

Proforma - II

STATUS REPORT OF DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE & MONITORING COMMITTEE

1. Name of the State/UT : WEST BENGAL
2. Name of District : PASCHIM MEDINIPUR
3. Details of Meetings held during the quarter : 1st QUARTER

Meeting		Number of MPs/MLAs/PRI Members nominated as Memberd				Number of MPs/MLAs/PRI Members who participated in the Meeting			
Date	Chaired by	MPs(LS)	MP(RS)	MLAs	PRI Members	MPs(LS)	MP(RS)	MLAs	PRI Members
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Annexure - II

**FORMAT FOR REPORTING TO DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE & MONITORING
COMMITTEE**

(This committee is responsible for monitoring and vigilance with reference to various Rural Development Programmes)

Name of the District :	PASCHIM MEDINIPUR
Name of Chairman :	Sri Prabodh Panda, Hon'ble M.P.
Name of the Co-Chairman :	1. Shri Gurudas Dasgupta, Hon'ble M.P. 2. Dr. Pulin Behari Baskey, Hon'ble M.P. 3. Shri Shakti Mohan Malik, Hon'ble M.P.
Name & Designation of Member Secretary :	Shri Surendra Gupta, IAS, District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur & Member Secretary, DLV & MC.
Date of Meeting :	25.07.2011.


Project Director,
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Office of the District Magistrate
Paschim Medinipur

Proceedings of the District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 25.07.2011 at the Conference Hall of Sahid Kshudiram Parikalpana Bhawan Zilla Parishad Complex, Midnapore.

Shri Probodh Panda, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Chairman of District level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee took the chair and the meeting started. He welcomed all the Co-chairmen, MLAs, Savadhipati of Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad and other members present in the meeting. He requested Sri Uttam Kumar Patra, Addl. District Magistrate (Panchayat) and Project Director, DRD Cell, Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad to start the discussion. Before starting agenda-wise discussion, Sri Patra informed the house that as per guideline of the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India this District level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee has been constituted. Sri Probodh Panda, Hon'ble MP is the Chairman, other Hon'ble MPs in the district are the Co-chairmen, District Magistrate as Member Secretary, Savadhipati of Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad, Savapati of all Panchayat Samitis in the district, Project Director, DRDC, DP& RDO, DNO(MGNREGS), LDM, Senior Manager, Midnapore Head Post Office are the Members of this Committee and this is first meeting of the newly constituted committee during the year 2011-12. After the brief note addressed in the house by the Addl. District Magistrate (Panchayat) and Project Director, DRD Cell, agenda wise discussion started.

1. Progress of MGNREGS :

Shri Probodh Panda, Hon'ble M.P. and Chairman asked the District Nodal Officer, MGNREGS to give an overview of the progress of the MGNREGS. Sri Piyas Ranjan Das, DNO (MGNREGS) informed the house that an amount of Rs.29892.080 lakh was available during 2010-11 out of which expenditure for an amount of Rs. 26741.370 lakh have been incurred i.e. 89% fund was utilised. He also informed the house that during 2011-12 up to June, an amount of Rs. 8681.310 lakh was available out of which 4015.950 lakh has been spent i.e. 46%. He continued that during 2010-11 on an average 35 days work have been provided which is somewhat better during the current years up to June is 18 days and there are 8452 households who have been provided 100 days work during 2010-11.

In continuation to the discussion held, the members of the house pointed out certain observations against slow progress of providing on an average 35 days work during the last year. Such as-

Sri Ajit Bhunia, Hon'ble MLA shared the difficulties faced for road repairing work with the soil carried from far away for which wages are not covered under MGNREGS. He proposed that employment opportunity might have been increased in case labour charges for carrying soil from far away for the road repairing work under the schemes.

Sri Bimal Bhattacharya, Representative of Sri Gururdas Dasgupta, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Co-chairman of the committee stated that having many of the Panchayat Members and Officials are not able enough to prepare plan, scheme and finalise the labour budget for which proving job on demand is delayed. Rural poor are encouraged enough for obtaining job card but in major cases they are not encouraged enough to demand for a job in due course.

Sri Bikash Ranjan Bhunia, Representative of Dr. Manas Bhunia, Hon'ble MLA informed the house that thrust is given more for distribution of job cards but due the negligence at various level

of panchayats and govt. officials, demands for the job are not at par. Even those who demanded are not given job. He informed that as per norms a fine is to be charged for not giving job after fifteen days of job demanded. But in the district of Paschim Medinipur no such case of fine is yet found to be charged.

Dr. Pulin Behari Baskey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Co-chairman of the committee gave a brief note from his experience on what are the issues taken care of and given priority in vigilance & monitoring committee meeting. He informed the house that review of the progress of various programmes are generally done in review meeting but Vigilance & Monitoring Committee is to see what are the shortfalls. Accordingly, discussions are held on how those shortfalls are to combat and the committee gave their suggestions for taking up appropriate measures for the same.

Sri Mrigendra Nath Maity, Hon'ble MLA, appreciating the Chairman of the Committee for raising main point of drawbacks of MGNREGS in the house for discussion, he stated that some of the members are saying maoist problem was a main problem but everyone should think that unrest situation was only in forest fringe areas of the district and it was not spread all over the district. He requested Hon'ble Chairman to the fact that forgetting about the past event of slow progress, there should have a discussion on how 100 days work is ensured to the poor people during the rest period of the year. He urged that at least 65-70 days work should be given to each household during this year so that the poor people are able to maintain their livelihood.

Smt. Antara Bhattacharya, Savadhipati, Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad stated that Zilla Parishad is not directly implementing the MGNREGS. So far her knowledge concern, there was a fund crisis during February, March and April due to up loading data on MoRD website was not at the required level. She expressed her observation against poor achievement under MGNREGS that many job card holders initially thought that they would be given allowances against job card so that they obtained job card but did not demand for job.

Other members including Savapati, Bipnpur-II, Garhbeta-I Panchayat Samity, Officers of Midnapore Head Post Office and LDM expressed their opinions on how to implement the programme to generate 100 days work for a greater number of rural households in the district. Hon'ble Chairman asked DNO, MGNREGS to state his observations.

DNO, MGNREGS, Sri P. R. Das stated that job card holders mostly demanded work at their own villages majority of whom are not willing to go outside. There are poor strength of documentation and computer knowing personnel (MIS) at GP level. Majority of GP offices under LWE affected areas remain closed for a long time where progress of the scheme was not made. He also acknowledged the fact that lack of sincerity to prepare & vet scheme by the GP officials and fund crisis for not uploading the data as per guideline laid down by the central government were the important issues for implementation of MGNREGS.

After a threadbare discussion, **Hon'ble Chairman** summed up and stated that

- ✓ - Banks and Post offices will sit together to resolve the problem of delaying the process of opening zero balance a/c for the Job Card Holders.
- ✓ - There should have a sub divisional level motivation camp for generating motivation among officials implementing all rural development programmes.
- By 2nd week of September sub division level meeting may be held subsequent to which district level meeting could be held to resolve for the better implementation of MGNREGS.

The house approved these.

2. Progress of Indira Awas Yojana

Hon'ble Chairman of the Committee requested the Additional Executive Officer of Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad to give an overview about the target and achievement of Indira Awas Yojana in the house. Sri Sagar Sinha, Additional Executive Officer of Paschim Medinipur Zilla

Parishad informed the house that an amount of Rs. 11151.937 lakh was available fund during 2010-2011 out of which an amount of Rs. 8728.91 lakh was spent i.e. 78.27% of the fund utilized. During 2011-12 up to June 2011 an amount of Rs. 2894.520 lakh was available against which 1383.820 was spent i.e. 47.81% was utilized so far. He also stated that during the previous year 19403 houses were sanctioned out of which 14698 houses were constructed and 4705 houses were under constructed. During this year a number of 6555 houses constructed so far.

At the end of the presentation, **Hon'ble Chairman**, in light of the achievement during previous year, requested DNO(IAY) to arrange for a drive for 100% achievement during this year. Besides, he raised questions on how many applications were received, how many of them allotted houses and how many of them are left out yet for better clarification to all present in the house. Addl. District Magistrate informed the house all about. Besides, certain other observations and opinions were expressed by the members before the house:

Smt. Antara Bhattacharya, Savadhipati, Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad stated that the procedure of releasing fund after 50% utilization has sometime resisted the progress. With reference to certain field level constraints, She pointed out that carrying charges of the materials to the remotest part as well as price hike on construction materials at present have discouraged the beneficiaries to start the work immediately after receiving 50% of the allotment.

Sri Mrigendra Nath Maity, Hon'ble MLA, expressed his sorrowness that his earlier suggestions placed in the meeting of Hon'ble MIC, held at Circuit House, Midnapore for allotment of fund to those who have lost their houses due to heavy rainfall took place during last year have given no resultant effect till dated. He urged that the need for houses by the poor should be addressed with top priority irrespective of making any argument, illustrations and excuse to the ground that who is getting house, whether he is poor or why we failed to do so, etc.

Sri Bikash Ranjan Bhunia, Representative of Dr. Manas Bhunia, Hon'ble MLA also wanted to know the status of fund allotted and utilization certificate received so far. He agreed with the fact that whether houses are allotted either to BPL or other families should be sincerely monitored by BDO, SDO, ADM and other Govt. officials.

Dr. Pulin Behari Baskey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Co-chairman of the committee proposed that those blocks having zero achievement must be taken care of.

At the end of the discussion of this topic, **Hon'ble MP & Chairman of the Committee, Sri Probodh Panda**, requested all to put up to the committee any of the observations and recommendations regarding identifications and allotment of houses under IAY so that the same are either redressed or put forward for necessary action.

The house approved the same.

3. Progress of SGSY

Hon'ble Chairman requested Project Director, DRD Cell, Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad to give a highlight on the progress of SGSY. Sri Uttam Kumar Patra, Project Director, DRD Cell informed the house that an amount of Rs.552.140 lakh has been received from Central Govt. as 1st installment & Rs.1786.267 lakh including 1283.450 lakh central and 427.817 lakh as state share was available during 2010-2011. Out of this an amount of Rs. 1738.161 lakh has been utilized i.e. 97.31%. He also informed that an amount of Rs. 692.485 lakh including 623.247 lakh central share and 21.095 as state share was available during 2011-12 till dated out of which an amount of Rs. 344.219 has been utilized i.e. 49.71%. Drawing attention of the bankers, Project Director informed the house that bank branch wise status of grading and pending number of groups eligible for project lending is given to all bankers. Giving figure based illustrations, Sri Patra stated that total savings of SHGs in the banks are nearly amounting Rs. 59 crore but disbursement of credit to groups is about 70 crore which is very less than that of the desired savings and bank credit ratio (1:4).

Dr. Pulin Behari Baskey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Co-chairman of the committee appreciating the achievement of nearly 35000 SHGs formed in the district wanted to know the causes of gap lying between number of grade-I passed groups and CC a/c opened as well as number of 2nd grading passed groups and project loan given to groups thereof.

In the interaction session, **Sri Amit Kumar Mahapatra, LDM, Paschim Medinipur** also informed that some branch managers are frequently transferred and some also have been from urban extreme who are not conversant enough with the process and norms of lending to groups. He ensured the house that on behalf of the bankers he will try the level best for financing to the SGSY groups keeping the view that the programme is meant to alleviate rural poverty. The house approved the same.

4. Progress of PMGSY

Hon'ble Chairman requested for discussion on the progress of PMGSY and District Engineer (Division-I) started the discussion. He stated that total 77.903 km road was sanctioned out of which 66.22km was completed during the year 2010-11. And during 2011-12 up to June 100.16km roads are likely to be sanctioned out of which 71.63km may be completed.

In continuation to the presentation, **Shri Probodh Panda, Hon'ble M.P. and Chairman of the Committee** asked to District Engineer to give details on the road constructed specifically. District Engineer informed the house about the same. Other members including Savapati of Kharagpur-II, Binpur-II also raised the questions on the procedure of identification of roads to be constructed under PMGSY and final approval given for the same. **Shri Probodh Panda, Hon'ble M.P.** informed the house that it is mandatory to visit the spot for physical verification of the work by the Member of Parliament concerned. He requested the District Engineer to note that henceforth without recommendation from respective MP, no scheme proposal under PMGSY will be submitted.

In this context **Sri Bikash Ranjan Bhunia, Representative of Dr. Manas Bhunia, Hon'ble MLA** stated that the work under PMGSY is made with approval from the Savadhipati of the Zilla Parishad for which hon'ble MPs are not informed and their recommendations were not given due importance. As a result of that the district is not being able to receive more fund from Central Govt.

Sri Mrigendra Nath Maity, Hon'ble MLA wanted to know the present status of road sanctioned 8 to 10 years back from Kacherbarh to Kashijsora via Beucha under Salboni and also he raised question about how many of sanctioned roads are lying till dated for which no work have been initiated. Various questions relating to the process and incomplete work under PMGSY were raised by the members present in the house.

Sri Ajit Bhunia, Hon'ble MLA shared the difficulties faced for road construction and repairing that most of the contractors are not interested to work in the district. Supplementing the opinion Smt. Antara Bhattacharya, Savadhipati, Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad stated that one meeting with the contractors was arranged where most of them expressed unwillingness to work in the district due to local disturbance and billing process imposed by the department at state level. She also informed the house that attention of the state govt. was drawn but it is yet to be redressed.

Shri Probodh Panda, Hon'ble M.P. informed the house that in the 2nd week of September a meeting will be held where all Savapati should remain present. He requested District Engineer to submit report in details before the meeting.

The house approved it.

5. Progress of ARWSP

Hon'ble Chairman informed the house that report submitted in the prescribed format is not complete in all respect. As per direction of the Chairman the Nodal Officer, ARWSP informed the

house that the report has been made only on the basis of support given from district which is not complete due to no report placed from Public Health Engineering Department. The Chairman requested Nodal Officer to give report shortly. The House agreed and approved the same.

6. Progress of NSAP

Hon'ble Chairman asked Nodal Officer to present the progress of NSAP before the house.

Sri Shantanu Naha, District Panchayat & Rural Development Officer, Paschim Medinipur presented the report of NSAP and its present status before the house. The Chairman and other members present showed their deep concern over delay in sanction of NSAP beneficiaries in respect of some of the Blocks of this district. DP&RDO informed that payment must be expedited, names of beneficiaries must be uploaded in the earmarked website of P&RD Deptt, and they are making all out effort to overcome all the odds in this regard. Block Dev. Offices must pay special attention for fast payment to pensioners.

He raised an issue of delayed payment/refusal at the time of opening of accounts of NSAP beneficiaries by post offices arising out of operating procedure of accounts of beneficiaries of IGNOAPS, IGWPS, IGNDPS. He pointed out that problems are being faced by beneficiaries as well as BDOs in operating NSAP accounts followed by an order of Ministry of Communication & IT, Deptt. of Posts vide No. 113-01/2010-SB dated 03/08/10 where it has been stated in point (III) under head of opening and operating of Accounts that no account should be opened without producing valid PPO in the name of one of the schemes. DP&RDO requested the Sr. Superintendent of Post offices that no PPO is being issued under this scheme. Gram Panchayat is the competent authority to approve IGNOAPS beneficiaries whereas Panchayat Samiti is the authority to approve IGWPS and IGNDPS beneficiaries.

Under such circumstances, only sanctioning of beneficiaries with a forwarding letter of Block Development Officer must be treated as sanction order and that in turn, may be considered as PPO.

He also said that this has assumed serious problem in disturbed belt of Belpahari, Jamboni etc. He also requested that opening of accounts in Post Offices should be poor beneficiary-friendly. The chairman agreed with the view and the house unanimously decided that henceforth sanction letter of BDO in respect of all three categories of beneficiaries will be sufficient for opening of accounts till arrangement of PPOs by the Government.

Discussion was also held regarding delayed payment procedure by Post Offices. Some sub-Post Offices are encouraging payment of cash fund by BDOs where as some are advocating in favour of issuance of cheque/draft in favour of Head Post Office/Draft for Branch Post Offices. DP&RDO requested Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices to oversee the matter and a uniform policy must be followed to make the payment procedure simple.

The house approved the same.

There being no other issues of discussion, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to & from chair.



Sri Prabodh Panda
Chairman,
District level Vig. & Monitoring Committee,
Paschim Medinipur &
Hon'ble Member of Parliament.
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