

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR
DHALAI DISTRICT, JAWHARNAGAR

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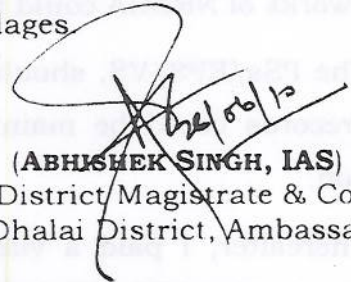
TOUR NOTE

1. I visited the office of the Block Development Officer, Manu RD Block on 25th June, 2010 at 2.30 PM. During the visit I discussed with the BDO, Manu on the action taken and collection of evidenc in the case of irregularities reported in Demcherra Village Council.
2. To my surprise, BDO, Manu was not having the custody of necessary documents and records of Demcherra, VC for which he was instructed few days earlier. He informed that he returned the cash book and the muster roll wherein malpractices was reported, to the concerned village secretary for making payment to NREGA workers. Though, he failed to keep the certified coping of those documents. BDO, Manu was again instructed to take the custody of all the documents related to financial transaction under NREGA and PDF of Demcherra village.
3. I discussed with BDO, Manu on problems reported from various villages and he assured that he will be taking necessary action and submitting a report within a week. He was also directed to allocate the responsibility of inspection of villages amongst officers and competent staffs (Panchayet officer/Panchayet Extension Officer /Jr. Engineer/Technical Asstt./Agri. Extension Officer) at Block level so that all works of NREGA could be inspected within a month of their completion.
4. The PSs/RPS/VS, should be trained in accounts and book-keeping so that proper records could be maintained at the village level and kept ready for in inspection.
5. Thereafter, I paid a visit to Jamircherra village council office along with BDO, Manu. The P/Ss Shri Mohanta Tripura and Shri Sanjit Debbarma briefed about the record keeping and produced the documents for inspection. Following points are observed and concerned officer & staffs were of works advised accordingly.



- There were four bank accounts maintained in the village council of which only two are active. One was dormant and another was not traceable yet, showing a balance in it.
- The signatures maintained in the cash books, issue register or the muster-roll did not have dates.
- Advances were taken liberally for the payment even when the work was just started and the muster roll was not closed. There was no way through which the date of payment could be ascertained as there was no payment register nor was there any date of payment rewarded on the muster roll.
- It was recorded in the cash book that the advances were adjusted as per the voucher numbers. But in many cases there was no voucher number and the muster roll number was deliberately not recorded against the adjustment.
- Though the figures tallied in the cash book and bank passbooks yet there was no reconciliation done monthly.
- In spite of having more than 85% of Job card holders of this village with bank accounts, most of the payments were made in cash. The reason for this could not be explained by the P/Ss.
- In 2009-10, huge advances were taken by Shri Mohanta Tripura, V/S and were kept as cash in hand for a relatively long period.
- The fact that the cash book did not have the mention of muster roll number nor had any linkage of adjustment with the APR/MR; any possibility of manipulation of MR/APR thus can not be overruled.

6. BDO, Manu was directed to look into these matters immediately and ensure that no such short comings are observed in other villages


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- ❖ BDO, Manu, RD Block for information and necessary action.
- ❖ The Joint Secretary, Rural Development Department, Govt. of Tripura for information.