

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

Date : 12-11-2021

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.

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

SERICULTURE: The DC enquired about the status of the any upcoming **Priority Plantation Scheme** in the coming season, mainly regarding the plantation of Som, Agar & Chandan, to which the Sericulture Department informed the house that work on Som Nursery has already started and that 1 Lakh Som saplings have been raised. Furthermore proposal for expansion of Som plantation in 10 Hectares is to be submitted within the next 2/3 weeks to the concerned Development Blocks, wherein it is expected to sow 1200 saplings per hectare on departmental land under MGNREGA. In this regard, the DC directed Sri Biraj Baruah, SDO(S) to monitor the works. The DC also asked for the District Mineral Foundation to be linked up for Som Cultivation and that, as regard to Agar & Chandan Plantation, all the possible initiatives be undertaken.

Regarding **Muga Mission**, the Sericulture Deptt., has informed that no financial approval has been received till date. Muga Mission in Borsola & Chariduar is ready to take off once Govt. financial approval is received; when received, full work is expected to be completed at the earliest. The Chair in this regard asked the Sericulture Deptt. to look into its completion and that to update the status in the Govt. portal.

The Sericulture Deptt. introduced before the house **Silk Samagra**, a new project, against which field level survey has been conducted and for which land is required for its implementation. Herein, the DC has instructed the Forest deptt. to consider the Balipara area.

Regarding Mulberry Plantation of around 3 hectares and Cashew Plantation of around 2 hectares, the Chair has asked the Sericulture Deptt. to go ahead with all the associated works.

PWD, Tezpur, Rangapara & Sootea Territorial Road Divn.:

Assam Mala: The EE said that Joint Survey with Dhekiajuli Circle Officer is not yet completed for which the DC has instructed Smti. Kabita Phangcho to immediately take action. The EE has informed that Agriculture & Fishery deptts.' assessment of assets on the route of Assam Mala is partially provided.

Regarding RIDF, the EE assured that the works shall be completed by January, 2021. Out of the 4 bridge under RIDF, the works against 1 no. is complete.

The DC stressed on the fact that any impediments on the workings of all departments be removed so that works associated with the departments are completed before their timeline.

PWD, Dhekiajuli & Borsola Territorial Road Divn.: With regard to **Tezpur Beautification**, Rs.1.00 crore plan & estimate has been prepared. The project from Bindukuri to Rangapara is expected to be completed by Christmas, 2021. However, there is an issue regarding MES, to which the DC requested to explore for solutions in order to settle the matter, starting with the conduct of an MES meeting with the concerned departments.

As regard to the approach road condition to **Tezpur, Airport**, the DC suggested to bring up the matter with the AAI engineer.

Regarding the slow progress of the road conditions in the Tea Estates of Sonitpur, the Chair has asked the EE to provide for Physical Verification Reports so that further action can be taken up regarding interference of public in the construction of such roads. The Asstt. Labour Commissioner was also asked to look into the matter.

PWD, Tezpur Building Division: The EE informed the house that the work at Hazarapara Stadium has started and the DC has requested to look into its completion within its timeline and that frequent visits are conducted to follow up the project.

The DC has instructed that all **Signature Projects** be completed within their stipulated time period.

The EE informed that the repairing works in the **Indoor Stadium at Polo ground** is ongoing and is 26% complete. The remaining work is expected to be completed by April, 2021.

The NOC against the alternative land for school construction provided by the **Arun Tea Estate** has been obtained. Thrusts in Tea garden areas have been installed. All Tea Estate school related works under PWD, Building Division is expected to be completed by December'2021.

Works in the Pediatric ICU and General ICU of **Tezpur Medical College** are completed. In the Doctor's Hostel (Male & Female), shuttering works are ongoing. Any constructional work in the Nurse's Hostel is kept at halt as there has occurred some electrical issue; once the required testing is done, the work shall be resume.

Regarding the construction of **ITI, Rangapara**, shuttering work is undergoing but at a slow pace due to some dispute with the Army. The DC has requested the EE to look into for the settlement of all kind of disputes with the Army so that the pace of work could pick up.

Work in the Mental Wing of the **Central Jail** has started since October' 2021 and is completed by 15%. The DC has asked to further expedite the work and to try to finish the project before deadline.

As regard to the work against the **Planetarium, Science Centre**, DC instructed the CEO, Zilla Parishad to form a Committee and to select the required land fast, as the work was awarded prior to 6 months, yet there is still an issue with land acquisition. The CEO & the concerned Circle Officer has been handed the responsibility for fast implementation of all the works associated with the Planetarium. The DC suggested whether the State Fed land could be utilized in this regard.

As regard to the **Batomari Approachable road**, the DC has directed the EE to share the prepared Index Map along with the estimate.

The DC enquired the status of the proposals sent against **Baan Theatre** to the Transformation & Development Department for consideration under Untied Fund, to which the SPO has answered that the result will be known by March 2022. The DC herein directed to undertake the Baan Theatre under CIDF works, if required when possible.

Under **MSDP**, works against 198 out of a total of 208 nos. of ACRs have started and by, January, 2022, all civil works are expected to be completed under MSDP according to the EE. The DC directed that all big projects under MSDP, PWD & Untied Fund be completed at the earliest.

The DC has instructed the DDC & the ADC (D) to look into the works of Bishnu Rabha Samadhi Khetra and to resolve any matter that is impeding to its completion immediately.

Handloom & Textiles: The Asstt. Director has informed the house that proposals against Skill Upgradation Programme & Work Shed Facilities has been sent to higher authorities for approval. Under APART, planning against Eri & Muga has already started. D, Dyeing & Designing

Legal Metrology: The DC requested the Legal Metrology department to give due importance to the verification works conducted by them.

Soil Conservation: The DO stated that out of a total of 8 nos. of projects under Soil Conservation Department in Sonitpur District, tendering against 4 nos. have been finalized at October, 2021, and 2 projects are expected to be completed by November 2021. The DO has informed the house that fencing and peat digging under Afforestation Project will be done before the next rainy season and that all plantation works are expected to be complete soon. Also, Wetland Development of Dighalipathar has been newly formed.

The DC has asked to prepare project report for construction of Swimming Pool at Bamun Pukhuri and that the Sports & Tourism Deptt. be engaged in its implementation.

Water Resources: The DC has instructed DDC to explore the famous picnic spot of Devi Singh Ghat so as to look for the possible support that could be provided to the area.

Inland Water Transport: The DC has asked the ADC to provide for a notified order to resume the Jia Bhorali Boat Service. The JE, IWT in this regard has informed that 4 nos. of marine engine shall be launched by 20th November, 2021 and that, according to Govt. SOP, there is not a single depot under Govt. guideline in Sonitpur District.

Education: The IS informed that full precautions are undertaken to see that classes are not disrupted and are smoothly conducted even on the backdrop of Covid pandemic.

Regarding AADHAR enrollment of students, the IS has reported that regular enrollment has been taking place, with full support from the concerned Block Development Officers.

The IS has informed about the **National Achievement Survey** which is to be conducted to gather status of performance of students belonging to Classes III, V & X, so that assessment reports could be prepared for the next upcoming Guno Utsav Meeting.

The IS reported that there is no defunct programme under Education deptt. under JJM Scheme.

Agriculture: The DAO informed the house that the distributions of Fertilizer Scheme and of Seeds to the farmers are ongoing. The new applications under PM Kisan Scheme which are received have been sent to the concerned Hon'ble MLAs for recommendation. There are around 51000 PM Kisan beneficiaries in Sonitpur. New applications under PM Kisan received till 30-11-2021 shall being uploaded by DAO.

The DAO informed the house about the instruction received from Govt. for distribution of Mini Rice Mill, Mini truck & Paddy Thrashers by 14/11/2021 which will be done by Exec. Engg., Agri., Sonitpur.

The Lichi Cultivation & Expansion Programme is yet to be approved by the Govt.

Forest: The uprooting of trees on account of construction of 4 lane road from Mission Chariali to Kamarchuburi is complete. The trees falling on the route of Assam Mala line are being felled & the PWD, Roads has been handed over the responsibility of uprooting the rest.

Fishery: The DFDO against PMMSY stated that the new pond construction work has begun with works against 12 nos. of pond being fully complete; against another 12 nos. of pond being at 50 % completion status and the work against 19 nos. of ponds yet to be started.

The work completion status of the Ornamental Fish Rearing Unit at Bihaguri is at 60 %. The DC insisted that Ornamental Fish Farming should also get started at the earliest at the Unit.

Under, Fresh Water Fishery, work completion status is at 70 %, with all works associated with circular tank & earth extraction being fully complete.

As regard to the construction of a Public Fishery in every revenue village, as per guidelines received from higher authority, the DFDO has informed the house that all Circle Officers (COs) has been formally informed, yet only 1 CO has replied against it. The DC instructed the remaining COs to co-ordinate & to gather information & to look into the fast implementation of the construction of the Public Fishery/ Tank.

Urban & Housing Affairs: The DC instructed that all new CIDF projects, which are not yet completed, be handed over to the Urban & Housing Affairs Deptt. The DC also instructed to clear all matters associated with CIDF, particularly, the fund position of CIDF, the balance fund after handover of old schemes and any restructuring issue between concerned departments and Urban & Housing Affairs Deptt. The DC informed that he shall himself preside a review meeting on this. However, prior to him presiding the said meeting, the DC requested the DDC & the ADC(D) to have a detailed CIDF review meeting by the end of November, 2021. Moreover, instructions were provided to settle any inter departmental issues as regards to CIDF.

The department has requested the PWD Deptt. to share the PWD database consisting of survey made against the Integrated Hazarapara Stadium Scheme.

Veterinary: The DVO informed that the vaccination drive provided by the Central Govt. under Animal Disease Control Programme which was kept at halt on account of poor quality of the vaccine is expected to resume by November/ December, 2021.

The DVO reported that the success rate regarding Cow tagging is above 50 % in Sonitpur district which is higher than the national rate, which is at 32%.

The DVO informed the house regarding the Abnormal Swine Death that has been witnessed in Sonitpur district, to which the DC has instructed to seek for solutions to correct such abnormality.

Dairy Development: The Deputy Director, Dairy Development, Tezpur reported that linkages under various production units would be established so as to further increase the already increasing production of dairy products under Milk Processing Centre at Jamugurihat.

The DD forwarded a suggestion to establish an existing society for Organized Milk Marketing Centre at Bihaguri for producers so that they could avail the actual prices against their products to which DC assured that he would further discuss upon the idea with the DD.

DICC: The DC emphasized that the raw materials to big industries in Sonitpur district such as Dabur & Patanjali be streamlined. He gave due importance to explore areas and to conduct further R & D so that raw materials as per the requirements of these big industries be met herein Sonitpur district, rather than be imported from outside the state of Assam. The DC in this regard requested the DDC & ADC (D) to discuss this matter with the officials of Forest & Agriculture Department as well.

The DC while emphasizing on the prospects of linking the production of various ancillary goods/ produce for their better result, proposed the idea of infusing the cultivation of pepper and aloe vera plants within the small tea growers and to make necessary awareness programmes in this regard.

The DC explored the procedure for Start up India for expanding business plan in Sonitpur district.

Irrigation: The house was informed about the contractor's problem regarding security over material procurement in regard to Sheet Pile Driving works and also about the beneficiary issue regarding partial functionality in due process of their selection.

As regard to the 5 nos. of schemes under NABARD implemented by the Irrigation deptt., 3 nos. have been completed and the remaining 2 nos. of schemes are expected to be completed by December, 2021.

Panchayat& Rural Development: The DC instructed that the Anganwadi Centres be repaired under the 15th Finance Commission and also under MGNREGA effectively with the BDOs be entrusted with certain Anganwadi Centres that be used for experimentation. Furthermore, the DC requested the DISHA Chairman to select 1 Gaon President & 1 Secretary from 1 Gaon Panchayat and with their assistance explore ways to effectively utilize the fund under MGNREGA in the construction of Anganwadi Centres in that particular Gaon President.

The DC directed the CEO, ZillaParishad to look into the uploading of the village selected under Sansad Gram Yojana.

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



(Sri Bhupesh Ch. Das, ACS)
Deputy Commissioner
Sonitpur, Tezpur

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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.
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