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Visit of Honorable CEO, GVT, Shri. Alabh Kr. Sinha to GVT, Purulia, West Bengal, Dates-09-10th April'19

Day one-09.04.2019

Shri. Alabh Kr. Sinha, Honorable CEO, GVT, paid a two day visit on/from 9-10 April to Purulia, West Bengal program which comprised off his participation in the Review Meeting (as Chairman of the RM, and mentor of the GVT Purulia staff) at RO, Purulia on 9th April , followed by his visit to Ajodhya/Bagmundi TDF/Wadi project areas on 10th April.

On 9th April, before starting of the Staff Review Meeting, he was heartily welcomed by the Sr. Regional Programme Manager-WB, OR GVT, Shri. S. Sarkar on behalf of GVT,-WB, OR region, which was followed by the self interlocution of the GVT-WB, OR staff.

While delivering the key message, Honorable CEO lamented that GVT always tries to focus on the key livelihood issues of the targeted marginalized community based on strong, vivacious institutional development process. He also deliberated that GVT would always be instrumental in developing a professional “ critical mass” in addressing the core development issues effectively and efficiently, based on a detail RBM framework.

This was followed by a PPT presentation on GVT West Bengal and Odisha’s work over last 7 years by Shri. S. Sarkar and Shri. P. Behera, Program Officer-Odisha and the presentation on ADMI Projects, Wadi, SDP- Purulia, Birbhum, Bankura in terms of their updated progress- (physical ,financial) , projected inflows, issues/challenges etc by the respective Team Leaders, DC, PI’s of GVT respectively . Honorable CEO vividly reviewed the process, impact and financial status of the respective projects and provided his value added, thought provoking advices ,guidance and demonstrated the financial sustainable framework of GVT-WB, OR Region by involving the participating staff in leading those projects in to a financially viable one in all respect.

The day’s session ended by summing the days discussion and conveying the Vote of Thanks by GVT Purulia staff, wherein the value added , judicious directions were provided by CEO

Second-Day-10th April

CEO along with Sr. RPM and Ex. Accounts started the journey for Ajodhya Hill top, the operational area of GVT- for TDF-Bagmundi, 46 kms from RO, Purulia. He was greeted overwhelmingly by the local Wadi families through their traditional folk dance, customs and rituals. They expressed their spontaneous satisfaction and happiness in receiving Honorable CEO, GVT in their village- Bhrusabera, wherein a village level meeting was conducted by the local Wadi Samiites, and the FPO, Bagmundi. CEO during his vivid interaction with the Wadi

families, the Women SHG members, FPO members wanted to know the impact of Wadi, the yield of Wadi produces-Mango, Ber (Jujubee) , Jackfruit, their future plan, it's marketing, value chain development, inflows of fund through marketing of Wadi produces and advised that proper recording of yield data, marketing of Wadi produces etc should be kept at the Wadi FPO level and to make appropriate strategies for effective accumulation of financial capital through forward marketing mechanism and collective marketing structure by minimizing the incidence of " distress selling". Some progressive Wadi farmers shared their experience in implementing the Wadi Project with the support from GVT and conveyed their gratitude to GVT in equipped/enabling them to address the abject poverty in a significant manner , which (abject poverty) they used to face before introduction of Wadi project in 56 villages under 6 GPs in Bagmundi Block by receiving cost effective, location specific support and guidance, handholding from GVT-WB.

Honorable CEO after a careful listening of the farmers deliberation advised that out of the generated revenue the surplus could be equally distributed among the shareholders of the FPOs, which would be instrumental in ensuring the a better quality of life for the Wadi farmers based on collective marketing mechanism. He also advised the Women SHG members for becoming more agile through evolving a cohesive platform by propagating the concept of "*united we stand, divided we fall , Self Help is the best Help*". CEO's deliberation evoked immense response among the participating Wadi farmers, Women SHG members and as promised that they would become self reliant in the coming day by their associative strength, available resources(Wadi resources) , local united leadership with the technical support and strategic guidance of GVT and CEO also assured that requisite handholding support, escort services would be provided on behalf of GVT in terms of enabling them to preparer the Business Development plan, value chain development through strengthening the collective marketing structure and conveyed his heartfelt thanks to the Wadi farmers, SHG members participated in the said meeting for their hospitality, and spontaneous participation and collaboration with GVT, which helped to enhance the Social capital in a big way.

After the vivacious village meeting, CEO visited two Wadi plots in Bhursabera Village, under TDF, Bagmundi and interacted with the farmers, wanted to know their Wadi maintenance process- viz, basin formation, watering and fencing. He also observed the fruiting status of the respective Mango plants, intercropping process and wanted to know the anticipated yield of Mangoes this season and expected returns out of that. Farmers felt very happy and energized while interacting with CEO and promised to carry forward their farming practice as per his advice to earn in an effective manner to lead a "dignified life".

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Place-Purulia

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