

Participatory Water Resource Management Programme - Steering Committee Meeting

Venue: Main Conference Hall, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

Date : 27.02.08

Participants:

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Minutes:

The meeting was started around 11.15 am. Mr.Chandhra Mohan formally welcomed the participants and then handed over the session to Mr.Annandurai B.E. (DRO) and Mr.Kandasamy B.E (DRO (RR)).

Mr.Kandasamy B.E (DRO (RR), explained about the purpose of meeting.

After tsunami the cropping pattern and land fertility are changed because of salt water inclusion. PWRMP is a sensitive subject at the same time it helps to save the excess water and use it for irrigation during summer. This programme helps us to protect the crop from flood.

This purpose of this meeting is to finalize the steering committee members and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the line department (PWD, Agriculture Engineering, etc.) and Water User Association.

Dr.Sivanappan explained about important of this programme.

Agriculture is main occupation of this district. But, the farmers are affected by flood, drought and salt water inclusion. In order to know the reasons of all this disaster we (Mr.Sivanappan, NCRC and NGOs) did the study. 14 TER are covered under this study. Nearly 27,000 to 28,000 hectare lands are benefited by the 14 TER's, the issues are weed, silt in irrigation and drainage canal, bund damages and structure damages. 125 crores are needed to solve all the issues. This study was published by MR.Duraimurugan honourable minister PWD.

For the pilot bedroc (NCRC) took three TER's. According to irrigation act 2001, formed the Water User Association. The main motto of this project is the whole project is carried out by WUA. The programme helps to store the excess water and protects them from flood.

The farmer's cooperation is must and needed all over India, especially in TamilNadu. It leads to overall development of Agriculture.

Mr. Chandra Mohan (bedroc) explained about the Goal, objectives and process so far and plans.

Goal: To pilot a model for sustainable disaster proofing of agriculture in Nagapattinam.

Specific Objectives:

- Safe disposal of excess flood water to mitigate water logging/inundation.
- Increase the availability of water through harvesting rain/flood water as well as improving recharge potential of the ground water.
- Contain backwater salination through improving the efficiency of the drainage channels.
- Increase the intensity of cropping through improved irrigation systems.
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Then he explained about **the process so far**

- Project orientation at different levels
- Resolution from elected village panchayats.
- Resource mapping through PRA at both levels (Hamlet wise and Panchayat wise)

- Identification and Validation of channel-based issues.
- Stakeholder analysis.
- Baseline data collection both secondary and primary data.
- Community mobilization and institution formation – General body, Sub group and Water User Associations.
- Consultative group meetings at district level.
- Exposure trip to Pune.
- Micro-site plan preparation both hamlet and panchayat wise.
- Microsite plans validation and estimation (in progress)
- Dovetailing with panchayat plans (panchayat level meetings)
- Preparation of panchayat level proposals (in progress)

Plans:

- Dovetailing with PWD / Ag. Engg. Dept. plans at Tail End Regulator (TER) level (TER level meetings)
- Formation of District Technical Approval Committee and Steering Committee
- Submission of proposals (TER-level consolidated) to District Approval Committee
- Steering Committee meeting/s at dist. Level
- Consultative Group meeting/s at dist. level
- Signing of tripartite agreement
- Implementation of work by Water User Associations (WUAs) – fund release in instalments (based on % completion of work)
- Social and technical audit

After the presentation Mr.Kandasamy told in Vilupuram district the WUAs doing great work. The gain of the project is not visible immediately but over a period of time the impact is high. The WUA will do excellent work by using their resources only the cooperation is needed. Then he asked the panchayat president and WUA president their importance and participation in this programme.s

Thanilapadi WUA president told PWRMP program is really needed project. We are very happy and thankful to NCRC (bedroc). The main problem in our panchayat is silt and structure damages in Maravanaru its length is 6 kms. Government or bedroc must do this work for us. Once the PWD measure and mark the encroachments, we (farmers) will help to clear the encroachments.

Community participation is not a problem because we already gave the petition regarding flood relief during agriculture grievance day as an association.

Mr.Kandaswamy told the community members and WUA need to change their mindset, someone will do for us. As an association you have to do all the work with help of concern departments. In karaikal during flood the damages are less because they have scientific model construction at drainage canals. But, it is not available in Nagapattinam .

** One panchayat, Thirukadaiyur in Manjalar tail end regulator area is not covered because of non-cooperation of Panchayat President to form a Water User Association inspite of repeated visits and discussions.

Roles of District Technical Approval Committee:

1. Technical approval of Tail End Regulator (TER) – level proposals.
(A TER-level proposal is in-turn a consolidation of panchayat-level proposals)
2. Technical guidance for the project
3. Prioritization of work between TERs and within TERs with respect to urgencies of works to be carried out.
4. Overall monitoring of the project during implementation by Water User Associations (WUAs)

Proposed members of the Committee:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Department / Agency</i>	<i>Designated Person</i>
1	Public Works Department – Vennar Division	Assistant Executive Engineer
2	Public Works Department – Cauvery East Division	Assistant Executive Engineer
3	Agricultural Engineering Department - Nagapattinam	Assistant Executive Engineer
4	Department of Agriculture - Nagapattinam	Deputy Director of Agriculture / Assistant Director of Agriculture
5	Bedroc - Nagapattinam	Social Consultant
6	Block Department Officers(BDOs)	
7	Revenue Development Officers(RDOs)	
8	Tahsildars	

Finally Mr.Ramanathan, President (Chinnathumbur) thank the participants and the meeting ended by 12.30pm.