

TOUR NOTE

On 11-10-2009 (Sunday) I started from Ambassa at 10:50 am for Manu to inspect NREGA works implemented out of the fund of Rs.75 lakhs provided to TTAADC directly during 2008-09. The main points are as follows:-

1. After getting sanction of fund from the CEO, TTAADC, the ZDO, Dhalai based on decisions taken by the ZDC had sanctioned the fund in favour of Sub-ZDO, Manu to the tune of Rs.66.13454 lakhs for taking up rubber plantation, water harvesting structure and RCC box culverts in Manu RD Block.
2. In violation of the standard practice, **no work order** has been issued by the **Sub-ZDO** before starting the work. Even no technical estimate for creation of mandays, vouchers for different types of materials have been kept in the office. The money has been simply withdrawn from the joint account and spent. In absence of these, it was very difficult to inspect the works. This is a serious irregularity on part of Sub ZDO & I/Os.
3. Except stating verbally, different amounts at different times, the Sub-ZDO and I/Os could not tell exact amount of money spent till date on rubber plantation. Even though I repeatedly asked them to provide the information but, they did not provide the same.
4. On demand for showing muster rolls for the amount already paid, except for an amount of Rs.15,000/- to Rs.20,000/-, no other muster rolls were made available to the undersigned. They verbally reported that all these are lying in their houses. This is also a seriously irregularity on part of I/Os and Sub-ZDO as Muster Rolls should be kept in the office for inspection as per NREGA guidelines.
5. Except in case of nursery created under NREGA from the fund provided during 2007-08, **no works had sign boards depicting the name of the I/O, amount spent etc.** at the work site. In absence of these, it was not clear whether these works were actually executed from this NREGA fund or by any other Departmental scheme / fund.
6. On field verification of the jungle cutting done for rubber plantation, hardly any thing was visible. Further, as the plantation is being taken next year, this work should not have been done presently. The jungle cutting done over some places during this year, will become irrelevant for next year's plantation. **The ZDO, Manu informed that he had asked the Sub-ZDO not to take up this work if they are not going to take plantation immediately. However, the advice was not adhered** to wastage of govt. money.
7. Inspected two rubber plantation nurseries created out of the fund placed during 2007-08 at West Machli-(17000 nos); and Naitongcherra-(10,000 nos). The rubber plants were found to be in accordance with the nos. stated by them.
8. Inspected one RCC box culvert at Naitongcherra in Naithoncherra RPS. The RCC box culvert has been completed except slab part. However, no technical

estimate has been sanctioned till date. In absence of any technically sanctioned estimate and related vouchers it was very difficult to verify the works.

9. Inspected one water harvesting structure at Kanchenchhera but it seemed to be quite old and in absence of any sign board, muster roll, attendance register etc., it was impossible to verify the records and measure output.

10. As per sanction memo of ZDO, Dhalai the I/Os and Supervising Officer were supposed to follow NREGA guidelines and purchasing formalities. **However, both of these have been completely violated.**

11. From all these, it appears that the muster rolls, not issuing work orders, lack of proper technically sanctioned estimates, poor maintenance of records has been done deliberately so as to avoid any verification. Further even after getting advance information of the visit non-availability of the records gives enough indication that there was deliberate attempt to suppress the irregularities.

Thereafter, I returned back to Ambassa HQ by 4:30 pm.

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- The Commissioner & Secretary, RD Department for kind information.
- The CEO,TTAADC,Khumlwng, Jirania for information.
- The ZDO,Dhalai for information and n/a.
- The O/C, NREGA, DM Office, Dhalai for information and n/a.

Copy also forwarded to:-

- The Principal Secretary, Govt. of Tripura, Revenue Department for kind information.
- The PS to the Chief Secretary, Tripura for kind information of the Chief Secretary.

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