in the District. He explained ~~one~~ ^{as to} making genuine selection of beneficiaries under various programmes ~~and~~, exhorted ~~all officers~~ ^{them} to work dedicatedly and ensure that benefit of Govt. of India & State schemes reach the poorest of poor which should result into improvement in socio-economic status of the families. He desired to convene similar meetings with all the block level officers during the month of January, 2010 wherein all the field level officers/officials and representatives of PRIs should attend the meetings so that processes and guidelines for effective implementation of the programmes are evolved.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


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for Vigilance & Monitoring Committee,
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A copy is forwarded to all the participants of the meeting for information and necessary action please.


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