

TOUR NOTE OF SHRI. KIRAN GITTE, DM DHALAI
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2010

03-06-2010 Visit to CHC Para, Gotatkoch Para, Mainama Baganbari and Ladrai Kaarbari Para under Longtharai Valley sub-division along with Principal Secretary, Revenue to see vulnerable areas for flood. The **BDO, Manu** has been instructed to strengthen the Manu river embankment near CHC Para. The **SDM LTV** shall do the physical verification of flood shelters and make the assessment of boats required for search and rescue operations. The specialized training for DMTs, QRTs and Mock drill to be completed at the earliest.

08-06-2010 Visit to Kachuchara, Lalchari, Balaram villages to inspect the Adult Literacy Centers along with Block Development Officer, Ambassa and District Coordinator, DZSS. It is observed that in Lalchari, AWC 18 women are attending the literacy center out of 25 on regular basis. Most of them have learnt the alphabets, their names and numerical counting. The **BDO, Ambassa** is directed to motivate the remaining seven illiterates to attend the class of regular basis. At Balaram AWC, it is found that there is no lighting arrangement for the evening Literacy Center. The VT is requested to extend the electricity connection from the nearest household on monthly payment basis. It is also noticed that the learners, who are in advanced stage are helping the other learners.

In North Kachucharra Bazar area, I enquired the people in bazaar about ongoing Adult Literacy Program. Only four out of twenty people gathered were aware about this. Therefore, there is a need to create more awareness to attract maximum illiterates towards the centers.

09-06-10 Reached Gandacherra at 9 am and visited the **Haripur Tilla Bari**. The land development project was taken up under NREGA to bring additional area under cultivation. The 11 families are benefitted and they could cultivate the rice for first time as the land was marshy and uncultivable earlier. Such projects should

be promoted by **BDO Chawmanu** and **BDO Dumburnagar** so as to meet the targets of paddy cultivation. Later visited formation of road work in Japan Para of Gandacherra ADC village.

Visited the New Bagirath Anganwadi Centre, which was found closed at 9:45 am. One Nita Tripura said that his child has attended the center today and returned at 9 a.m. after taking khichori. There is no pre-school activity going on in the AWC and it is reported by the locals that the centre is opened after a gap of every 2 to 3 days.

Visited the Handloom Handicraft Training Centre at Baghirath and found that there are 12 women trainees and 2 trainers. It is observed that the space available is less for use of handlooms. There is no electricity in the training center; the HH&S staff is directed to take necessary action.

Visited the NREGA Project of land leveling near the land of Barun Kr. Chakma to Nawabdip Chakma and others and found that the labours are working on contract basis. They work in morning and evening shift, which is counted as two days. The **BDO DBN** is warned about prevalence of contract system in NREGA works and take remedial measures to stop such practice in other villages as well.

Visited one IAY house at 60 Card para and found that the beneficiaries are preferring GCI sheet walling along with half-mud wall. Even though the design is better for protection against flood and rats, but it seems more vulnerable to the cyclones etc. This design may be reviewed by the **EE RD Division I, Ambassa**.

Visited the Kabi Guru Rabindranath Smriti Vidhya Bhawan in Sarma ADC village. Total Students – 1267. Boys – 711 and Girls – 556. Out of this 940 students belongs to ST. Total teachers – 26, Newly – 4. The school has a shortage of science teachers; presently only one pure science and one Bio

science teacher is posted against requirement of 8 science teachers. Science laboratory is not there in the school.

The attendance is around 55% and the main reasons for absence of the students is they come from long distance i.e. up to 8 km. So, Hostel is required for Girls as well as Boys. Total students appeared in Madhyamik exam – 159, Regular students were – 71 and only 28 students passed.

There is a dispute about the school boundary. The **SDM GNC** shall resolve it immediately. Ladies toilet required.

Visit to Newly constructed Narayanpur Food Godown:

One godown is constructed under BADP with expenditure of Rs. 24 lakhs. But surprisingly, the Food Department has also started work of another godown. Actually, there is no need for two godowns. The **SDM GNC** may allow the godown constructed under BADP for use as RD Store.

Visited Sarma A.D.C. Village (Gram Panchayat), Dumburnagar, R.D. Block, Dhalai and checked office records, accounts and cash book and found in order.

Visited the St. Arnold School at **Vishnu Ram Para**. **The school** field is leveled through NREGA last year by spending about 2000 mandays. The **S.A. Gandacherra** shall take up the plantation of flower bearing, fruit bearing and shade bearing plantations in July 2010.

After lunch, I held the review meeting of Special Adult Literacy Program with the BDO, Block Saksharta Samiti members, Coordinator and about 25 Voluntary teachers. It is observed that the VTs are not trained in IPCL methodology for teaching. Most of them are not having fixed place for literacy class. Most of them are doing at their residence. Therefore, the Coordinator shall prepare village-wise list of literacy centers with first priority as AWC and next School or Panchayat building. Most of the centers are not provided with the learning materials. I

visited one **Haripur Anganwadi Centre** one VT Monojoy Tripura is conducting literacy activities. Total learners are 36 and only 10 are attending the center regularly. It is reported that the teacher is not providing pencil and note book to the learners.

Visited Debbarma Para Anganwadi Centre and Bhakti Kumar Centre under Ultachara:- The V.T. Smt. Monika Debbarma is maintaining both the AWC. It is reported that Smt. Monika Debbarma has not received pencil, pen, book and not book etc. till date.

It appears that it is the main failure of block coordinator which is affecting the literacy works in Dumburnagar. Therefore, the Block Coordinator shall be changed and his salary shall not be released unless he completes the pending works. Issued order to this effect.

Night halt at Gandacherra Revenue Dak Bunglow.

10.06.10

Ishwarai Para rubber plantation:- It is reported by the **S.D.M., Gandacherra** that 35,000 rubber stumps were planted and only 20,000 are surviving. There are 70 beneficiaries and fund of Rs. 17.50 Lakhs is spent. There is a demand for release of balance funds. Before that, the beneficiaries should open their bank accounts as there were allegations of financial irregularities in another plantation project in Gandacherra. **S.D.M., Gandacherra** is instructed to provide assistance to the beneficiaries for opening of bank account.

Also, **visited the Taraban Rubber Plantation project**, where there are 93 beneficiaries. The plantation project has failed miserably as the **BDO Dumburnagar** had taken up the nursery work himself and the rubber stumps were of poor quality. The survival ratio is only about 30%. There is a disciplinary action pending against the BDO. But as lot of fund is already spent and there is a demand from the beneficiaries, the **SDM GNC** shall depute a team of officers to study the feasibility of

reviving the project. Accordingly, a proposal shall be sent to the TW Dept.

Block Development Officer (B.D.O.) DBN shall collect the list of Nurseries in the Gandacherra Sub-Division. For procurement of plantation materials, the **BDO** shall issue a tender in which these can participate. The purchase of plantation materials should be done only after quality certification by the Horticulture Dept. staff.

Proceeded to Agartala at 7:30 am to attend the Rural Development meeting and review meeting of literacy by the Chief Minister.

Night halt at Agartala Circuit House.

15-06-2010:- I accompanied the National Level Monitor, Dr. S.B. Medhi during his visit to the Pancharatan village in Dumburnagaar Block (Gandacharra Sub-division). The National Level Monitor interacted with the villagers and expressed satisfaction regarding the implementation schemes by the Panchayat. He suggested that the Panchayat should maintain separate register for drinking water sanitation, electricity, Anganwadi Center (ICDS) so that any Government official can monitor the status of public services during the visit. In the end, inaugurated the payment of NREGA wages through Bio-metric portable machine of Tripura State Co-Operative Bank (Business Correspondence model). This method of payment of NREGA wages is started in 14 out of 19 villages in Dumburnagar Block in June-2010.

17.06.2010:- Visit to Malaya village near Kamalpur the **Executive Engineer, Water Resource** has given a letter that the Dhalai river embankment near Malaya village in Kamalpur Sub Division may be breached anytime as the heavy flood in this monsoon has weakened it. The Water Resource Department has started the strengthening the work of embankment but BDR has objected as it may result in flood on the Bangladesh side. The issue has

been brought to notice of Revenue (Relief & Rehabilitation Department) for taking up with the BDR through BSF.

19.06.2010:- Attended the Chawmanu Block Advisory Committee meeting. The various issues were discussed and it was reported that about 34 schools are not running regularly in the Block area. The Head Masters are directed to obtain attendance certificates from Village Committee Chairman and the Inspector of School shall process their salaries based on these certificates. The **SDMO, Chawmanu** is arranging health camp but the attendants of the people is very low as there is lack of co-ordination by the Health Department officials with the Panchayat.

Therefore, the **SDMO** shall ensure that the local Panchayat is informed in advance and they may also conduct miking on the previous day by using IEC component of NRHM. The Executive Member, ADC, Sri Gajendra Tripura demanded that the work of Chawmanu development plan should be started at the earliest. For this purpose thirty one families are to be relocated through provision of IAY houses and Motor Stand area needs development, for which fund of Rs. 10 lakh is required.

20-06-2010:- Visit to the Shikaribari Panchayat along with the BDO, Ambassa and found that the Panchayat Secretary was transferred on 19th May, 2010 but he has not handed over the charge yet. The Panchayat Secretary has withdrawn about Rs. 96,000/- by cash from the Bank which is not mentioned in the Cash Book. The Panchayat Secretary has taken Rs. 1,37,700 as temporary advance even though of job card holders are having Bank accounts. The Cash Book has a discrepancy of Rs. 2700 which could not be traced. I also visited ongoing work of development of road including formation and brick soling near Shikaribari tower. Surprisingly, the brick soling is being done without formation of the road. In fact the bricks are being laid on the grass. The **BDO, Ambassa** has issued a Show Cause Notice to the Panchayat Secretary for the above observation.

21.06.2010:- Accompanied the Hon'ble Chief Minister during his visit to Kamalpur Sub-Division in connection with the renaming ceremony of Sri Rudreswar Das Memorial School and inauguration of Tea Factory. Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the major issues of Kamalpur sub-Division i.e. drinking water, electricity, flood control, issues of Kamalpur Nagarpanchayat. He directed me to visit the Kamalpur Degree College and certain areas in Kamalpur which are facing drinking water crisis. Return to Ambassa at 9-00 P.M.

22.06.2010:- Visit to the Kamalpur Degree College along with the Superintending Engineer, PWD (Drinking Water & Sanitation) and Chairman Kamalpur Nagar Panchayat. The Kamalpur College is facing drinking water problem as the supply from water treatment plant is inadequate for the 1400 students in the College. Therefore, it is decided that the **Drinking Water & Sanitation Department** shall install dedicated Deep Tube Well with IRP and Overhead Tank for regular water supply to the College. Meanwhile the **BDO, Salema** may install Mini Deep Tube-well to mitigate the immediate problem.

Visited the Swarna Jyonti Colony and adjoining areas in Kamalpur where about 200 families are facing drinking water problem. The work of additional over head tank in Kamalpur is near completion and in anticipation of availability of drinking water from overhead tank, the **EE, DWS, Kamalpur** shall start laying of pipelines so that the water can be provided by September / October, 2010.

Visited the newly constructed Sub-Divisional Hospital, which shall be inaugurated in August 2010. Drinking Water & Sanitation Department shall provide drinking water connection to the Hospital and construction agency of PWD shall installed dedicated deep tube-well for the other water needs of the Hospital.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also desired that the Kamalpur Sub-Jail may be shifted outside the town and there is a need to develop a motor stand near Salema at suitable site.

26-06-2010 **Visited West Chawmanu ADC Village Committee Office** at 4 pm along with the **BDO, Chawmanu**. It is found that the panchayat is maintaining six accounts even though only two accounts are operational. The rest four accounts may be closed.

The Panchayat Secretary Nihar Barman has taken temporary advance of Rs. 1,70,000 on 27.03.2010. Out of this, he has made payment of Rs.20,000 on 10/05/10 and Rs.40,000 on 15/05/10 and the rest amount Rs.1,10,000 was deposited on 24/06/10 in the bank account, after the gap of about 3 months. The **BDO** shall show cause for the keeping this money in his hand. **BDO** shall recover three months interest on Rs.1,10,000 from the PS, with report to this office.

It is found that several Job card holders have not demanded employment during the year 2009-10 and also during this year. The **BDO shall** issue notices to these Job card holders for hearing and submit their card should be canceled. For example: 002/120,002/106,002/46,002/115,002/108,002/25,002/74,002/04,002/97,002/26,002/84,002/91,002/03,002/116.

The work order number –F.5(73-B) BDO/CHAWMANU/NREGA/2010-11 dated 14/06/10 and the work order No.33-38.F.1/(1)/B.E/WEMN/NREGA(Village)2008-09 dated 21-18-08 are issued for formation of the same road. The **BDO Chawmanu** shall inquire and ensure that the same road is not formed twice.

Visit to East Chawmanu Panchayat at 5 pm: There are total 284 Job cards. The panchayat is maintaining 4 bank accounts- 2 each for PDF and NREGA at Chailengta and Chawmanu. The **panchayat Secretary should** close 2 accounts at Chailengta as the new bank branch has opened in Chawmanu. In 2009-10, total 36 works were implemented spending Rs. 50.59 Lakhs. In

2010-11, the **BDO shall** ensure that maximum 20 works of medium and large size are taken up.

Visit to Chawmanu Block office at 6 pm: The National Level Monitor (NLM) has detected few errors during the inspection of cash book of Deva cherra ADC Village during his visit on 20th June 2010. Therefore, the **BDO Chawmanu** has taken the cashbook and other records in his custody. On scrutiny of these documents, it is observed that:

Panchayat secretary Naresh Chandra Kar has joined the Deva cherra ADC office on 13th Nov.2009 and found that from 18/12/09 the cash book is not being maintained properly. The Assistant Accounts Officer Shri. Bapi chowdhari shall examine the office documents and prepare a draft cash book and put up the **BDO Chawmanu**. This shall help in detecting exact errors as well as financial irregularity, if any. Once the figures are tallied then the **BDO shall** pass order to update the cash book till date.

It is also observe that the panchayat secretary Naresh Chandra Kar has made preliminary mistakes in debit, credit and therefore it appears that he is not qualified and trained to handle the account of the village committee.

BDO Chawmanu is doing Online data entry with 3 GRS, who are supposed to do field work. This should be immediately stopped. Instead, the **BDO is** directed to engage data entry operators at the rate fixed by the District Program Coordinator.

Night halt at Manu Revenue Dak Bunglow.

27-06-2010: Visit to East Kathalcherra village at 7:30 am. There are 6 accounts of PDF, NREGA, Other schemes maintained at two locations, out of which 3 may be closed. The State Bank of India is not clearing the cheques in 2(two) to 3(three) weeks. The Lead Bank manager shall take necessary action in this regard. It is reported by the panchayat secretary that he has

deposited 666 accounts number but he has received only 267 accounts. The **Leading Bank manager** shall direct **SBI, Kanchancherra** to open all accounts within 10 July 2010.

BDO Manu has not yet collected the individual benefit choice formats supplied under NREGA. These may be collected and compiled in a week. The village wise acreage and plantation program may be given to the line departments within 15th July as the season is fast running out.

It was also reported by both GRSs - Lal Zarmarra and Lal Thangthara- that they are taking the labour attendance only once a day. The **BDO Manu** shall direct all GRS that labour attendance should be taken two times per day- at 8.00am and at 4.00pm. The **BDO should** allocate separate works to the Village Secretary, RPS and GRS in all panchayats.

On scrutiny of the Employment Register, it is observed that there are total 666 job cards but large number of families have not given any demand for work during the year 2009-2010. For example job card numbers 003/139, 003/155, 003158, 003/159, 003/160, 003/162, 003/166, 003/160,003/166, 003/168, 003/185, 006/020,006/040,006/064, 006/076, 006/078, 006/080, 006/081.

The **BDO shall** issue notices to such job card holders in all panchayats for hearing and pass the order for deletion if they are not interested in NREGA work. It reported that panchayat secretary total 48(forth)Job card were deleted last year. Similar action shall be taken this year too.

During the visit to two works it is found that the output is only 44% in one work while the other work of formation of road from Durbashakhola to SB School was done last year also and is being repeated this year too in the name of widening. This is a sheer waste of development funds. The **BDO shall** recover the amount of lost output from the IO and the concerned JE/TA. No labour payments should be done unless minimum 70%

output is achieved and is certified by the TA/JE. The repeated works shall not be undertaken henceforth.

Visit to West Kathalcherra:-The total number of Job card holders is 585 and Jumia families 264. The Forest Dwellers Act beneficiaries are 209 families. Checked all registers like Job card register, work order register, cheque issue register etc. and found in order. It is reported by the Panchayat Secretary that the Technical Assistant Sanjoy Debnath has not visited the work site for estimate preparation and the work is already completed. The **BDO shall** issue show cause notice to the TA.

Visited the work of formation of road from Kukicherra PWD road to AWC Via Khargada para with length of 1.5 km. Total cost is Rs.3,18,600. The Chairman, Village Committee demanded a bridge on Kukicherra, which may be included in BRGF in next year. The output is adequate.

Visited the work of widening of road from Fulmati Reang house to North Kathalcherra of length 1.5 km with estimated cost of Rs.3,25,400. It was reported that the TA Sanjoy Debnath has not visited the site. As the TA is preparing estimates sitting in the Block Office and not visiting the worksites, **his salary shall be withheld for next 3 months and if he does not improve, may be terminated.**

The IAY list is printed on flex and is found not convenient for the villagers. Instead, it should be painted on the outside wall of the panchayat.

Visit to Karati cherra village at 1:30 pm. The office records, registers, accounts books and cash book is in order. The total number of Jobcard holders is 494.

The village committee is not implementing the NREGA works as per the guidelines. The muster roll shows all 494 families present on all 10 days without any absentee. The attendance is shown on bazaar days also, which is hard to believe. The GRS

Mr. Babiram Reang has not maintained any attendance register for the labours. It appears that they are following contract method in NREGA works. **BDO, Manu** shall issue a caution memo to the Panchayat Secretary and the GRS concerned.

Further, the JE Ratan Bhowmik has prepared an estimate of Rs. 6.75 Lakhs but the work order was issued of Rs. 4,94,000/- just to distribute Rs.1000 per family. **BDO directed** to take custody original work order register, work order and the work estimate. The work order shall be cancelled and proper work order shall be reissued. The output shall be measured and any shortfall shall be recovered from the IO and the Supervising Officer concerned.

Visited the Nating Cherra Village committee office at 3:30 pm as there was a deputation by about 150 persons regarding the irregularities in NREGA, PDF and IAY schemes in the village. There are 499 Jobcard holder families. About 80 families have complained that they have worked in March 2010 but not received any payment yet. **BDO shall** ensure that the payments are given within 10 July.

The same families have submitted their demand but work is not yet provided to them yet. The **BDO shall** ensure that the work is provided to them immediately otherwise the unemployment allowance shall be paid from the salary of the Panchayat Secretary.

They also complained that the villagers are not aware of works undertaken under PDF Scheme, which should be displayed on the notice board.

Visit to the Notingcherra Re-grouping village along with the **DFO Manu**. There are 70 Re-grouped families. The families are being trained in Sericulture and Agarbati Stick production. As per proposal submitted by DFO, the **BDO Manu** shall place Rs. 54 lakhs for implementing sericulture, agarbatti stick production, Pineapple and Jackfruit plantations and development works in the village. It is complained that 18 houses were damaged during recent storms. **SDM LTV** to inquire and pay the compensation.

30-06-2010: Visited to Dab bari Gram Panchayat in Salema Block:

The panchayat is located on the North side of Salema, near the bank of river Dhalai. There are 496 Job cards issued under NREGA. More than 45 works were undertaken in 2009-10. However, the size of the works is very small. Therefore, in 2010-11, no work below 500 mandays should be taken up. During the year 2009-10, the Panchayat has provided fishery project to 7(seven) SHG formed through NREGA.

Work Order Register is not maintained properly. Duplicate entries have found in the Work Order Register. The individual benefit choice form should be filled-up by all Job card holders having land ownership within 2 days.

During the year (2010-11) one work is completed and 2 works are going, which I visited along with BDO and the Pradhan. It is found that during the work of widening of road, the output was 93%, which is quite satisfactory. But the Supervising Officer Sri, Jayanta Das, Technical Assistant has not visited the worksite after work started, the attendance register is not maintained properly.

The work selection of widening of road from Labanga Namasudra to Dhalai River is not proper as the local people have refused to spare their jote land for widening. Instead, the existing road should have been brick soled. The work of Channel clearing from Nikunda Das to Subal Nama's house should be stopped as it is unnecessary and wastage of NREGA funds.

During the verification of IAY house allotted during 2009-10, it is found that except the case of Rohini Nama Shudra, S/o Janin Nama shudra (SL.37), the names of other 6 beneficiaries are not found in the IAY Permanent Waiting List painted on the panchayat wall. Therefore, the **BDO, Salema** should ensure that the 6 beneficiaries should be changed as per the permanent format waiting list painted on the wall. If these names are not modified, the IAY house amount shall be deducted form the salary of Sunil Dey, Panchayat Secretary (I.O.).

During Inspection of Adult Literacy Centre at Dab Bari J B School it is observed that there are 3(three) students and 1(one) V.T. and AWC were present in the centre at 5.00pm. One old man of @ 70 years is learning in this center. This is quite encouraging. During the inspection of another Adult Literacy Centre at Nilambar Shishu Head office, there were 17 women attending the class regularly. It is reported that the male illiterates are not attending the center due to work or business.

Visited the block office and held a meeting with Junior Engineers in presence of Chairperson, Panchayat Samiti and the BDO. Returned to Ambassa at 7 pm.

Regards,

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- The EE, RDD-I/II, Dhalai.
- The DISE, Dhalai.
- The EE, WR, Kamalpur.
- The MS, DWSC, Dhalai.
- The District Education Officer, Dhalai.
- The Dy. Director, Agriculture, Dhalai.
- The BDO, ABS/CMN/GNC/MNU/SLM, Dhalai.
- The LDM, North/Dhalai (C/o-Branch Manager, UBI, Ambassa).

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- The Commissioner & Secretary, Govt. of Tripura, RD Department for kind information.
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