

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

Date : 08-10-2021

Time : 11:00 AM

Venue : Conference Hall, NERIWALM, Sonitpur, Tezpur.

Members present & absent: As per List at **Annexure I**

The meeting was presided over by Smti. Banti Talukdar, ACS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner (ADC)(Health), Sonitpur, Tezpur. At the very outset, she along with Sri Biraj Baruah, ACS, SDO Sadar welcomed all the members present in the meeting. The Chairperson requested all concerned Heads of Departments to monitor the timelines allotted against the schemes under their respective Department and to upload guideline details and achievement reports on official websites.

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

SERICULTURE: The Sericulture Department informed the house that on account of Covid-19 pandemic and global warming, the cocoon production has been seriously hampered in Sonitpur district. A study conducted by the Sericulture Department has revealed that actual rates of Cocoon stocks at Cocoon Bank have not been met as accessories, instruments and finance required to sustain the Cocoon suppliers through Cocoon Bank are not available. The ADC instructed the Sericulture Department to submit and to provide necessary insights regarding Cocoon Banks as per Sericulture Department's requirements. Moreover, as regards the matter relating to the Som cultivation in Sericulture Department's land, which was discussed in the DISHA meeting held on 08/09/2021, the ADC requested the P&RD and Sericulture departments to co-ordinate and expedite the work regarding the same. Furthermore, ADC suggested for preparation of brochures, leaflets and pamphlets for promotion of various activities related to Sericulture.

PWD, Tezpur, Rangapara & Sootea Territorial Road Divn.: The Exec. Engg., PWD, T,R&S TRD, has informed regarding the 4 lane road construction from Mission Chariali to Kamarchuburi. He said that Joint Survey of the area with the concerned Circle Officers, NEF Railway Officials and PWD Department and its valuation has been completed after which following proper official procedure, Project Concept paper would be submitted to higher authority. So far, no issues were raised regarding construction of the 4 land road. However, District Agriculture Officer, Sonitpur questioned if construction of the proposed road can take place without felling of trees to which EE replied that trees shall be planted elsewhere. The ADC asked to expedite the construction work and to resolve any issues amicably between the departments concerned.

Regarding construction of road connecting Fishery Complex at Hazarapara, the EE said that the proposed work was delayed as the region is ecologically sensitive wherein migration of birds takes place. However, the EE informed that fund against the proposed road has now been received and accordingly work would soon start and is expected to be completed by February 2022 tentatively.

EE also mentioned that Besseria would soon have a 2 lane road; the work is to be implemented by the NHAI, Nagaon Divn. & PWD.

PWD, Dhekiajuli & Borsola Territorial Road Divn.: With regard to Assam Mala Scheme- from Dhupguri to Dhekiajuli, the EE highlighted that land acquisition of PWD regarding assets estimation is slowly progressing. The ADC instructed the concerned Departments to co-ordinate with the Circle Officers so that any matter related with Assam Mala can be disposed early.

The progress status of SOPD according to EE has been good. The targeted date of completion has however been extended mainly on account of the small width of roads in the tea estates. The progress of Charduar and Panbari Tea Estates is 0% as allotment to the work took place in the rainy season of 2020. The Chair instructed to pressurize the Contractors to expedite the completion of the road works and to see that the work completion progress increases from 0% to 40 % till the next DDC meeting.

Regarding RIDF, the EE assured that the works shall be completed by December 2021. The ADC stressed on its completion as slow road development would adversely impact overall development of the district.

PWD, Tezpur Building Division: Under Assam Mala, the land which has been acquired, there the evaluation of price of such building, etc., are being done by the PWD, Building Deptt. As reported, by the EE, PWD, Building Deptt., work on a stretch of 6 km distance has been done. In Chitalmari under Borsola LAC, the work of Model Residential School is in progress and is expected to complete by April, 2022. The ADC Madam instructed the PWD, Building to expedite the matter.

The EE reported that the work at **NERIWALM laboratory building** is in progress & is expected to be completed by March 2022.

The progress of work associated with the construction of **ITI, Rangapara** was delayed due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The work at **Rangapara Town Hall** is under progress in full swing. At **Rangapara Football Academy**, pending works are yet to be started.

The EE has informed that notice has been issued to the contractors to complete the work associated with **Mental Wing of Central Jail** at the earliest. The ADC directed that if the contractor does not respond, the same needs to be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner.

At **Tezpur Medical College**, the construction of **Doctor's Hostel (Male & Female)** has been completed till the Plinth level. The ADC asked to provide the progress report of newly constructed ICU, the work that has been sanctioned by the Health Department.

The EE has informed that the work against – the **Construction of Integrated Sports Complex at Tezpur Stadium**, has not been started, except some site filling, due to non receipt of structural drawings.

Regarding renovation of **Baan Theatre**, the EE informed that originally, the work was allotted to M/S National Builders at tender value of Rs. 161.97 Lakh only. Accordingly, the contractor started the work and the work is going on. Later on, as per request of the Baan Theatre Committee, it was decided to reconstruct the RCC structure surrounding the stage as the existing structure is in dilapidated condition. Accordingly, one estimate amounting to Rs.165 lakh (approx.) was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur for arranging the necessary Administrative Approval. Due to non construction of this RCC structure certain items of original tender (involving the merger amount) like electrical work, air conditioning and sound system etc., could not be executed till date and work under original tender remains incomplete.

The ADC emphasized that inspection works are to be conducted at selected sites before, during and at the end of the works. She also asked the line departments to hold meetings with their contractors and resolve all issue between them.

Handloom & Textiles: The ADC asked to provide for a Nodal Officer for e-Nirikshan from the H & T Deptt. and that the list of beneficiaries selected for Distribution of various items to be done properly. She enquired whether any handloom clusters have been created in Sonitpur.

Legal Metrology: The ADC requested the Legal Metrology department to updates their work status, progress report and any activities on Whatsapp group regularly so that the Deputy Commissioner is well informed.

Soil Conservation: The DO stated that out of a total of 8 nos. of projects under Soil Conservation Department in Sonitpur District, 5 nos. have not yet been started, and 3 projects at Bakulapathar, Chapaimari and Soil Divisional Office Building have been under progress. Chapaimari project has reported 90% progress report. Overall physical progress of works under Soil Conservation Department has been reported to have been at 15 %, which ADC madam has cited out to be very low and hence, has instructed to complete all the pending works by November 2021, without delay.

Water Resources: The AEE informed the house with regard to the erosion matter in Bordikorai Village, that the area that falls under unembankment portion does not permit the Department to take protective measures on it. Also, follow up action in response to the minutes of the last DDC meeting held on August, 2021 have been taken and as such, 1 no. of Maintenance & Refurbishment (M&R) estimate has already been sent to higher authority for approval. The AEE reported that all SIDF works have been completed. The Water Resources Department Building is 27 % complete and is expected to be completed by March 2022.

Education: The IS informed that the land issue of the school located in Arun Tea Estate is now resolved and alternative land for school construction has been provided by the Tea Estate. Herein, ADC instructed to acquire the NOC against the provided new land and to expedite the work.

On internet connectivity issue, the IS has stated that survey has been conducted with the help of telecom companies and it has been found that out of a total 164 targeted tower construction works, construction of 40 such towers has already started that is expected to provide internet connectivity to 54 nos. of schools.

The IS informed that in one newly constructed school building at Mainajuli Village, Rangapara LAC, during rainy season, water leakages in the electrical pipes has been noticed which is a very risky matter for which the IS has requested to the PWD Building to call the contractor and resolve the issue.

The IS on bank account creation of students requested the LDM to instruct banks not to ask for AADHAR card while opening up of minor accounts because all students do not have AADHAR card, to which the LDM has replied that instruction to the banks has already been issued against the matter. The ADC instructed the LDM to resolve the issues regarding minor account creation with banks and said that the documents required should be uniform for all banks. She also asked the LDM to raise this issue in the next LDM review meeting. Furthermore, the ADC asked the IS about the progress of AADHAR enrolment of students. She emphasized that it should be given top priority.

The Jia Bhorali boat services were suspended that acted as river transportation for school going students, due to which 400 schools are being affected under Gabharu Block. The ADC assured that she shall discuss this issue with Inland Water Services.

The IS requested the PHE department to consider some more schools under JJM Scheme.

Agriculture: The DAO informed the house regarding the expected arrival of maize and other seeds, which shall be distributed to the farmers via various flagship programmes of Agriculture Department in Sonitpur District

Under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Self Registration, meeting has been conducted and beneficiaries selection process is going on. Reports show that out of 8000 applicants, only 2440 have submitted hard copy, which is required for onward submission to the Govt.; if the leftouts somehow fail to submit the hard copies, their applications would be rejected.

Trainings related to FPCs (Farmer Producers Company) have been conducted, with workshops being held at Tezpur University and 3 nos. of more such trainings at Royal Regency.

The DAO informed the house that new process for paddy procurement by farmers has started for which 3 centres & warehouses need to be set up.

With regard to tree sapling plantation under AAGY, all farm families are to be provided with one tree sapling and it has been targeted that by March 2022, tree saplings especially of Jackfruit, Blueberry, Amla and the like to be provided in consultation with Forest Department.

The EE (Agri.) has confirmed that no solar and diesel pumps under RIDF and AAGY have been approved.

Forest: The Forest Department was duly concerned with the uprooted trees on account of construction of 4 lane road from Mission Chariali to Kamarchuburi. The DFO informed the house that the Conservator of Forest has asked to pursue the terms & conditions associated with Assam Mala. The felled trees need to be auctioned online, but the AMTRON doesn't have the portal to upload auctioning option as of now and are infact updating their system to include online auctioning. Moreover, as the system of offline auction is not available, timbers are lying on the side of the street which may get stolen.

Fishery: ADC requested that as per guidelines received from higher authority, in every revenue village, a public fishery be constructed.

ADC insisted on providing platforms for training and R&D so that fishery production can be further enhanced and that measures be taken up to engage local youths so as to provide them with expertise at Block level; the BDOs are to liaise with the DFDOs in this regard.

The DFDO against PMMSY stated that new pond construction was taken up and their rearing is looked after. Works associated with Medium Bio flocks in Bihaguri Block and with RAS (Recirculating Aquaculture System) in Napam area are under progress. Ornamental Fish Rearing Unit at Bihaguri has been set up and work has started.

APDCL: Regarding installation of transformers under the JJM, ADC instructed the PHE department to settle any issues with the APDCL and that monthly updating the reports are expected from both the APDCL and PHE department for it being a Central Sponsored Scheme.

There are issues with provision of electricity to be provided at schools as pointed out by the IS, to which the ADC has requested the concerned departments to resolve the issue at their own end.

APDCL has reported 100% completion of works under FRP schemes (barricades around transformers) and 65% work completion under Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana.

There is an issue against outstanding bills to be resolved by the Tezpur Municipality Board against Mission Chariali High Power Mast. The ADC requested the APDCL to consider partial payments against bill that TMB is liable to pay, to which APDCL official has shown approval. Furthermore, the Forest department also has some issues related to payment of bills to APDCL, to which the former assured APDCL that once the allotment is received from the Govt., all payments shall be made. The Sericulture department has issue with the APDCL regarding assessment of bills.

PHE: The EE reported that under JJM, 2155 FHTCs (Functional House Tap Connections) are expected to be established by October, 2021 and 500 FHTCs have already been established till date. Furthermore, it is expected by the PHE department that by March, 2022, 1,08,750 nos. of FHTCs are to be established.

There is no mapping conducted for Water & Sanitation as pointed out by SDO, Sadar to which ADC instructed to publicize the issue and to create awareness by engaging the Circle Officers, BDOs and Gaon Presidents & Secretaries.

The SDO, Sadar insisted upon creation of DPR in every Tea Estate along the labour lines and that the PHE officials to monitor if the concerned households are encompassed within the area that falls under the DPRs.

The performance of Sonitpur's School Anganwadis has been ranked at 2nd position in the State; further better results are to be expected according to EE.

Veterinary: The DVO reported that the quality of the vaccine provided by the Central Govt. under Animal Disease Control Programme is poor and hence the vaccination has been stopped. 3 nos. of Zonal meetings were conducted. The DVO has also stated that Sonitpur is ranked at 10th position in the State; it was at 27th position previously. The ADC instructed all Doctors to see that the status is further improved.

The DVO has reported that the revival of defunct poultry farm at Tezpur has been taken up shortly and that consent has been received to initiate the process.

The NABARD Bank has implemented the Rashtriya Gokul Mission through Dairy Development Association. Herein, the ADC has directed LDM to arrange for an awareness camp for promotion of the scheme.

Dairy Development: The DVO reported that since 2015, the Dairy Processing Unit was closed and that the Govt. is now taking initiative for its revival. Also, land certificate and electrification proposal has also been sent against the same.

At Dhekiajuli Milk Cluster Centres, under APART, Training has been imparted to participants to ensure quality and safety of milk products. Herein, ADC has instructed that along with imparting

training, further provisions of support should also be provided to the trainees. She also requested the DVO to explore prospective areas for poultry rearing.

DICC: The GM, DICC mentioned about the successful conduct of Export Conclave held on 24th September, 2021 that was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, wherein 150 exporters and potential exporters participated and 22 nos. of exhibition stalls were installed.

ATISIS (Assam Tea Industry Special Incentive Scheme) was launched by Chief Minister on 4th July, 2021 under which Orthodox tea producers would get subsidies and against which 20 applications- 10 from Sonitpur (and 10 from Biswanath Chariali)- have already been processed.


The GM reported to have conducted the Weekly Webinar that is creating awareness amongst potential entrepreneurs. The ADC requested the GM to engage Universities and their students so as to instill and develop entrepreneurship and that to upload DICC's success stories in District portal.

Irrigation: 93.50% of completion of works under PMKSY is expected by December, 2021. Under Tezpur & Rangapara Division there is 100% completion and there is 95% completion under Dhekiajuli & Borsola and Sootea Division. The work completion of PMKSY implemented by NABARD is 98 %. The ADC in this regard requested that communication with agriculture department be made so that the farmers living in the irrigated areas can make proper use of the project.

Under **ASRLM**, the scope of farm livelihood is considered wherein producers group would be brought into farm & non-farm activity.

Finally, the SDO, Sadar while prioritizing on AAGY, informed that in the next AAGY meeting, model estimates of selected villages would be reviewed and all departments' initiatives would be reflected in those villages. The P&RD department's involvement with regard to AAGY is expected and it should plan as to what they require from other departments for implementation of AAGY. The ADC insisted that any pending cases amongst the line departments on any work/ programme/ matter be sorted out and that support and follow up actions with any department be made at the initial phase without any communication gap. She further instructed that the LDM, RIDF and DLRC review meetings be conducted on a routine basis.

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



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7. Sri Jayanta Nath, ADIO, NIC, Tezpur for kind information and necessary action.
8. All members of DDC, as per Annexure- I referred above.
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