

Minutes of Permanent Shelter Review Meeting

Date : 13th March' 2006 (Monday)
Time : 4:45 pm to 6:30 p.m.
Venue : Main Conference Hall, Collectorate, Nagapattinam.
Chaired by : Mr. G. Radha, PO, DRDA
Mr. Raman, Spl. Deputy Collector, Relief & Rehabilitation

The NGOs and the engineering consultants provided update on the work-in-progress of Permanent Shelter construction in each village of Nagapattinam district. Mr. Radha and Mr. Raman started reviewing the same, in comparison to the report submitted in the previous meeting, a fortnight ago.

Report on the Progress in Work: by NGOs and the Consulting engineers

- *Pazhayar*: Care's work-in-progress is for 423 houses;
- *Madavamedu*: plastering work for 25 houses by SCST under progress;
- *Koozhaiyar*: Finishing work for 58 houses carried out by CASA; the NGO has also increased the labour force as suggested in the last meeting.
- *Thirumullaivasal*: Engineer reported that labour force is less than required here.
- *Melamoovakarai & Kelamoovakarai*: Nearly 10 houses have been completed and work for another 28 in under progress.
- *Savadikuppam*: Out of 114 allotted to TMSSS, 62 houses work is in progress.
- *Madathakuppam*: 18 houses completed by GGF & work-in-progress for 24 houses;
- *Pudukuppam*: SOS is effectively working on 56 sites out of the 156 allotted. They are facing the problem of shortage in supply of bricks.
- *Poompuhar*: Work is in progress for 143 houses by Sevai. Labour force is good enough but again bricks at site are not sufficient.
- *Kadaikadu*: GGF has completed 15 houses, work-in-progress for 3 houses; one house work has been stopped due to interference by the beneficiary.
- *Vanagiri*: HOPE foundation has completed 40 in-situ houses & work-in-progress for 17houses; Word & Deed, constructing houses on new site have shown work-in-progress for 61 houses; OXFAM-Sevai is involved in land leveling work.

- *Chinnagudi*: SIFFS had few technical problems here, which has been solved and work will be started within this week for both in-situ and new site. All houses shall be complete by August this year.
- *Veppanchery*: Out of the 52 allotted to RDT, 29 houses are ready and work-in-progress is for 23 houses.
- *Puthupettai*: EFICOR has committed to completed all the houses here by July end.
- *Periyamanickapangu*: IAHV is presently carrying out work for 75 houses. The progress has been slow because work had stopped for a week due to delay in supply of bricks.
- *Perumalpettai & Vadakku Colony*: CASA requested to increase labour force here and speed up work as the community has started complaining to the administration about the very slow progress in these two places.
- *Pillai Colony*: Sevai reported that they are facing problems from the beneficiaries regarding legal entity of new land. SDC, Mr. Raman told the NGO to come with the legal papers for revision and the issue shall be sort out.
- *Vellakoil & Chinnamanickapangu*: EFICOR said that they are facing slight problem with planning and marking of the site. Once it is done, work will be started.
- *Kesavanpalayam*: Holy Cross is progressing quiet well with work-in-progress for 63 houses out of 65 allotted.
- *Sathangudi*: Out of 1100 allotted, SIFFS is carrying out effective work for 210 houses only. Anyway, the NGO commits to complete 400 houses by June and remaining by December this year.
- *Chandrapadi*: BUILD has started work only for 8 houses out of the 75 allotted. The NGO told that land cleaning work is going on for the remaining sites and once the Panchayat hands it over, work will be started.
- *Panangudi*: Mata Amritanandamayi Math's work-in-progress is for 110 houses. They are also carrying out work for 98 houses on the land allotted opposite to petrol bunk in Nagore.
- *Ambedkar Nagar (South)*: IID is shown work-in-progress for 20 houses. The NGO is facing problems with availing construction materials here. The NGO was told to increase labour force and speed up work.
- *Silladi Nagar*: Here Jamaat-e-Islam Hind has completed 9 houses and work-in-progress for remaining houses also going on well. Another 3 houses will be ready by March end and around 50% houses will be made ready by April- May' 2006.

- *Saveriyar Koil*: World Vision reported work-in-progress for 122 houses and stated that land allocation for 300 houses is awaited. SDC told that as land is not available in this area, efforts are being taken to identify land at the nearest possible location.
- *Akkaraipeitai*: Out of 768 allotted, TRC reported work-in-progress for 616 houses. Work on 152 sites is yet to be started; land problem for another 120 houses is still prevailing; the NGO stated that they shall complete construction by June 2006 if the issue is solved soon. Also, enlisting of few more genuinely affected families is to be done by the government and thereby TRC is ready to do construction for them as well.
- *Thideerkuppam*: M.A. Math is progressing quite well here and it set forth the need for additional land. SDC told that land identification is going on.
- *North Poigainallur*: 15 houses work-in-progress by Salvation Army.
- *Papakovil*: Out of 255, World Vision reported work-in-progress for 159 houses.
- *Seruthur*: PDA reported work-in-progress for 94 houses out of the 434 allotted; SDC told that the legal issue related to land here will be solved very soon so that the NGO can proceed with construction.
- *Velankanni*: TMSSS told that they progressed with work for 205 houses. The NGO told about a problem relating to boundary limits of the construction sites. SDC shall look into it and sort it out at the earliest.
- *Villunthamavadi*: PDA has started work for 10 houses and waiting for land allocation for another 20 houses.
- *Vellapalam*: Here, TMSSS has progressed in work for 55 houses out of 82 allotted; PDA has completed one house and work-in-progress is for 65 houses.
- *Pushpavanam*: CASA reported that they are facing threats from beneficiaries as work progress is slow; it is due to difficulty in mobilizing materials to the unevenly scattered sites (in-situ).
- *Arcottuthurai*: TMSSS shows work progress on 24 in-situ sites and 240 new sites.
- *Maniyantheevu*: Here TMSSS has finished lintel level work for all the 27 houses.

PO & SDC: Responses, suggestions & instructions to NGOs & engineers

- NGOs were suggested to carry out simultaneous work on all the sites allotted to them so that progress is fast as well as uniform in all villages.
- The NGOs were once again requested to increase man, material and money in all the sites so that shelters can be made ready for occupation at the earliest.

- The engineers were told to develop better coordination among all NGOs for overall progress; they were also told to identify the problems like lack of labour, shortage of bricks, etc., and provide solutions with the help of the respective BDOs/ Thahsildars.
- The quality of houses in most places is up to the standards, yet the engineers have been asked to closely monitor the quality aspects in all places - direct complaints from community against few NGOs is the cause of such reminder.
- In response to the EB connection demands by NGOs for Panangudi, Seruthur, Kuttiyandiyur and Sathangudi sites, SDC told that he is reviewing the requirements and necessary arrangements will be made through the EB department.
- The participants were informed that Public Toilet construction near shelter sites is being carried out quite well by the Municipal corporation team.

Other Issues:

TERT, who have signed a MoU with the district administration to construct public infrastructures, told that work is in progress at 23 places, land in 17 places have been identified and in remaining places layouts from the NGOs is awaited. It was suggested that the organization should talk to the Collector in order to find out how to proceed.

At this stage, the district collector, Dr. J. Radhakrishnan joined the meeting and highlighted his concerns about shelter construction. He stated that the major players are TMSSS and CASA as they have taken up the maximum allotment. Their progress in work is slow and therefore quite alarming. The collector requested both the NGOs to realize the need to speed up work and accordingly increase man, material and money. With regard to land, Collector told that hunt for sufficient land in nearly 10 places is going on. Once the legal formalities are completed, land shall be handed over to the NGOs who need to be prepared to start work immediately.

The collector requested the NGOs, especially Holy Cross, Salvation Army, Real who are either working with labourers from the vulnerable group or doing construction for this group, to be careful as chances of unnecessary problems rooting up are higher. He also mentioned that implementation of the World Bank schemes (road construction, electricity, sanitation facilities, etc) is possible only if the NGOs finish construction and hand it over to the district administration.

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