

DDM, NABARD visited WADI (Man-II) at Purulia, West Bengal
on 27th February, 2013

Gramin Vikas Trust, West Bengal is implementing a WADI Development Programme jointly funded by Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), RO - Kolkata in Manbazar - II block of Purulia district. A total of 500 WADIs have been established with horticulture plants like Mango and Cashew and other forest species in 500 acre of land covering 500 numbers of families as per plan.

With regards to the same, a visit was conducted by Shri Amitaba Biswas, DDM -NABARD, Purulia to monitor the on-going activities at the project area on 27th February, 2013. He was accompanied by Shri Subrata Sarkar, Regional Programme Manager – GVT, West Bengal & Odisha.

Shri Biswas gave valuable suggestions to the field staff for better execution of the work to fulfill the objective of WADI programme and recommended innovative strategies for sustainable livelihood of the tribals.

The team first visited road side patch of village Khandrangdih (a total of 22 WADIs) and village Dungkuli (12 WADIs) where Basin formation work, Fertilizer application, Bodo pest application, Pitcher irrigation, Water Resource Development work (Tube well - 2 Nos.), Plant protection (Fencing repairing work), Trenching work under SWC and plantation under WADI Batch-III (Year-2011-12) were observed. DDM also interacted with the WADI farmers of Ananda, Ramdas, Bhushan, Hapan & Haripado Murmu. He proposed regular visits at the WADI plots for better maintenance and regular meetings with WADI farmers for betterment and convergence.

Afterwards, the team visited Kushumtikri WADI village (Batch-III) where ongoing Happa excavation work under Water Resource Development is being carried out. WADI farmers of the village informed that Happa (Size-30 feet X 40 Feet X 20 Feet) would facilitate irrigation to 10 WADIs of the village. The team also observed the patch of Kusumtikri where a tube-well has been installed for irrigation of fruit plants.

This was followed by a visit to a patch of WADI Batch-I at Mukundapur village (40 WADIs) which was established in the year-2009-10. The team observed Lift irrigation system, water storage concrete tank, basin formation, pitcher irrigation, SWC work of Cont. Contour Trench & Staggered Con. Trench etc.

Lastly, the team visited a patch of WADIs (total 12 nos. of Batch-I) situated at Bagabaid village where Basin Formation, Bodo pest application, Pitcher irrigation, Irrigation through concert water storage tank, Fencing repairing for plant protection, SWC work of Continuous Contour Trench & Staggered Contour Trench etc were observed. DDM interacted with WADI Farmers (Mr. Satish Murmu & others) at WADI plot & discussed about WADI maintenance work, convergence for rural development as well as livelihood improvement.

After the field visit, DDM visited GVT's WADI (Manbazar - II) office situated at Jamtoria, where he scrutinized records and registers related to WADI and discussed further steps for delivering better performance.