

CGM RO Patna, NABARD on monitoring Visit to WADI Purnea

Gramin Vikas Trust was sanctioned WADI programme for 500 tribal families of Dhamdaha, Barharwa Kothi and Krityanand Nagar blocks of Purnea district in the year 2011. So far 300 families have established their WADI in about 22 villages of the 3 blocks covering 100 families in first batch and 200 families in second batch. 200 more families are to be covered this year during kharif plantation season. As per the norm of NABARD a pre fund release visit was made by Sri Ranjit Das, Chief General Manager of NABARD RO Patna accompanied by Astd. Manager Ms. Suman Prabha of TDF RO Patna and Sri A. K. Singh DDM, Purnea. The visit was conducted during 14-15 August with field visit to project villages on 14th and verification of records and books of accounts on 15th August 2015. Regional Programme Manager Dr. B K Prasad from Gramin Vikas Trust along with Programme Officer Purnea Mr. Navin Kumar and field team of WADI Purnea led the visiting team to different field sites.

Day1: 14.08.2015

First field visit was organized to Sabaiya village of Dhamdaha block. In this village a total of 20 farmers were covered under WADI programme in the year 2013-14. Here farmers welcomed CGM accompanied with his wife, Astd. Manager and DDM in the WADI plantation site with traditional welcome of tribal. The plantation site consisted of a patch of plantation of 15 farmers. The farmers were lead by the President and Secretary of the WADI Samity – Tilka Manjhi WADI Kisan Club. The farmers' described about the crop combination of horticultural plants and border plants. They also described the guests about various intercrops they have taken in the WADI plots for last one year like moong, chilly, ladies finger, bottle gourd and other



vegetables. One of the farmers also explained that the plots have been left blank as they will soon plough the fields to prepare for cauliflower and cabbage in rabi. Farmers were enquired about the model adopted for WADI and no. of plants per acre. The same was physically counted for 5-6 plots and variation in number of plants was explained by farmers as well as GVT. The basic reason being minor difference in plots size being slightly less or more than one acre. The explanation was favorably considered and it was suggested to maintain the overall number of plants for total no. of farmers covered as

per model. The farmers also showed the bamboo bore-wells which were provided under Water Resource Development support in WADI. A total of 4 nos. of bore-well were shown in the patch.

After visiting the plantation site the team was led to the village where women members of the WADI family welcomed the guests. CGM had a detailed discussion with the women members and he also convinced them to form WADI Self Help Group and adopt the loan component for income generating activity like piggery and poultry. About 20 women members passed a resolution on the spot for taking loan support and the resolution was signed by the visiting team as well and was



asked to be submitted to RO Patna with requisite papers to be approved under loan support to WADI families. The farmers also showed the Solar Light and 4 HP motor support provided under WADI for lift irrigation. The nursery raised by one of the landless family was also shown to the team. The patch of remaining 5 WADI within the village was also shown.

Pleased with the efforts and seriousness of WADI families CGM praised their efforts and awarded them with a gift for celebrating Independence Day and hosting flag at village led by women SHG members.



From Sabaiya village the team left for Pakkatola village in Sukhsena panchayat of Barhrawa Kothi block of Purnea. Here a total of 44 tribal families have adopted the WADI programme. 40 farmers have their WADI in third year of plantation whereas 4 farmers had their plantation in 2013-14. The president and secretary of WADI Samity of the village namely Bajrang Bali WADI Kisan Club, Pakkatola led the team to WADI. The WADI has good intercropping of pointed gourd and it was informed the team that the farmers are getting about Rs.

10000 of vegetables per month by selling the pointed gourd in local market. Besides this they also sale the planting material in winter which gives them additional income from this vegetable intercrop. The team was impressed to see the growth of horticulture plants and border plants.



Day2: 15.08.2015

On second day, Ms. Suman Prabha verified the records and registers being maintained at Project Office of GVT at Purnea. She went through the various records like

stock book, issue register, payment register to farmers, distribution details of various inputs like planting materials, fertilizer, seeds etc. being given to WADI beneficiaries. She also verified the accounts details and bank records being maintained by accounts. The bank entries were verified with ledger and vouchers. She also enquired about the purchase process and mode of payments.

At the end DDM informed that monthly monitoring is performed by him on regular basis.