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Visit of Zonal Program Manager-GVT East to, Purulia, West Bengal , dated-17-18th April, 2015

The respected Zonal Program Manager- GVT, East paid a two day visit to GVT's operational areas in Purulia, West Bengal to review the progress of Individual Household Toilet Construction project, supported by Power Finance Corporation limited and other ongoing projects including TDF, WDF projects.

On 17th April, 2015 he visited to IIHT sites at Paisagora village of Chandrapur Pairachali GP, Manbazar-I Block, and inaugurated one IIHT of Shri. Lusu Mahato, interacted with the beneficiaries, and gave his valuable suggestions, advises for proper maintenance of the same (with sufficient water before and after defecation in the toilet) , cleaning and usage of the toilets etc. He lamented through an informal interaction with beneficiaries in the said village, that the incidence of open field defecation must be the past history as they are now having a strong, good and scientific Individual toilets and also know the evils of OFD. The villagers, the beneficiaries also assured him that the newly constructed Toilet provided by GVT, with the auspicious support of PFC, would be used , maintained properly by themselves, and in future, their villages would be a Swachha Village in all aspect of intensive sanitation.



This was followed by visiting Jmatoria Kodogora village at Manbazar-II block, wherein he visited the newly constructed Individual toilets and gave some valuable advises regarding installation of doors, coloring etc. to the local staff of GVT, animators and the engaged Jr,Engineer –GVT, WB; Masons too.

After completing the field visit, respected ZPM, attended the staff review meeting at GVT, RO/SHQ Purulia at 7.15pm. The Regional Program Manager-WB, OR, Shri. Subrata Sarkar while welcoming the respected ZPM-East , conveyed his heartfelt thanks to the staff of the GVT-West Bengal for their all out effort in accomplishing a stiff target for the FY-2014-15, despite having serious impediments in fund flow from NABARD. He also conveyed his gratitude to respected ZPM for his judicious, through provoking direction, advises in taking the program in the desired path. Respected ZPM, in his key note address conveyed, through his vivacious deliberations, the programmatic status of GVT-East, future strategy of, for GVT and the future role of the State Units, regional Units in accomplishing the same. He also appreciated the dedicated efforts of GVT, West Bengal team in achieving the re-revised target for the FY-14-15 despite all odd, based on systematic and sound team building and innovations.

The A/c personnel, Shri. S.Nayak presented the financial performance of GVT-West Bengal through various graphs, tables reflecting the target, achievement, revenue growth, operating margin, surplus generated etc. over last 3yeras, with

the base year of 2011-12 and compared the FY figure-15 with 211-12 figure. The presentation revealed that the achievement for the last FY was over 100% and (ie, over 415 lakhs) and the revenue growth compare to 2011-12 was 55%, which was substantiated by individual project wise graphical presentations, Cost benefit analysis, surplus generation, and operating margin status over the year—etc.

Immediately after that agile presentation, the qualitative performance of the program with two case studies of exemplary works on drip irrigation initiatives in Suri-I Wadi project, Birbhum and Grain Bank initiatives at Hingutar village, Arsha Bock in addressing the food security issues were presented by Shri. S. Mahapatra- Program Manager and Shri.M .S.Ray, In Charge- Action Research Project, Arsha, Puruia respectively which drew undivided attention to all the participants in the said review meeting including the ZPM.

The staff review meeting was concluded with vote of thanks given by Shri. S.K. Pradhan, Program Manager, by extending thanks to respected ZPM for his kind presence and valuable advises in the said staff meeting. He also thanked the staff for their lively interaction in the sessions to raise their concerns, issues in the review meeting.



On 18th April, respected ZPM, visited the Birchali villages, Arsha Block to see the IIHT's and interacted with the SHG leaders and Village Health Sanitation Committees members to judge their participation in the IIHT. He was seemingly satisfied by hearing the spontaneous reply the of the quires on the required quantity of bricks, iron rods, cement and maintaining of stock registers by the beneficiaries and the VHSC themselves. He interacted with the Masons, local Animators the Jr. Engineers of GVT, WB, to know the technical specification of the structure and gave his valuable advises on color, height of the toilet etc.

Soon after the completion of Birchali village , respected ZPM, visited the Hingutar village and participated in an informal village meeting with the local Women SHG members and the other beneficiaries , who explained the major issues of the Hingutar village, affecting their daily life badly, and one of them was severe paucity of safe drinking water, poor communication system, lack of alternative livelihood, except indiscriminate usage of NTFP of Ajodhya Hill, inadequate education center for the kids etc. then he visited the Grain bank which was established by the initiatives of the local community -23 families of the highly food insecure Hingutar Viialge under the timely advise of GVT. The Grain Bank was established based on the principle of Self Help Groups and would play a pivotal role in minimizing the household threshold food insecurity in the lean season and thus would be instrumental in arresting the out migration of the said Viialge to a great extent.





While returning back to Purulia in the afternoon, respected ZPM-East stayed for a while in the field office of Action Research Project at Sirkabad, Arsha Block, Purulia and interacted with the local staff about the village level initiatives on Action Research Activities and advised to document the case stories, success stories for replication, up-scaling to other areas, followed by identification in the intervention gaps for future research, if any. This was followed by distribution of solar lanterns to the Wadi family members and told them to use the lantern properly and utilize the same for their education.

