

## DISTRICT LEVEL AGRICULTURAL MEETING WITH NGOS AND AGRICULTURE LINE DEPARTMENTS

Date : 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2005

Venue : Conference hall, Collectorate.

Mr. Chandra Mohan, NCRC agri sector team leader welcomed the gathering and briefed about the meeting. He asked the NGOs for a tentative work schedule from those who have not started the land reclamation so far in the revenue villages. As the monsoon is fast approaching he had asked the NGOs to take immediate measures for land reclamation.

NGOs participated in the meeting

1. Dhan Foundation
2. Tamil Nadu Organic Farmers Movement
3. Real Plan
4. Rejuvenate India Movement
5. Bharati
6. Kudumbam
7. CWS
8. Sevalaya
9. DWCDs
10. Efficor
11. CCD
12. ISED
13. Avvai

Other than the updates (below) given by the NGOs, major points discussed in the meeting are:

- Every NGO should confirm their work status with in next week.
- NGOs who can't keep up their promises and had not touched any villages in land reclamation should inform NCRC within a day or two.
- NGOs who were not present were asked to inform on the same.
- Date for the next meeting, fixed on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2005.
- Open question to NGOs who can do more villages

## Updates

- Sevalaya: Is working on 25 hectares (426 acres) in PR Purma, Kameshwaram, Pudupalli, Vettaikaraniruppu and Velunthamadavi. They are getting technical support from Agricultural University for land reclamation.
  - Efficor: is working on 80 hectares in Sattankudi and Poraiyar.
  - Bharati: They are working on 320 hectares in Vedaranyam Taluk.
  - Real Plan: Out of the 120 acres allotted to them in Manalmedu (Velunthamadavi) they have completed 110 acres.
  - RIM: Working in 150 hectares in Tharagambadi taluk. Villages like Maruthampallam and Kalamanallur are yet to start the reclamation work.
  - Avvai – Working in Thandavankulam area.
  - Dhan –is working on Periyakuthagai and Pushpavanam and yet to start work in other areas.
  - TOFM – is working in Sirkali and Vedaranyam taluks.
  - CCD – is working in Nepathur, Thirunagari and Perumthottam.
  - Kudumbam – Tharamgambad and Nagai Taluk.
  - ISED- in Sirkali done only 37 acres
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