

Minutes of the Taluk level Agri- meetings with NGOs and agri-line Departments in Nagapattinam, Vedaranyam, PR Puram, Thirukadiyur and Sirkali.

August 20, 2005 Vedaranyam – Mariappan Kalyana Mandapam

Mr. Chandrasekaran, NCRC briefed about the objectives of NCRC and the purpose of get-together to the gathering and said the meeting is a platform to meet the NGOs working in this taluk and to discuss on what is to be done first. He called Mr. Chandra Mohan to elaborate on the immediate measures to be adopted both in short-term and long-term basis for land reclamation.

Mr. Chandra Mohan during his concise report stressed upon on the immediate measures to be adopted both in short-term and long-term basis for land reclamation. He called the NGOs who are working in that taluk to introduce themselves to the crowd for familiarization.

A section of farmers complained about few NGOs who have promised to do the reclamation and left them with out doing anything. Others praised the NGOs about their yeomen service.

NGOs working in Vedaranyam Taluk

Tamil Nadu Organic Farmers' Movement (TOFM), Pitsunami, CASA, Dhan, Bharati and Centre for Youth Development Authority (CYDA) are working in Pushpavanam village. TOFM had removed sand from some areas, Bitsunami had constructed four schools, CASA had also removed sand from those areas and Bharati had distributed urea and cash for milch animals.

In Periyakuthogai, CASA, Dhan, TOFM, Kudumbam and Create are working. CASA had cleaned up 50 acres and Create had done 100 acres. Others are yet to start their work.

In Agashtianpalli, Dhan, TOFM and TMSSS are working. As Dhan didn't start the work, TMSSS is willing to take either the whole village or part.

In Kovilpathu, Dhan, TMSSS, Kudumbam, TOFM and Bharati are working.

Vellapallam – Dhan, TMSSS, Kudumbam, TOFM and Bharati.

Nalluvedapathy – Dhan

Topputhurai- Awakes

Vedaranyam – Dhan, Bharati, TOFM and TMSSS

Maharajapuram Keelpathi – TOFM

Finally, Mr. Chandra Mohan made a quick recap of the meeting and stressed upon the immediate measures to be adopted by the NGOs both in short-term and long-term basis for land reclamation. He called the NGOs to start the work on a war-footing and asked the village panchayat leaders, farmers and authorities to co-operate with the NGOs.

Noon meeting at P R Puram, Cyclone Warning Centre

The second meeting on the same date for Kilvelur Taluk was held at P R Puram Cyclone Warning Office. Mr. Muthuvel, Joint Director of Agriculture, Mr. Mohammed Razeed, Assistant Director, Department of Horticulture participated in the workshop. Mr. Chandrasekaran, NCRC briefed about the meeting to the local farmers, SHG leaders and panchayat presidents who had assembled there, he then handed over the dais to Mr. Chandra Mohan.

While briefing about the meeting Mr. Chandra Mohan said that NCRC is felicitating the co-ordination process with NGOs, agriculture department and farmers for smooth operation of Tsunami affected land reclamation. He spoke about the immediate measures to be adopted by the NGOs both in short-term and long-term basis and asked the NGOs who were present there to introduce themselves to the villagers for better co-ordination.

He gave the list of NGOs working in Kilvelur Taluk to the audience. They are:

1. In P R Puram out of 322 hectares affected, TMSSS is likely to work on 75 hectares, Dhan in 84, Kudumbam in 142 and Bharati 8.
2. Viluntamavadi out of 119 hectares – Sevalaya -50, Dhan 40, TMSSS 62, Real Plan 48 and Bharati – 68.
3. Thirupoondi East out of 187 hectares- Sevalaya - 25, Dhan-57, TMSSS 60 and Bharati – 20.
4. Vettaikaraniruppu out of 513 hectares – Dhan 120, Kudumbam 363 and Bharati 32.
5. In Velankanni totally 60 hectares were affected and TMSSS has agreed to take the whole village.

Mr. Mohammed Razeed, Assistant Director, Department of Horticulture during his formal conversation with the villagers said the department had started 44 SHGs in the taluk and Rs 4974 has been allotted to each group for land reclamation. He asked the farmers to adopt the immediate measures recommended by NCRC team and requested the NGOs to start the work within this month. He also asked the villagers to cooperate with NGOs for speedy reclamation.

