

**TOUR NOTE OF ABHISHEK SINGH, IAS, D.M & COLLECTOR, DHALAI  
DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2011.**

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I along with BDO, Salema; Supdt. of Agriculture, Salema; Asstt. Director, ARDD & representative of Handloom Handicraft & Sericulture Deptt. visited the Salema RD Block to over see different works under taken by line departments under MGNREGA. I visited the Kachucherra VC for mixed fruit plantation, Jamthunm VC for pineapple plantation, Chuto Surma VC for mulberry plantation, Durgachowmohani for Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra & bamboo plantation in Manik Bhandar. Addl. DFO, Ambassa & SE, RD, Ambassa & EE, RDD-I, Jawaharnagar also joined later during the visit. Following issues were emerged which require immediate attention of the concerned officials.

1. In most of the plantation's site, the sign board as required under MGNREGA was missing. All line departments should ensure that each & every work executed have a sign board, detailing name of the work, location, total estimated cost & date of start & completion, mandays generation and the name of I/O at the work site.
2. A workshop for all the individual beneficiaries of different plantation under taken by line departments should be held to make them aware of various stages of plantation, precaution to be exercised & subsequent tying up with other schemes and the banks. Most of the beneficiaries were caught unaware regarding subsequent works to be done for the plantations taken under MGNREGA.
3. A suckers of pineapple provided in Jamthum particularly on the land of Sri Bharatchin Halam & others were found to be of inferior quality which should be replaced immediately. Further, the quality of plantations in Jamthum should be checked by the Dy. Director, Horticulture to ensure proper land development & spacing for the plantation.
4. Drip irrigation through bamboo or pitcher was found to be a good initiative on some of the land of beneficiaries particularly for Mango, Lemon & Arecanut plantations. Similar efforts may also be taken by other line departments under taking plantation where continuous irrigation is required for example, mulberry etc.
5. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> weeding for the bamboo plantation under taken in the current year should be started by the Forest Department at the earliest to facilitate proper growth of the plantation.
6. The proposed Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra (Block Level) for Durgachowmohani Sub-Block should be immediately under taken by the EE, RDD-I, Jawaharnagar as per approved design and lay out. Meanwhile, the existing Agri-store & go-down shall be renovated by the BDO, Salema for a make-shift sub-block office at Durgachowmohai temporarily.

Thereafter, I visited Mayachari Gram Panchayet to see the MGNREGA payment through BC model. The BC appointed by TSCB are making payment on two consecutive days in the above mentioned panchayet as per the understanding reached by the Block Administration and the Bank. MGNREGA job card holders are being provided the payment at the Panchayet Office, Mayachari and were also given receipt for the withdrawal. Later I also visited the TSCB Kamalpur Branch to understand the link between bank branch and the BC as well as other issues related to payment. The following are my observations which shall be discussed in next DCC meeting to facilitate payment through BC model and ensuring minimizing any delay in payment.

1. The account no. of MGNREGA job card holders for the BC as well as on the parent bank branch is same which prevents any confusion. Similar arrangements should be made for the BC payment through TGB, SBI & UBI.
2. A receipt detailing last transaction and the balance were given to the account holder during the payment which should also be incorporated by TGB & other banks.
3. It appears that, the bank scroll is submitted by the panchayet to the bank branch in hard copy and subsequently, it is entered by the bank official in their software. This result in delay and at times wrong entry which should be avoided if the soft copy of scroll is a compatible format is submitted & accepted by the bank. The DIA, NIC, Dhalai is requested to look into the matter & prepare a uniform format to be used by all panchayet in Dhalai district in which bank scroll may be prepared & submitted to the bank in soft copy (compatible with the bank software).
4. It was a concern to note that the interest is not being credited to the account of job card holders which is a clear violation of establishment norms of RBI. The MD, TSCB is requested to look into the matter & ensure crediting of interest periodically in the MGNREGA account as & when accrued. Similarly other banks namely, TGB, UBI, SBI shall also ensure crediting of interest in the account of MGNREGA job card holders.
5. The payment for other purpose for example, IAY, KCC etc. shall also be done through BC model. Further, the deposits should also be accepted by the Business Correspondence (BC) on the scheduled payment dates.

All concerned are requested to take necessary action as mentioned above and send the action taken report within 15 days.

  
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