

GRAMIN VIKAS TRUST- WEST BENGAL

Launch of Banking plan and loan distribution at Pairachali, Manbazar - I, Purulia

Venue - Panchayat Community Centre, Pairachali

Date - 12th July, 2014

The captioned program was inaugurated by Honorable MIC - SHG / SE, Government of West Bengal, Shri Sahntiram Mahato by lighting the lamp, in presence of District Development Manager, Shri Amitava Biswas, Regional Manager, BGVB, Purulia, Shri. Tanmoy Maitrya, Lead Bank Manager, Purulia District, Regional Program Manager - Gramin Vikas Trust - WB, Program Manager, Gramin Vikas Trust, Purulia, Branch Manager, BGVB, Pairachali Branch, Smt. Asha Dhar respectively and more than 100 borrowers / villagers under Pairachali Watershed villages.



Through his vivacious deliberation, MIC - SHG / SE lamented the objectives and utility of Watershed Programs in the drought prone district like Purulia in terms of raising ground water levels, soil moisture conservation, restricting of rain water runoff through land leveling, field bunding, pond excavation type of land treatment measures under Watershed. He also informed the house regarding State Government's initiative in implementing Honorable Chief Minister of Go WB's dream project "Jhal Dhoro, Jal Bharo", which emphasizes, preservation of every drop of water through location specific, cost effective water conservation measures. Honorable Ministry highly advocated in favor of Watershed Development Project in bringing sea changes in the rural economy based on sustainable changes in the standard of living of the people through Watershed activities - like increased crop productivity, crop diversification, multiple cropping from single cropping and initiatives under livelihood activities by active involvement of SHGs etc. The Honorable Ministry also informed the August House regarding the introduction and utility of interest subvention scheme of his Government. Shri. Santiram Mahato also expressed his satisfaction regarding the support and co-operation extended by NABARD, Gramin Vikas Trust and Bangiya Gramin Vikas Bank in changing the local rural economy under Pirachali Watershed villages.

District Development Manager - NABARD, Purulia, Shri. Amitava Biswas, expressed his deep gratitude to Honorable minister by attending this auspicious occasion despite of his heavy schedule. Shri. Biswas, informed the House that 12th July is the foundation day of NABARD and to make the day memorable such auspicious occasion has been imitated by NABARD in the district. Shri. Biswas, through his brief but specific deliberation, explained the utility of banking plan and the supportive role of Bangiya Gramin Vikas Bank, it's Regional Office at Purulia, local Branch - Pairachali and Gramin Vikas Trust, the Development Agency facilitating the Watershed Project, Pairachali supported by NABARD in implementation of the Banking plan through extending loan to the local villagers.

Shri. Tanmay Maitra, Regional Manager conveyed that, the borrowers must be punctual for timely repayment of loan and should be very committed for fruitful utilization of the loan provided under the Banking Plan.

Shri. Subrata Sarkar, Regional Program Manager, Gramin Vikas Trust, during his deliberation informed the house about the activities undertaken by GVT so far at the National level, in the State, Purulia District and in the Watershed areas, in particular. He also conveyed that due to different Watershed measures like pond excavation, pond renovation, field bunding, social forestry, livelihood support to 21 SHGs, fodder cultivation, crop diversification, 5% model, 30% model etc. in 16 villages under Pairachali Watershed areas since 2008 (CB phase) to until now (under FIP phase) there was a significant change in ground water level, improvement in cropping pattern and cropping intensity, checking in outmigration, enhancement in family income etc. Shri. Sarkar also conveyed GVT's relentless effort towards financial inclusion and propagating the concept of / financial literacy in its operational areas with active involvement of the targeted community as an extended hand of the local Bank Branches. Shri. S. K. Pradhan, Program Manager- Gramin Vikas Trust, Purulia, expressed his satisfaction over the agile involvement of the local Village Watershed Committee in timely implementation of the project. He also informed about the promotional activities undertaken by VWC, Pairachali through formation of Farmers Clubs, SGFs in propagating the message of development through credit by maintaining strong repayment ethics and mobilization of high volume of savings from the local community through SHGs.

In the program, 60 villagers under Watershed Project were provided the loan sanction letter (under KCC, SGSY, BSKP, GCC schemes) by the Honorable Minister and other distinguished guest. Total amount of Rs. 3374000.00 loan was sanctioned to the said villagers with an average loan of Rs. 56233.33 per borrowers and others to be given in phased manner through BGVB- Pairachali Branch in a shortwhile, as informed by the branch Manager, BGVB, Pairachali Branch.



The program ended with a Vote of thanks given by Shri. Monohar Ray, Assistant Secretary, Pairachali watershed Committee, wherein he conveyed his heartfelt thanks to the Honorable Minister, NABARD- DDM, Gramin Vikas Trust, BGVB for their kind support in uplifting the rural economy of the locality under Watershed villages.