

## Agriculture Meeting

Venue : Collectorate Conference hall, on  
Date : October 3, 2005.

### Agenda

1. Review and plans (Immediate and short-term measures)
  2. Common works
  3. Long-term activities
  4. Training
  5. Research
  6. Dissemination of package
  7. Introduction of new NGO
  8. Issues
- The NCRC agri sector team leader Mr. Chandra Mohan welcomed the gathering and briefed about the meeting. He introduced a new NGO, Ekta Parishad to the forum and welcomed them to the agri family to explore and do good service to the community.
  - While discussing on the dissemination of package, he said that the forum has brought panchayat president to the meeting, now it is high time to bring the government formed SHGs to the meeting. He said that NCRC is bringing out an illustration to highlight the immediate and short-term measures to be adopted in the land reclamation for the benefit of the farmers. Centre for World Solidarity (CWS) official also echoed the same view and said that they are planning to bring out a manual on integrated crop management in paddy cultivation. Further the official said that CWS is ready to join with the NGOs for bringing out IEC.
  - It was felt that research is an area where NGOs should concentrate. Mr. Chandra Mohan said that the forum can concentrate on two adopted research techniques. First is the basic research and the second is applied and adoption research. Both the research is into methodology. He added that demonstration of any kind is a methodology; it should have a long time sustainable manner. He further said there is a confusion prevailing

among the farmers on the -----of land, NCRC is thinking on coming out with a scientific base on the land reclamation. The forum is thinking of tying-up with Aduthurai University on a collaborative basis. He added that terms like participatory technology development (PTD) and Farmers' field school (FFS) are the in thing among NGOs.

- During the ensuing discussions on the training, Mr. Chandra Mohan said that NCRC is planning to have a training session to the NGO staff who in turn can educate farmers. He stated that training is envisaged for a long time activity and explained why the NGOs need training. He said that wherever conviction is needed, training is needed, wherever skill is needed, we need training.
- The forum had formulated long-term activities for land reclamation like:
  1. On-farm production of compost / vermi-compost (effective recycling of farm wastes)
  2. On-farm production of biomass producing trees (on the bunds to cater to the needs of manure, fodder and fuel).
  3. On-farm production of legume forage / fodder grasses (on the bunds).
 The NGOs present in the meeting spoke about their achievements on the above activities.
- In the review and plan session, the immediate and short-term activities proposed by the forum were discussed. Most of the NGOs present in the meeting said they are in the final stage of completion.

### List of Participants

Sr. No	Name of Participant	NGO
1.	Samuel Manuel	Efficor
2.	M. Thirumalai	Best
3.	Hari Arivalan	Ekta Parishad
4.	R. Udayakumar	Dhan Foundation
5.	Umashankar	CWS
6.	S. Sivagami	CCD
7.	D. Yestin	TMSSS
8.	V. Rajesh Kumar	CREATE
9.	R. Pandian	Real
10.	I. Vimal Jyoti	Bharati
11.	M. Pappu	RIM
12.	V.S. Arunachalam	TOFM