

Minutes of the Meeting held on 05/05/2012 at 3 PM at the Chamber of  
the District Magistrate & Collector, Khowai  
**Steps to be taken to increase the irrigated area in the Khowai  
district: Preparation of a 3 year Action Plan**

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At the outset the District Magistrate & Collector, Khowai welcomed all the officials and initiated the discussion.

The following officials were present in the meeting.

- (1) Sri Santosh Karmakar, ADM, Khowai.
- (2) Executive Engineer, Water Resource (PWD) Division-I, Agartala.
- (3) Sri Monojit Bhattacharjee, Dy. Director of Agriculture, Agartala.
- (4) The Zonal Development Officer (W), Khumlung.
- (5) Sri Dhanbabu Reang, O/C Development, O/o DM Khowai.
- (6) Assistant Engineer, Water Resource (PWD), Khowai.
- (7) Assistant Engineer, Water Resource (PWD), Teliamura.
- (8) Sri Partha Das, BDO, Tulashikhar R.D.Block.
- (9) Sri Rakesh Debbarma, Padmabil R.D.Block.
- (10) Sri Bhaswar Bhattacharjee, Khowai R.D.Block.
- (11) Sri Manik Lal Das, Kalyanpur R.D.Block.
- (12) Sri Ashish Saha, BDO, Teliamura R.D.Block.
- (13) Sri Lalringneta Darlong, Mungiakami R.D.Block.

The following were appraisal and decisions were taken in the meeting.

- (1) A 3 year Action Plan on Irrigation is to be finalized Block wise by June end and the format of the Action Plan is to be designed by BDO, Mungiakami R.D.Block in consultation with EE WR 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2012. This should be filled up with the draft action plan by the WR department (on increasing irrigated area in the district block wise) and be placed before the Panchyat Samiti/ BACs and approved of. To vet the Irrigation Action Plan, all Blocks have to conduct Panchayat Samiti/BAC meeting by May end for its approval. This should be compiled and submitted by the WR department by 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 to the O/o DM, Khowai for discussion on the Action Plan.

(EE WR)

- (2) **Action Required:** To prepare the Block level 3 years action plan, following options should be explored so that maximum cultivable land to come under irrigation.
  - (a) **Reviving Artesian Wells:** Blocks like Khowai and Kalyanpur should take more numbers of overflow wherever possible since it is the best way of irrigation without involving any power and minimum maintenance cost. Agriculture Dept. to confirm the village wise location of overflow projects requirement to the Blocks after a survey. The report should reach DM and BDO by 1<sup>st</sup> week of June, 2012.

(Action Asst. Dir Agri)

- (b) **Utilizing Ground Water:**

- MDTW: Each Block can take 2 nos MDTW per GP/Village per year under MGNREGA since proper utilization of each MDTW can increase at least 2 HA irrigable land. Agriculture Dept. to confirm nos of MDTW requirement with spot Block wise after a survey to the DM and BDO by 1<sup>st</sup> week of June, 2012.

(Action Asst. Dir Agri)

- **Stand Alone Pumps:** Kerosene/Petrol driven portable pump to lift water from Bore Well in the non-electrified areas to be identified by the BDO and Agriculture Dept. to include in action Plan by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May, 2012.

(Action Asst. Dir Agri/BDOs)

**(c) Rejuvenation of Ground Water**

- Micro water sheds should be identified after a joint survey by Water Resource (PWD), Agriculture and Block by 1st week of June, 2012.

(EE WR, BDOs)

- Rain water harvesting structure can be taken up.
  - Water Reservoir can be made in the uphill part.
  - Construction of Reservoir in the RoFR land with polythene to hold the rain water can be experimentally taken up.
  - Check Dam may be taken up and channelizing the water from there.
- Percolation tanks may be taken up instead of ponds.
  - Prevention of surface runoff and storage in foothills.

**(d) Utilization of Potential :**

- Sub drains from already existing projects can be taken up.
- Branch canals can be increased upto maximum possibility from the main canals. E.g. Khowai Medium irrigation project and Manaicherra Diversion scheme. Water resource (PWD) dept. to seek fund from MGNREGA to the DM, Khowai by May 2012. Proposal should contain estimates for extension canals priority wise.

(EE WR, BDOs)

- Dead river course can be excavated to bring the LI scheme in full utilization. WR department shall submit proposals for such non functional projects by May end.

(EE WR)

- Construction of kutchra and pucca irrigation channel can be taken up.
- Non functional schemes should be maintained/ revived or replaced.
- Solving issues of low voltage and other power issues etc.
- Creation of seasonal bunds

After having the brain storming session as discussed above the following additional decisions were also taken:

- WR Dept shall write one letter briefing the **land disputes related to acquisition for branch canals** should be given to district administration immediately so that action can be taken.(May 15<sup>th</sup> ). Land dispute is to be settled for right bank extension from Khowai Medium irrigation project by SDM Teliamura and Water Resource (PWD) dept. to take initiative for this.

(EE WR)

- WR Dept shall write one letter briefing the issues related to power department to the district administration immediately that the matter can be taken up at the highest level and permanent solution can be sought for. .(May 15<sup>th</sup> )

(EE WR)

- Agriculture Dept. to inform the the Blocks regarding requirement of seasonal bundhs for LI schemes. Blocks should complete all the seasonal bunds by October under MGNREGA.

(Action Asst. Dir Agri/BDOs)

- (6) Water resource (PWD) dept to take up all the repair/maintenance of LI/DTW scheme, channel, pump etc. so that each scheme can be utilized to the maximum and fund may be placed to them under MGNREGA/PDF/TFC from Block. Issue of placement of fund from MGNREGA/PDF/TFC to Water resource (PWD) dept. can be taken up with the Chief Engineer, Water Resource regarding procedure to be followed.

**(Action: DM/BDOs)**

- (7) A workshop shall be organized by BDO Kalyanpur with officers of the WR department to impart a short training on utilization of MGNREGA fund by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May.

**(Action : BDO Kalyanpur)**

- (8) Water Resource (PWD) dept. to prepare and train up two persons per GP/Village for maintenance of the LI/DTW/MDTW etc. Block wise.

**(EE WR)**

- (9) All the LI and DTW scheme should be maintained in functional condition especially from May-June and again October onwards. Every month scheme wise report should be prepared in the following format after filling columns 1-3 by WR and sent by email to Agri Dept who shall fill up columns 4 and 5 and further email it to the Blocks/TSECL/WR. BDOs shall be the nodal agency to monitor the coordination of works and fill up column 6 and 7 and ensure fortnightly reporting to the DM.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/Scheme	Potential created area (HA)	Potential utilized (HA)	Reason of shortfall	Dept. responsible to address the shortfall (Power/Water Resource/Block)	Action taken within 15 days
1	2(by WR)	3(by WR)	4(by Agri)	5(by Agri)	6(by BDO)	7(by Agri)

**(Action DM/EE WR/Asst. Dir Agri/BDOs)**

- (10) Water Resource (PWD) dept. to take up watershed project from NWDP, IWMP and WDPSCA scheme. BDO Khowai and Padmabil Block to take up plantation project in convergence with IWMP scheme of Water Resource (PWD) dept.

**(Action : BDO Khowai and Padmabil)**

- (11) List of defunct LI/DTW scheme is to be identified by Water Resource (PWD) dept. and fund can be tied up for the same. (May 3<sup>rd</sup> Week)

**(EE WR)**

- (12) Agriculture Dept. to draw up awareness generation campaigns for farmers by conducting camps to cultivate crops which require less water during non rainy season. Also ensuring adoption of SRI technique by more farmers was also discussed. Encouraging farmers to increase cropping intensity in the areas where assured irrigation can be ensured was also discussed.

**(Action DM/Asst. Dir Agri/BDOs)**

- (13) Water Resource (PWD) dept. to prepare irrigation coverage of the district in the following format.

Sl. No.	Name of Block	Area of land under cultivation (HA)	Area brought under irrigation till date (HA)
1	2	3	4

To assess the area of land under cultivation (HA), Water Resource (PWD) dept. to liaise with Agriculture Dept. so that both the depts. should have same data.

(EE WR)

To assess area brought under irrigation till date, Water Resource (PWD) dept. should include the irrigation water sources and channels created by the Blocks and Zonal office under MGNREGA to reflect the efforts of all the dept. along with their own. Water Resource (PWD) dept. to submit the District profile in above format by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to the District Administration.

(EE WR)

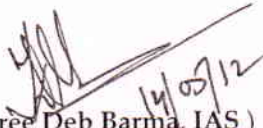
(14) Agriculture Dept. to update their District profile in terms of single crop, double crop and triple crop land showing the increase of double and triple crop land, if any due to increase in irrigable land. They should submit the District profile by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to the undersigned.

(Action Asst. Dir Agri)

(15) To prepare the Action plan, priority should be given to Border and tribal areas.

(16) The next date of meeting is fixed on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

The meeting was ended with thanks to all.

  
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Copy to: All concerned, for information and necessary action.

- (1) The Chief Engineer, Water Resource, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala
- (2) The Director, Agriculture Deptt. Agartala.
- (3) The ADM, Khowai.
- (4) The Executive Engineer, Water Resource (PWD) Division-I, Battala, Agartala.
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- (13) The BDO, Kalyanpur R.D.Block.
- (14) The BDO, Teliamura R.D.Block.
- (15) The BDO, Mungiakami R.D.Block.
- (16) The PS to D.M., Khowai.

Copy also forwarded to :-

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura, Agartala
2. The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura, Agartala.
3. The Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala.
4. The Principal Secretary, PWD, (WR) Govt. of Tripura, Agartala.

  
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