

Meeting on coastal water bodies

Date : 10th October 2006
Time : 3:15 pm to 5:35 p.m.
Venue : 313, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

Agenda

1. Review of the data collection.
2. Group discussion with their concern area PWD officers
3. Data collection and formats.

The meeting mainly aimed at fixing the study area and also to discuss the formats.

Mr. Chandra Mohan welcomed all and introduced Mr. Raghu and Mr. Premjth of CMS to the participants. Mr. Chandra Mohan said that the formats were framed by CMS.

The Data collectors were asked to present the maps they had drawn in that week with the marked tail end regulators.

1. Kudumbam

Kudumbam had not marked the tail end regulators in the map they were provided, thus they were asked to mark it in the given map. They had marked Regulators like Velankani, Vodacheru, Athur, Thalaignyar and Harichandra River. They also expressed that they had marked ' O ' for the tail end regulators. They have seen A, B and C, but they were able to cover only one river in each of them.

2. CEE

Their area of study was Tharangambadi and they had marked Manjalar, Ananthampetai, and Erukatanchery. Later they explained only one of them were going for field and the other goes to Karaikal. Mr. Chandramohan explained that one person will not be sufficient and they had to have 2 persons per team to do the whole study. He further stressed on the fact that the study has to be completed before the onset of North East monsoon and thus have to have 2 persons full time engaged in this work. The team was

also asked to mark the borders. They had seen till A and B, in B they have seen uptill B9.

3. Tofarm

They had marked Vadugacheri, Vettar, they further said that they have covered up till 15km from the shore. They had seen till A, B, in B they have seen up till B9 and they are yet to do C.

4. Venture

They had visited all the areas and also the tail end regulators were marked, but their marking was not approved by the PWD official.

5. CCD

They said that there were a number of uppanar. They also had not made in the taluk map so they were asked to mark it in the given map only. They had also not identified the villages, etc.

Assistant Engineers Remarks

- ⊕ All drainages will have a regulator. Regulators will not be there for canal.
- ⊕ They also said that these channels have local names 'Ramar Vadigal', 'Hanuman Vadigal' like wise which they should check with community as well as the PWD officials who will be at the taluk level.

A group discussion was organised to clarify and mark the tail end regulators in the map with their respective Assistant Engineers from the 4 taluks as 4 groups.

They confirmed boundaries for the study of the areas are as follows,

1. Sirgazhi - Melaiyur, Anakudi, Edamanal, Pudhupattinam
2. Velankanni - Thirukargudi, Odachery, Athur, Kilvelur.
3. Vedaranyam - Thanikotagam, Umbalachery, Pirinji mulai.
4. Tharangambadi - Annapanpettai, Devanuru, Kenapamulla.
5. Nagapatinam - Nariangudi, Vadaguchery, Kodachery

The formats filled by the study team were discussed,

Sirgazhi:

The tail end regulator is in Melayur, the A channels are Odangundan and Agavaikal. Odangundan splits til B 4. 4 hamlets details have been filled in the format.

Kilvelur:

They have seen Devanadhi , and Harichandra, the team had a doubt as to how to check if its B or C in Thirumalan, if it runs and splits in same width and showed a picture of the place. Then the PWD officials suggested that instead of studying from the top to the falling places to study from below. It is sad that the easy way to identify the B or C channel in the same size (width) is like “ bigger the ayarcut it is B and shorter it is ayarcut is it i C. They have not yet filled the format.

CCD

They had marked Vaniyar, Tharatur, and they also pointed out they have seen farm pond, rain water harvesting tank, etc.,

Tofarm

Nariyangudi , Papakoil (A Channel) , they had seen B1, B2 .

Tharangambadi

They had seen all the A channels and B channels till B2 and till D channels they have seen.

Discussion on Formats

1. Calculating capacity would be difficult and thus if they are able to measure the Length, Breadth, and Width and NCRC would do the calculation.
2. Quality of the water can be measured as good /bad/ moderate i.e if it can be used for drinking purposes (Good) / cleaning purpose (moderate) / or not(bad).
3. Only to measure length and breadth of the other water bodies size as it would be difficult to find the diameter.
4. The water level to be asked from the farmers or community people.
5. In the formats, one of the Assistant Engineer pointed out that for drainage ClassA/ ClassB / ClassC will not be applicable.

Mr.Chandramohan thanked the gathering and told the data collectors to submit the filled forms as a sample by the following day by 1400 hrs.He further asked the Government officials if they can have another meeting for the study, in a months time they gave their willingness.