

Minutes of the Shelter Review Meeting

Date : 21st July 2006 (Friday)
Time : 5:15 pm to 06:45 pm
Venue : Main Conference Hall, Collectorate, Nagapattinam
Chaired by : Mr. Baskar, District Revenue Officer (DRO)
Mr. Raman, Deputy Collector
Mr. Kanthasamy, Special Assistant Collector (R&R)

The DRO began the meeting asking few NGOs confirmation of lay out for construction in the second phase. Obtaining a certificate from the union engineers ensuring quality referred in the guidelines for construction was made mandatory for NGOs before handing over houses. MR. Raman asked the NGOs to approach the Public Relation Officer (PRO) before printing the invitation for house handing over ceremony. Mr. Kanthasamy informed that issuing certificate for NGOs who undertook repairing of pacca houses was being finalised at the higher level following the request from SNEHA. He requested NGOs who involved in the same work to apply for certificates.

Following Mr.Kanthasmy's address, the DRO ran through the minutes of the previous meeting to review the decisions taken by the NGOs in the previous meeting before reviewing the rest. Following are the outcome:

Progress of construction of permanent houses

CARE INDIA

Madavamedu: The DRO asked to start at least 50 houses here in the following week. However, the NGOs asked for an additional week to start the work.

Pazhayar: The NGO is yet to start work for 160 houses here. However, they informed that some land have been trespassed by the local people. The DRO asked the Thasildar, land accusation to file a suit against the people and clear the land in a couple of days.

CASA

Perumalpettai: CASA has progressed in 200 houses out of the 275 allotted. It promised to start another 25 in the following week.

CARE PLAN

Kottaimedu: 31 houses out of the 165 allotted have not been started. The NGO informed to start 10 houses in the following week.

CHATTISGARH HOUSING BOARD (SEVA BHARATHI)

Panagudi: 25 out of the remaining 95 non-started houses against the total number of 125 allotted would be started in the following week.

DPG

Vanavanmahadevi: The NGO said that negotiation for land for the 103 allotted houses here is in progress.

EFFICOR

Chinnamanikkapangu: The 21 in-situ houses would be started in the following week.

Kuttiyandiyur (Manickapangu): The NGO has progressed in 50 houses as opposed to the previous week's progress of 30. The total allotted houses are 78.

Kuttiyandiyur (Sathangudi): 25 houses from the 92 non-started houses against the total number of 186 would be started on 24th July.

Pudupettai: 103 houses out of the 286 are in progress. 20 houses from the remaining 183 would be started in the following week.

Vellakoil: Eight out of the 88 allotted houses need to be started. Their work would be commenced in the first week of August.

GGF

Madathukuppam: GGF is yet to start work for 24 houses out of the 86 allotted. The NGO promised to complete the entire work in September.

HOPE FOUNDATION

Vanagiri: The NGO has not started work for 84 in-situ houses out of the 170 allotted. As the work is moving in a slower pace and the NGO failed to attend the meeting, the DRO asked the engineer to submit a report of progress of work for further action.

JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Poombuhar: The NGO has progressed in 99 houses out of the 100 allotted. The remaining one house would be started in the first week of August.

LUTHERAN WORL SERVICES

Thriumullaivasal: The disputed land for the new site is in the hearing of the court. However, the Deputy Collector promised to clear the land in a week.

MATHA AMIRTHANANDAMAI TRUST

The NGO was told that the contract for land had been fixed and the process would be completed in a couple of weeks.

PCI

Kameswaram: The NGO was absent from the meeting. The consultant reported that the work for the remaining 22 houses would be commenced in the following week.

PEACE TRUST

Vellapallam: The NGO is progressing in all the 25 allotted houses here. However, they asked for a copy of the revised MoU as they had not received that yet.

SALVATION ARMY

North Poiganallur: The remaining 29 houses out of the 44 allotted was reported to be started on 24th July.

SEVA BHARATHI

Keechankuppam: The NGO is yet to start work for 552 houses out of the 800 allotted. It was reported that around 40 trees, most of which are 100 years old have to be removed to give way for construction of new houses. Eventually, the DRO advised the NGO to spare as many trees as possible. He also asked them to start the work in the remaining area.

SEVAI

Poombuhar: The NGO has progressed in 198 houses out of the 327. 50 houses from the remaining 111 would be started in the following week. Work for the 168 in-situ houses would be commenced in the first week of August. Presently, survey for these houses is being carried out.

Pillai Colony: SEVAI has reached progressive stage of all the 26 allotted houses this week.

Cooks Nagar: 26 out of the 59 allotted houses are yet to be started. The NGO asked for list of beneficiaries for 17 houses.

Vanagiri: The six remaining houses out of the 72 allotted would be started after 26th July.

SIFFS

Chinnangudi: SIFFS has progressed in 35 houses out of the 180 allotted. It reported to start another twenty houses in the following week. It also reported shortage of labours for the in-situ houses. However, it was told that they were looking for creative advertisements to get more labourers. The work for the in-situ houses would be commenced at the end of September, after the concentrated monsoon.

Karantheru: As the tender had been finalised, work for the all 22 allotted houses would be started in the first week of August.

Pudupalayam: The NGO has completed lay-out for the houses. As land filling and allotment are in progress, it was reported that the work for all the 44 new houses would be started in the first week of August.

Sathangudi: 352 in-situ houses out of the 400 are yet to be started. 25 houses in the new site would be started in the following week.

SPEECH

Panangudi: The four remaining houses where the work is not yet started would be commenced in the following week.

TMSSS

Andanpettai: The NGO has progressed in 219 houses out of the 222. (The figure was corrected against the previous number of 222 progressive houses).

Arcottuthurai: Five houses from the 28 non-started houses out of the 77 total allotted in-situ houses would be started in the following week. TMSSS has progressed in 337 houses in the new site. The remaining 3 houses would be started in a couple of days.

Kollitheevu: Work for the allotted 80 houses has not been started due to problem with the access road. The engineer reported dispute in clearing the boundary. The DRO asked the engineer to settle the problem in a day.

Palapannaicherry: The NGO has progressed in 117 houses out of the 210 allotted. The NGO asked to mend the approach road. The Deputy Collector promised to do that.

Saveriyar Kiovil: The 17 houses that are not started out of the 285 allotted was said to be started in the following week.

Sellur: Two out of the 250 houses are yet to be started. The NGO asked permission for filling sand in the site.

Vailankanni: 278 houses out of the 443 are in progress. The Deputy Collector said that the land would be handed over sooner as negotiation has been successful.

Vellapallam: TMSSS has progressed in 105 houses out of the 133 allotted. Work for the remaining 28 houses would be started in the following week.

UELCI

Chandrapadi: Work for the 91 houses here would be commenced in the following week.

WORD & DEED

Vanagiri: The NGO has progressed in 235 houses out of the 300 allotted. Work for 20 houses from the remaining 65 would be started in the following week. The NGO asked for land for the rest of the houses.

YMCA

Sellur: YMCA has progressed in 86 houses out of the 100 allotted. The entire remaining houses would be started in the following week.

Quality in construction

The DRO reported the leakage of roof in the new houses given by HELP A CHILD INDIA in Chandrapadi. He asked the NGO to make a visit to the site and give him feedback. He also asked the other NGOs to go for weather-proof tiles and ensure quality in construction of houses. However, the YMCA responded that it was not possible to go for weather-proof tiles as the budget was not sufficient.

Other concerns

Following the review of the construction, few NGOs presented problems with water and electricity which were redirected to TWAD and TNEB. UELCI asked list of beneficiaries as it was planning to hand over 51 houses out of the 150. The RDO asked the NGO to hold talk with community and come to consensus for the list of the 51 beneficiaries.

Absentees

The following NGOs absented from the meeting: HOPE FOUNDATION, IID TRUST, KARAM, KUDUMBAM, PCI, PDA, REAL PLAN, ROTARY, TVS AND WORL VISION.