

MINUTES OF DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2021

Date: 09-12-2021 Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: DC's Conference Hall, Sonitpur, Tezpur.

Members present & absent: As per List at Annexure I

The meeting was presided over by Sri Bhupesh Ch. Das, ACS, Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur. At the very outset, the Chair welcomed all the members present in the meeting. Due importance was given over the Monitorable Targets for assessment fixed in the DC's Conference held at Diphu on 22nd & 23rd August, 2021 and discussions on the same were done. In this regard, Smti. Namrata Das, ACS, Asstt.Commissioner has been appointed as the Nodal Officer for Monitorable & Actionable Targets.

The following matters were discussed in the meeting for further necessary action(s) to be taken up by the concerned department:

EDUCATION: The IS presented the PPT in regards of the Education department and elaborated on the Monitorable Targets Not for Assessment. While assessing the various targets, the DDC inquired about the expected period for the completion of "Construction of 13 numbers of model high schools which are going on in Tea Garden Areas under PWD (Building), Tezpur to which the EE, PWD(B) responded that the overall works are expected to be completed by the end of February, 2022

On the matter of kitchen gardens, the IS has mentioned that the Jingia School has been praised for using only manure and no chemicals in their Kitchen Gardens. The DAO made a suggestion as to designate every teacher with atleast one tree/ sapling within their respective school boundary, who shall be responsible for their nourishment and growth. The DAO specifically suggested for the plantation of trees that bear fruits all round the year such as Papaya, Lemon, Guava and the like.

The IS has been instructed to find out the school dropouts, Constituency wise and that help from the NGOs be requested in this regard.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING (PHE): The DDC brought forth the importance of lab testing as concentration of minerals is harmful for health. Herein, the SDO (Sadar) asked the PHE officials to ensure that all non-functional FHTCS become must functional.

Due importance was given to the un-availability of sufficient nos. of plumbers in Sonitpur district and the Chair has instructed to explore ways for providing job opportunities for plumbers.

Regarding the performance of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), the DC has directed that the quality in such works be maintained. Herein, the SDO (Sadar) has suggested that a 3rd party consisting of Technical Members from departments other than PHE be constituted to randomly check the schemes under JJM. Further in this regard, the DC asked the SDO (Sadar) to see that Technical Sanction should go parallely along with Administrative Approval.

The DC has informed that the next DC's Conference is scheduled to be held at Sonitpur in the last week of January, 2021 and as such he requested all the HODs to finish up all Flagship programmes and all targets that are to be achieved, before their timeline; all such schemes are to be 100% complete by December, 2021.

<u>DICC:</u> The DC discussed on the conversion of unutilized land unsuitable for agriculture into plots for setting up of industries after taking all situations into consideration.

The DC once again emphasized on the importance of exploring areas and conducting of further R & D activities so that raw materials as per the requirements of the big industries such as Dabur & Patanjali be met herein Sonitpur district, rather than being transported from outside the state of Assam. The DC in this regard requested the DAO to provide beneficial inputs.

With regards to management of local entrepreneurs, the GM-DICC informed that awareness campaign was done in Darrang College.

Also Cell has been formed to act upon all complaints received against Chanda Collections.

The GM-DICC informed the house that a building/structure is required for a Mini Nest Start-Up Innovation Centre, for which a house at Bamungaon has been identified. However, it is in a deplorable state and the land on which it is found belongs to the DICC department. The GM-DICC replied that the proposal with respect to the Start-up Centre has been sent to the AIIDC, Guwahati, who shall submit the plan & estimate against the same that would be forwarded eventually for onward submission to the higher authority.

ASLRMS: The DPM, ASRLM informed the house that the SARAS Mela is scheduled to be held in Sonitpur district from 2nd January, 2021 to 11th January, 2021. The DC in this regards, instructed that nomination list from concerned departments be sent and various departmental goods be displayed. Furthermore, the DC instructed the departments to provide their full co-ordination for successful organization of the Mela.

PWD, Dhekiajuli & Borsola Territorial Road Divn.: The EE mentioned that the Joint survey in the old line under Assam Mala has been done. However, after acquiring the estimation of assets under Revenue, Fishery, APDCL and Agriculture departments, the survey works of the new line under Assam Mala would commence. In this matter, the DC requested all the concerned line departments to co-operate in this dynamic project and to clear out any forms of lapses immediately.

The DC instructed that all Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) and Infrastructural Projects be given topmost priority.

The EE mentioned that all road projects are completed on time. However, difficulties arise where Bridges are being constructed mostly owing to the land scarcity faced due to Tezpur's Topography.

With regards to the Convention Centre, Batamari, the DC instructed all line departments in general, the Sports, Dept PWD(Building) and Urban & Housing Affairs departments, in particular to fully co-ordinate for joint preparation of the work. The DC herein, has also asked the NHIDCL personnel to ascertain all related matters/issues. Furthermore, it was directed that the construction of the Approach road to the Convention Centre, must be completed by Mid -January.

PWI Tezpur Building Division: The DC directed the EE and the concerned Circle Officer to look into the implementation of 6 ft height boundary wall, both sides in the State fed land and into the into the implementation of half boundary wall with strong fencing in the front side of the State fed land for the upcoming DC's Conference in Sonitpur.

With regards to the Renovation of the Baan Theatre under Untied Fund, 2021-22 and of Sahitya Sabha under NEC Infrastructure Fund, the DC instructed the SPO, Sonitpur to personally pursue the matter at Transformation & Development Department within the next 2 working days.

The DC also asked for submission of DPR before 25th December, 2021 for all the remaining works associated in relation to POKI, after obtaining the consent of the family members of Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwala.

Agriculture: The DC instructed the DAO to pursue the Lichi Cultivation & Expansion Programme.

The DAO has informed that the process for Certification of Organic Cultivation has started since 2020 and that there are no farmers due for Certification.

With regard to Paddy Procurement & Registration, the DAO has informed that wide publicity by conducting Awareness programmes has already been started in this regard.

<u>Water Resources</u>: The DC instructed the EE to submit Plan & Estimate against River Front Development near Circuit House, Tezpur by 25/12/2021.

Regarding Devi Singh Ghat, the EE informed that 1 no. of proposal has been submitted for consideration under Signature Project covering two constituencies namely, Borsola & Tezpur.

PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT: The DC instructed that MGNREGA Fund be used for Anganwadi Centre, remaining schools and fishery works which are under dilapidated condition. Also Material & Wage Component be compared with Fishery

FISHERY: The DC instructed the DFDO to submit One Action Plan for Fish Ponds under MGNREGA, in consultation with the CEO, Zilla Parishad and to look how convergence of the same is possible.

Regarding Common Fishery, the DC asked the Fishery department to co-ordinate with the DDC & SDO (Sadar) in matters relating to delayed submission of NOC.

LABOUR: The DC instructed the ALC to engage the Faltu Labourers of Tea Gardens during the off season by engaging them in cleaning the drainage systems of Tea Estate areas under MGNREGA, etc. Such labourers shall be provided with job cards so as to ensure them with jobs. Furthermore, this matter shall be discussed with the concerned BDOs, GP Presidents & Secretaries. The DC gave due importance to the development of Tea Garden Areas and that the performance shall be reviewed in the next DDC Meeting.

SOCIAL FORESTRY: The DC asked the DFO to utilize the resources from District Mineral Fund Foundation for cultivation of Som, Chandan & Agar. The DFO in this regard has mentioned

that the Growth success associated with regard to Chandan is less as Chandan is a root parasite and so, establishment of 1 no. of nursery for Chandan is enough. On the other hand, works against Som & Agar nursery can be undertaken as the growth success of Som & Agar is far better in comparison to Chandan. The DC instructed that the Social Forest Officer shall be given the duty for implementing of seed procurement and selection of land location. The DC instructed working plan in relation to Agar, Som & Chandan cultivation be submitted at the earliest.

PWD, ELECTRICAL: The DC instructed the EE to prepare & submit the plan & estimate for Installation of Solar lights over Koliabhomura Bridge within a week.

TRANSPORT: While discussing on measures to mitigate future accidents over Koliabhomura Bridge, the DC instructed the DTO to identify and notify halting points with full security, so that vehicles after 10 P.M be stopped at the toll gate points (basically tea stalls) within the next 10 days.

The DTO has requested the line departments to encourage the use of helmets in order to reduce the rate of road accidents. The DC has asked for written instructions to be provided to officials in this regard. Furthermore, DC requested the IS to instruct the Principals, Head-Masters and teachers to wear helmets when using their vehicle and also that awareness programmes amongst students for the use of helmets be conducted on a regular basis.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY:

While raising the issue of the standard of Slaughter house being not scientific, the DC requested that the all matters/ problems faced with respect to Slaughter House be ended. The TMB officials while inspecting the Slaughter House should take the help of Food Inspector, Legal Metrology department and eventually all other concerned department to correct the issue. Herein, the Dist. AH & Vety. Officer informed the house that the District Slaughter House has been completed at Barika Chuburi but not yet commissioned. When commissioned, the issue related to slaughter house is expected to be solved.

SPORTS: As regards to the progress of Hazarapara Sports Complex, the piling works are ongoing according to EE, PWD building. The DC gave due importance to organizing Talent Hunt in Sonitpur District, so that untapped potential of hidden atheletics can be discovered and nurtured.

The DC has instructed the DSO to prepare Plan for Talent Hunt in Sports.

IRRIGATION: The DC informed the EEs that beneficiaries have been facing water requirement problems and so, during the selection of beneficiaries, the MLA's recommendation needs to be acquired along with the help of DAO for identification of zones regarding location and agriculture stakeholders. The DAO in this regard, will forward their proposal where water requirement shall be placed.

The DC has instructed the Irrigation department to co-operate with Agriculture as well as with EE, Agriculture in regards to water supply.

SERICULTURE: The DC praised the Muga Rearing Centres at Borsola and Chariduar. Herein, the DAO has asked the Asstt. Director, Sericulture to provide for Muga Rearing estimate associated with NIL usage of pesticide.

The DC suggested for Tea Tourism to be organized and developed, wherein Rural Tourism: -Development & Tourism Departments' participation is mandatory. If feasible, the DC suggested to go for Tea Tourism in one or two areas as Pilot Project.

MISCELLENEOUS: The DC has instructed the LDM to look over the smooth implementation of the remaining works associated with Cheque distribution in regards to Micro Finance.

The DC directed all the HODs to propose their demand for land and submit plan & estimate wherever required, as the need arises.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Sri Bhupesh Ch. Das, ACS)

Deputy Commissioner
Sonitpur, Tezpur

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Copy to:

1. The Commissioner, North Assam Division, Tezpur.

- 2. The Director, DCP Division, T & D Department.
- 3. The Director, E & M Division, T & D Department.
- 4. The DDC, Sonitpur, Tezpur for favour of kind information
- 5. The ADC (Dev.), Sonitpur, Tezpur for favour of kind information
- 6. Smti Simi Karan, IAS(P), Asstt. Commissioner, I/C CMC, Sonitpur for kind information and necessary action.
- 7. Sri Jayanta Nath, ADIO, NIC, Tezpur for kind information and necessary action.
- 8. All members of DDC, as per Annexure- I referred above.
- 9. The PA to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Transformation & Development Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for kind appraisal of the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Transformation & Development Department.
- 10. The PA to the Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur for kind appraisal of the Deputy Commissioner.

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