

## Agriculture Meeting

*Date* : 18th July 2006 (Tuesday)  
*Time* : 10.45 am to 12:30 pm  
*Venue* : 313, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

The meeting began with the self introduction by the participants. Mr. Chandra Mohan explained the purpose of the meeting as planning for the exhibition for the workshop on disaster preparedness in agriculture as well as gathering the status of data collection agreed by the NGOs. None of the NGO had brought the data. However, the following NGOs promised to submit the same on or before 21st July:

- ♣ SEVALAYA
- ♣ CWS
- ♣ KUDUMBAM
- ♣ CCD
- ♣ VENTURE

Followed by the discussion on the status of data collection, Mr. Ananda Raj of agriculture data collection team from NCRC briefed the process of data collection the team had conducted in 15 sample tsunami affected villages across Nagapattinam. He said that they had held group discussions with about 15 farmers in each village collecting village profile as well as individual profiles were collected through individual farmer discussions. The profiling also included issues like backwaters, amongst others. They collected details of the area, population, water bodies, types of irrigation, methods of farming and marketing.

Followed by the sharing, Mr. Chandra Mohan said that the data would be put to analysis and the paper would be presented to the participants of the workshop. The key would be to try emerging patterns for agriculture in the district based on changing crops and disaster posted conditions.

Then the participants engaged themselves in an active discussion on how and what to include in the exhibition. At this juncture, Ms. Annie George joined the meeting and took over the session. The exhibit materials to be showcased in the stalls include

- Photographs
- Charts
- Models
- Specimen
- Handicrafts

The following materials are available with the NGOs:

Name of the NGO	Available exhibits	Remarks
CCD	All except handicrafts	
KUDUMBAM	Photographs	Will get ready with the rest
SEVALAYA	Photographs	Will prepare charts
VENTURE	Photographs	Will get ready with the rest
CIKS	Models & charts	Will get ready with the rest
BEST	Photographs & charts	Will get ready with the rest
TOFARM	Photographs & charts	Will get ready with the rest
EKTA PARISHAD	Photographs	Needs support from NCRC
ISED	All	
EFICOR	Photographs	Will get ready with the rest
CARE PLAN	Photographs & charts	Will develop models; needs support from NCRC
RIM	Photographs	Will get ready with the rest
BWDC	Photographs & charts	Will get ready with the rest

The following were decided in the discussion to go in to the stalls of each NGO:

1. NGO banner
2. Data and map with area of operation (total area, type of land etc. – NCRC support for maps)
3. Pre, post tsunami reclamation with photographs (package-wise)
4. Target achievement (cost, total number done, etc.)
5. Showcasing activities of community participation
6. Models/charts/photographs of handicrafts, organic fertilizers, demonstration on how to use the products, vermicompost, Pancha Kavya, drip irrigation, bio-mass production, bunds, skimming wells, waste water utility, etc. (each NGO was asked to prepare at least one model)
7. Soil & water survey results to prove success of reclamation (yield data, soil survey result, how much sown and yielded, result and improvement, critical analysis of works – evaluation pointers like how was the work useful, complete, etc.)
8. Time series analysis of yield (type of seed wise data)
9. Specimens
10. Publications/books

The NGOs also asked for the size of each stall for the exhibition. Mr. Chandra Mohan told that he would inform them the details in a couple of days. The following NGOs came forward to share responsibilities with NCRC for the workshop by sending volunteers at least one day in advance of the workshop:

1. SEVALAYA
2. CARE PLAN
3. KUDUMBAM
4. VENTURE

5. TOFARM

6. RIM

7. EKTA PARISHAD (volunteers from 1st August)

The list of volunteers would be sent to NCRC by 19th July. There was also request from NCRC to send few volunteers with following skills:

- Volunteers with skills in English & documentation
- Volunteers with aesthetics to work in exhibition stalls
- Volunteers who can take care of the chief guests

The data collected from the NGOs and departments would be received latest by 21st July. The first draft of the analysed report would be made available for NGOs' comments in the next meeting on 25th July.