



**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER**  
**BARPETA**  
**(TRANSFORMATION & DEVELOPMENT BRANCH)**

**MINUTES OF**  
**DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 26-10-2021 AT 11-00 AM**  
**IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,**  
**BARPETA**

The list of officers present is enclosed at Annexure I.

The meeting was presided over by Shri Tej Prasad Bhusal, A.C.S, Deputy Commissioner, Barpeta.

After the welcome address from the Chair, following discussions were held referring to the minutes of the last meeting dated: 15-07-2021.

As per resolutions of the last meeting a Core Committee was formed headed by the DDC, Barpeta comprising with the sectoral heads or his/ her subordinate officials vide this office Notification No: BDD. 483/2019/DDC/29-31 dated: 11/08/2021 that will held regular preparatory meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> of each month (or on the next working day if the pre-determined day falls on a holiday) to evaluate & review the progress of major development projects as well as various issues concerning to the departments which will afterwards place its observations & suggestions in the subsequent DDC meeting for finalization/ approval etc. DC asked DDC to make it functional & ensure its regular holding & take steps for re-issuing of the Notified Core Committee inducting SPO as the Member Secretary instead of the ADC. (Action: DDC/SPO)

Referring to the discussion of the last meeting; DC once more asked all officers to use whatsapp number of the District Administration Group for instant messaging by uploading photographs or video graph of any anomalies / irregularities of works/ schemes noticed by them on the way although it may not be related to their respective sector to help solve problems quickly. This would help in actually assessing the work scenario and rationalization can be achieved. (Action: All officers)

With a view to create the work culture among the employees, DC asked all the controlling officers to pass orders to their subordinate field level employees/ officials to file daily working reports on every working day on a weekly basis. He also asked all heads of departments to work in spirit in the interest of the district & prepare an inventory of official & develop a system on the issue. (Action: All officers).

It has also been viewed that the meeting of DDC normally held on a convenient day. In order to ensure its regular holding, the Deputy Commissioner preferred to define the date on 17<sup>th</sup> of each month unless it falls on a holiday in which the meeting will be held on next working day. All officers are accordingly to ensure submission of report & any issue/ challenges to this office on or before 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for which no separate communications would be made. (Action: All officers).

DC informed that Sri J. B. Ekka, IAS, the Guardian Secretary of Barpeta district is shortly visiting the district to have stock of major schemes concerning to different departments. As such all concerned will keep ready of status report of all major & important schemes in PPT to place before him. (Action: All officers).

**Health Services:-** The Joint Director, Health Services, Barpeta informed that in collaboration with the District Administration, the Health Department has been taking up utmost care following the advisories issued from the Govt. from time to time to combat the spread of Covid-19. As per the data aggregated

Total nos. of +ve cases detected (Ph-II) as on 25-10-2021: 11,967 Nos.

Discharge cases: 11,558 Nos.

Active cases: 227 Nos.

Death cases: 182

Positivity rate: 1.59%

Death rate: 1.52%

After threadbare discussion, DC asked the officer to increase the number of CVC with 100% coverage in Zero Dose vaccination. He also asked to utilize the services of ASHAs to list name of defaulters of 1<sup>st</sup> dose & 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Covid vaccines with conduction of house to house survey.

There reported a case of causality due to Japanese Encephalitis & DC asked the Joint Director, Health Services to take appropriate pre-cautionary measures to control its further spread .

Participating in the discussion, SPO, Barpeta requested the Joint Director to ensure submission of DPR for the project of Construction of a Training Centre for the Health Service Providers proposed out of Aspirational District Fund amounting to Rs. 80.00 Lakh. He further stated that in order to provide facility based management to children with SAM & to reduce under 5 mortality due to Severe Acute Malnutrition, DC recently suggested to prepare & submit a Plan of Action for Establishment of one Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) in district to be considered out of the recent grants awarded from NITI Aayog. Considering the urgency of the matter, DC asked the Joint Director, Health Services to ensure submission of DPR/ PoA for both of the projects by the evening on 26-10-2021 for which necessary technical assistance may be obtained from the PWD, Building Sub- Division. He further asked CO, Barpeta to pursue the matter with both the officers. [ Action: JD, Health/ AEE, PWD ( Building)/ CO, Barpeta]

**Social Welfare:-** Referring to the discussion of the last minutes, DC informed about "Unique ID for Persons with Disabilities" project which is being implemented with a view of creating a National Database for PwDs and to issue a Unique Disability Identity Card to each person with disabilities. The project will not only encourage transparency, efficiency and ease of delivering the government benefits to the person with disabilities but also ensure uniformity. The project will also help in stream-lining the tracking of physical and financial progress of beneficiary at all levels of hierarchy of implementation.

DC asked DSWO to increase the number of the Special camps to prepare disability certificates for the persons with disability (PWD) of the district. DSWO informed that Special Camps are being organized in various Govt hospitals in collaboration with the Health Departments where specialist doctors examine the level of Disability and would recommend for Certificate and UDID. DC also asked Joint Director of Health Services to follow the norms & guidelines for issuing certificate with benchmark disability with not less than 40% disability & avoid engagement of any middlemen.

DC requested both the officers to submit a status report with details of Special Camps specifying the date & time & give wide publicity appealing to the PWD.

Participating in the discussion, SPO stated that in a recent discussion DC also asked DSWO to prepare & submit Plan of Action (PoA) for construction of a Child Care Institute (CCI) in Barpeta district for its consideration out of the fund awarded from NITI Aayog which is not yet responded.

Deputy Commissioner Sri Bhusal has expressed unhappiness over the inordinate delay who said that delay in submission of PoA would lead to cancellation of award of additional fund to the district & urged the officers to work with dedication and ensure submission of the required papers by 27-10-2021 in default of which responsibility would be fixed on the defaulting officers. DSWO was also asked to take the technical assistance of the AEE, PWD, Building, Barpeta in preparation of DPR etc.

The Chairman also asked DSWO, Barpeta to submit a status report of Geo-tagging of 3139 nos. Anganwadis centres located within the district along with pictorial evidence latest by 30-10-2021 for which a separate communication has been made 3 days ago. (Action : Joint Director, Health Services, Barpeta & DSWO, Barpeta)

**PWD ( Building):** DC reviewed the progress of all the construction of on going major works under PWD, Building Division & asked the AEE to ensure its completion within the time specified. Expressing concern upon the poor performance on projects of the Health Department, he asked all the Circle Officers to make a visit & inform actual status of the ongoing construction of all the works within their circle jurisdiction & submit report to DDC, Barpeta immediately. DC also asked AEE & JE of PWD, Building to extend full co-operation in preparation of PoA in consultation with the Joint director of Health Services & DSWO, Barpeta in respect of schemes to be proposed out of additional grants awarded from NITI Aayog. [ Action: Joint Director, Health, DSWO, All COs, AEE ( PWD (B))]

**PHE:-** Under the Jal Jeevan Mission is to be ensured water security in all schools & Anganwadi Centres. In a query from the chair, EE, PHE informed that out of 2144 nos. of schools a total of 1878 nos. of schools have been provided with piped water supply & the remaining 266 nos would be covered soon. On the other hand, 298 AWCs have been covered from School water supply scheme locating in the same campus. Steps have been taken up for providing water supply in the remaining 1380 AWCs which would be completed soon. Considering the hygiene issue & for purposes of drinking, cooking mid-day meals, hand washing and toilet use, DC asked the officer to take immediate measures to provide piped water supply. The EE stated that if an AWC could not be covered by PWSS a stand-alone water supply could be provided for which a survey is being carried out to identify such AWCs which is not located in the school premises.

The EE, PHE has also informed about completion of 59 nos. of retrofitting PWSS projects under JJM out of 214 nos of sanctioned projects. Further, as informed by him 30147 nos could be achieved out of 142120 FHTC target during 2020-21.

The meeting also reviewed the progress under SBM-G & asked the EE, PHE to take all measures for achievement of the target within the time specified. ( Action: EE, PHE).

Participating in the discussion the EE, PWD Barpeta, Baghbar-Chenga Territorial Road Division stated that during laying of pipe line under JJM, several damages have been occurred on many parts & side beams of newly constructed PMGSY roads causing a loss to public property as well as inconvenience to the public communications. After threadbare discussion DC stated that there must be a Guideline on the issues. However, in order to resolve the issue, he asked both the Engineers to take pro-active measures by intimating in advance to all the field level functionaries & the contractor to avoid such practices.

The DPM, SSA, Barpeta informed that a good number of schools located within town areas are exposed to Arsenic contaminated drinking water & requested the EE, PHE to take steps by providing PWSS facilities for pure drinking water. In his reply, EE, PHE asked to collect sample of water for testing at the Laboratory free of cost. He also assured to provide Arsenic Removal Filters to those affected schools .

As sought for by DDC, Barpeta , EE, PHE also assured to carry out a water test at DC office, DC bungalow & Magistrate Quarters with assurance to take remedial measures, if any Arsenic affect is noticed. (Action: EE, PHE/ DPM, SSA/ EE, BBCTRD)

**NABARD**:- DDM, NABARD informed that NABARD is adopting a differentiated strategy focusing on Financial Inclusion interventions to address regional inadequacies and to bring about inclusive and equitable financial inclusion across the country. As per the strategy, he has been organizing 84 nos of FLCs in Barpeta district with the involvement of bank branches within their jurisdictions.

In his deliberation, DDC stated that out of the grants awarded from NITI Aayog, a part of fund was kept aside for organizing FLCs. Meanwhile, this office has already arranged FLCs in some of GPs in collaboration with LDM. But there is still some fund earmarked that could be utilized for the purpose. DC asked LDM to take immediate steps for organizing FLCs with the available funds at those GPs which have not been covered yet & asked for submission of bills, vouchers with photographic evidence etc for the earlier programme to enable release of fund accordingly. The LDM was also asked to meet SPO & gather the list of GPs immediately. ( Action: LDM/ DDM, NABARD)

**IRRIGATION**: The meeting reviewed progress of installation of Tube well schemes under PMKSY-HKPP ( Ph-I) for all the 3 divisions.

In a query, EE, Barpeta-Baghbar Divn informed that out of 56 nos of completed Electrical points, 19 have been facing low voltage issue for which APDCL has been communicated to resolve the issue. The EE, Sarukhetri- Chenga Divn has informed completion of all 48 nos of Solar & 52 nos of Electrical Tube wells. He has also informed on similar issue against 38 nos of projects which are being restored in collaboration with APCL. The EE Sorbhog-Jania informed commissioning of 113 projects against 170 of physical target. There is still 12 nos of Solar projects which could not be started due to cancellation of work order against the contractors. However, the problem is being restored shortly.

**Soil Conservation**:- Referring to the discussion in the last DDC meeting, DC expressed concern for lackadaisical attitude on the part of DO, Soil Conservation for not initiating to hold meeting of DWDC & asked the officer to arrange the meeting immediately & present power point focusing about the progress of different schemes implemented. DC also asked the officer to submit details of schemes with physical & financial status implemented under RIDF since last 3 years with pictorial evidence which should be submitted to SPO within 3 days without fail. (Action: Do, Soil Conservation)

**DFO(T)**:- DFO (T) was represented by ACF, NK Division, Rangia. DDC asked the officer to submit list of present lease holders for the minor mineral together with year & lease holder wise details of royalty collection which was deposited to the district.

SPO, Barpeta requested the officer to submit a list of affected villages by Mines and Minerals which is essential for preparation of Annual Action Plan & its placement before the next District Level Meeting for approval etc.

DC stated that Deputy Commissioners have recently been notified as the competent authority in respect of minor minerals Ordinary Clay as listed in Schedule Y under AMMC Rule with a direction to DFO (T) to depute his staffs/ officials to provide assistance on the matter for a period of 6 months.