



Sindh Irrigation & Drainage Authority (SIDA)

**Visit Report of Additional Chief Secretary (DEV)
at NCAWB, Dated 16th & 17th July 2011**



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Introduction:

The Additional Chief Secretary Development visited NCAWB on 16th & 17th July 2011 regarding visit of Component B-1 sites of WSIP-1 Project is being implemented under Sindh Irrigation & Drainage Authority (SIDA).

Proceeding of the Meeting with SIDA, AWB & PIC, held on 16th July 2011 at Circuit House Mirpurkhas

The Meeting was started on 8 pm, Mr. Ishaq Iashari, Additional Chief Secretary chaired the meeting. The participant from SIDA, PCMU, Nara Canal Area Water Board (NCAWB) & PIC attended the meeting.



After formal introduction of participants Mr. Khadim Hussain Memon, Deputy Team Leader of Project Implementation Consultant (PIC) while his briefing informed that under Component-B of WSIP-1, 16 NCB/ICB contracts have been awarded under WSIP from which 50 distributaries/minors will be rehabilitated and in near future 26 more ICB/NCB contracts will be awarded under which 72 more distributaries / minors will be rehabilitated. He also informed that 7 contracts have been awarded under Community Based Contracts (CBC), which are also underway in Nara and Left Bank Canal AWB.

Mr. Ishaque Lashari, Additional Chief Secretary shared that the Government has faced the challenges of ill-experience during implementation of Sindh on Farm Water Management Project with special focus to Water Courses Lining Scheme where advance payments are yet to be recovered from stakeholders and suggested that SIDA may take care regarding direct payments to stakeholders.



Mr. Nazeer Essani, General Manager Transition SIDA informed the chair that the FO has a legal entity and number of stakeholder are involved in FO and it is not easy to made financial corruption during implementation of Community Based Contracts (CBC). He also shared that SIDA has a good experience of SOFWM Project where about 61 contracts were awarded to community and majority was successfully implemented by the community. Mr. Essani presented the pictorial presentation of CBC works during the meeting.



Mr. Ishaque Lashari Additional Chief Secretary appreciated the presentation that presented by Mr. Essani and suggested for further improvement of work. It was also decided that in future consultants will prepare the before and after pictorial presentations of CBC/NCB and ICB works with special focus on same spot of the Channels/Canals.

Mr. Zahid Burgari, Member NCAWB regarding Mithrao Canal informed that the water carrying capacity is going to be reduced 18 thousand cusecs to 12 thousand cusecs, so the repairing work should be done on it.

Mr. Fazal Nizamani, Senior Chief, Water & Power, P&D Department said that inspite of thrice repairing of Nara Canal, the water carrying capacity is not adjusted, so it was decided that a detailed report may be prepared by Director NCAWB and put it accordingly .

Mr. Khadim Memon, Deputy Team Leader PIC informed that fall structure will be built on the RD-550 of Nara Canal, which will increase the water level and the banks will be built and the dredging work will be done accordingly.



Mr. Ishaque Lashari, Additional Chief Secretary said that many problems have cropped up in meeting. An action proposal should be sent for the proper solution of problem of Mithrao canal, so that it can be solved.

Finally, he expressed hope that all the problems will be solved with the collective efforts.

Meeting with FOs, held on 17th July 2011 at Irrigation Rest House Head Jamrao

On 2nd day of Field visit, Mr. Ishaq Lashari, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) along with SIDA/AWB/PIC staff left for the Head Jamrao at 8 am from Circuit House Mirpurkhas and reached at Head Jamrao at 10 am. After taking tea at Jamrao, ACS visited the fall structure works of Nara canal, and was briefed. The visitors reached at Irrigation Rest House Head Jamrao, and presided the meeting with FOs representatives.

Mr. Habib Baig, Chairman FO Duthro Minor, Mr. Khalid Malik, Chairman FO Sadrat Distri, Mr. Muhammad Bux Wasan, Chairman FO Bero Minor said that SIDA is working well, where as, the FOs members have been given the power to collect the Abiana, and they also have been authorized to care the water distribution and their distries, but still the Engineers, Daroghas, SDOs are from Irrigation Departments and they are not allocating the water to FOs. They said that the Directors Area Water Board should be authorized to appointed the executive engineers and the lower staff.



Mr. Muhammad Sharif Mangrio, Vice Chairman of FO Sarki Minor and other representatatives of FO Sarki Minor complained of acute shortage of water in the distributary of Shahu wah. In this regard it was decided that Director NCAWB may immediately resolve the issue and report accordingly.



Mr. Ishaq Lashari, Additional Chief Secretary said that the Sindh government is supporting that Participatory Irrigation System. Recently, the

directors of Area Water Boards have been appointed from the market. In the future, that power will be transferred to the Directors, but, before that the FOs should improve the recovery of Abiana, and operation & maintenance of Distributories, then extent of support will be increased.



ACS seriously took notice of shortage of water in Sarki distry and asked the director to present the report within a week and also directed him to inform the FO's about rotation plan, he also gave directions to executive engineer of Mithrao Canal to prepare a working paper on Mithrao Canals desalting problem.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from chair

Attendance Sheet

P&D Department

- Mr. Ishaq Lashari, ACS (Dev) IN CHAIR
- Mr. Fazal Nizamani, Senior Chief, Water and Power

PCMU

- Mr. Fatah Mari, Project Coordinator, WSIP
- Mr. Nazeer Mughal, Director Coordination
- Mr. Umer Karim, Technical Specialist

SIDA

- Mr. Zahid Bhurgari, Member SIDA Board
- Mr. Zahid Junejo, Project Director WSIP-1
- Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, General Manager Transition
- Mr. Jai Ram, General Manager Operation
- Mr. Abdul Rasheed Maher, Social Development Specialists
- Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Samon, Procurement Specialist
- Mr. Hizbullah Mangrio, Communication Specialist

AWB

- Mr. Tariq Talpur, Chairman Nara Canal Area Water Board
- Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan, Director, Nara Canal Area Water Board
- Mr. Mansoor Memon, EXEN Thar Division
- Mr. Suhail Rind, Executive Engineer, Mithrao Division

PIC WSIP

- Mr. Khadim Hussain Memon, Deputy Team Leader
- Mr. Suhail Memon, Resident Engineer

Farmers Organizations

- Mr. Habib Baig, Chairman FO Duthro Minor,
- Mr. Khalid Malik, Chairman FO Sadrat Distri,
- Mr. Muhammad Bux Wasan, Chairman FO Bero Minor,
- Faqeer Zafrullah Khaskheli, Chairman FO Sinjhorro Minor
- Mr. Bux Ali Lund, Secretary Sinjhorro Minor
- Mr. Muhammad Sharif Mangrio, Chairman FO Sarki Minor.
- Mr. Gulzar Sanjrani, Chairman FO Rind Minor