

Shelter Review Meeting

Date: 30.06.2006

Time: 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Venue: Main Conference Hall, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

Chaired by: Tenkasi S. Jawahar, IAS, District Collector
Raman, Special Deputy Collector
(One more, confirm with Biju please)

The meeting began with the District Collector's address to start construction in a week in the sites where it has not been started at all. He shared the concerns the state government expressed during the Chief Minister's meeting with District Collectors of the state over the 6000 houses that are not started in Nagapattinam. The CM had asked the District Collector to take up the work for 6000 houses, if the NGOs are unable to progress on which the District Collector requested the CM to give a week's time to show progress in all the houses.

Following the address, the District Collector reviewed the progress of construction in the district. The following were the highlight of the meeting:

- The list of beneficiaries in Thoduvai is to be revised before the next meeting.. CASA, the NGO constructing house here also reported that the land has been allotted only for 300 houses so far.
- NGOs with problem with electricity connection met the District Collector immediately after the review meeting along with TNEB

First the District Collector reviewed the NGOs who have shown less progress in construction of permanent shelters. Following is the status of construction as obtained from the meeting in the order followed by the District Collector:

BUILD

Chandrapadi: Out of the 125 allotted, 59 are yet to start. The NGO told that they would start work for the 25 houses on 1st July. The NGOs also reported the problem of approach road and clearing trees in the site. The District Collector assured to clear the problems before next Friday.

CARE

Madavamedu: The NGO requested the government a copy of MoU. The District Collector asked the NGO to collect it after the meeting. CARE told that it would the start work both for the 40 new as well as the 83 in-situ houses here within a week.

Pazhayar: Of the 1079 allotted as per the MoU, 400 houses have been given to SEVAI and 300 to CREED, Out of the other houses constructed by the NGO, 200 are yet to start

for which nearly 186 houses; land is yet to be cleared. The District Collector asked the BDO to get it cleared.

CASA

Koozhayar: CASA has completed the works for the 58 new houses; the 15 in-situ construction is about to start. As there is a problem with the approached road, the BDO promised to start the work for the road from the following day.

Perumalpettai: Out of the 275 allotted, 122 are in progress and 153 are yet to start. The District Collector asked the NGO to start all the houses in a week. The NGO told the problem in collecting materials as the prices have gone high after the tsunami and the community is making problem in the site. The District Collector advised them to be prepared to face problems when taking up works of this kind. He suggested the NGO to employ more manual force and materials to meet the challenge of the time.

Pushpavanam: The NGO is yet to begin the work for 101 houses out of the total 147. However, CASA promise to start it at the earliest.

Thoduvai: Out of the 470 allotted houses to CASA construction is progressing in 190 and yet to start work in the rest. However, the NGO reported that only 300 houses have been allotted land in Thoduvai. The beneficiaries for around 90 houses are already living in two-storied houses and that their houses were repaired by SNEHA. The District Collector asked to revise the list excluding the 90 well-off beneficiaries. By next week, the revised list of beneficiaries would be made available.

Vadakku Colony: The NGO promised to start the work for the 31 in-situ houses at the earliest.

CEE South

Kodiyampalayam: Out of the 141 houses allotted here, works for 40 are yet to start. As sand for construction was not wrought sufficiently, the NGO asked the District Collector to permit more than the legally allotted quantity. In a tensed argument, the District Collector told them that the administration is there to enforce the law, not to go against it., the NGO reported that the list of beneficiaries needed finalization.

DPG

Vanavanmahadevi: The total number of houses including in-situ to be constructed here are 260. Out of the 137 in-situ houses, 122 are in progress. For the new houses, the 32 have been acquired land and the rest needed purchase of land for construction. The District Collector promised to acquire land in a week's time.

Vizhunthamavadi North: Out of the 24 houses, 22 are in progress. The NGO asked the administration to lay approach road with pipeline underneath in order to avoid complications during monsoon. The District Collector directed the concern to the concerned BDO. He also asked all the BDOs to visit their respective fields at least every week. Here, the NGOs were given the contact numbers of all the BDOs:

| Sl. No. | BDOs - Taluk wise | Contact Number |
|---------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Sirkali | 94434 98157 |
| 2 | Kollidam | 94435 16907 |
| 3 | Tharangambadi | 94421 73578 |
| 4 | Keelavelur | 94439 74939 |

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| 5 | Nagapattinam | 94424 52644 |
| 6 | Sembanarkoil | 94422 72249 |
| 7 | Vedaranyam | 93626 10789 |

The District Collector promised to lay the approach road in a week. Upon the request of the NGO, he also promised to finalise the list of beneficiaries.

Vizhunthamavadi South: As the NGO faced problems in starting work for the 12 houses here, the government terminated its work and took it up.

GGF

Kadaikadu: The NGO has completed work for 18 out of 19 houses. And the remaining one house got cancelled.

Madthukuppam: Out of the 86 new houses, 24 are yet to start. The NGO assured to speed up the work.

Poombuhar: As the NGO was facing problems with acquiring materials for the 200 in-situ houses here, the District Collector asked the NGO to start in a week or give the work to the government. The NGO promised to start the remaining works including Poombuhar's after 5th July.

Vanagiri: The 200 new houses given to GGF are yet to begin the work. The site engineer was asked to report the progress after 5th July.

IID

Ambedkar Nagar South: Out of the 65 in-situ houses, 39 are yet to start. The NGO promised to start work for the 20 houses by next week and the rest in a couple of weeks. As the approach road problem was reported, the District Collector commissioned the engineer to complete the work in a week.

Silladai Nagar: Out of the 66 houses, 40 are in progress. The NGO promised to start work for 23 houses in a week. The approach road problem was assured to be solved by the District Collector.

Joseph Hospital

Poombuhar: Out of the 100 in-situ houses, 29 are yet to start. The NGO reported that it was waiting for the GPRS report. The District Collector asked the NGO not to wait for long as the approval for the all houses had already been given.

KARAM

Kameshwaram: KARAM was absent from the meeting. The engineer and the respective BDO reported that they were unable to contact the NGO for a quite long time. Here, out of the 160 houses, 80 have not been started, as the land had not been allotted. The government was confident of getting land and it was looking for another NGO working near Kameswaram to take up the project. However, the name of the NGO was not finalised.

KUDUMBAM

Vettakaraniruppu: The NGO has to start work for 26 houses out of the 76. The NGO was absent from the meeting.

LUTHERAN

Thirumullaivasal: Out of 183 in-situ houses, 174 have progressed; 7 are yet to be started. Out of the 349 new constructions, 90 are yet to start. The temporary shelters here are being dismantled, facilitating Permanent house construction for the rest. The dismantling work was reported to end in four days. The District Collector asked the NGO to start the work at once in the place where the shelter has been already dismantled, instead of waiting for another four days to begin the work. The NGO also sought electricity connection for the site, which the District Collector asked to meet him along with the personals from the TNEB straight after the meeting.

MATHA

Keezhapattinacherry: Out of the 650 houses here, 220 are yet to start. The NGO reported that it was waiting for fund from ADB.

PCI

Kameshwaram: Of the 50 houses 35 are yet to start. As the land is being cleared, the NGO promised to start the work in 15 days. The District Collector asked the NGO to start at least half of the work in the coming week.

PDA

Seruthur: Out of the 434 houses, work for 334 are yet to start. The NGO promised to start work for 200 houses in the coming week.

Vellapallam: Out of the 200, 124 houses are yet to start. The District Collector cancelled the 124 houses as the land was not acquired. However, the NGO told that they would be handing over 46 houses in August. The NGO was asked to bring a copy of the MoU for the next meeting.

Vizhunthamavadi North: Of the 30 new houses allotted, 22 are yet to start. For these 22 houses, land for 17 houses has not been acquired. The District Collector promised to acquire land at the earliest.

PAECE Trust

Vellapallam: Of the 50 allotted houses 25 are yet to start. The site has been recently cleared ?????. The District Collector asked the NGO to start the work by next week, failing the work would be taken up by the government.

RCPDS

Ambedkar Nagar North: 28 houses out of the total 125 are yet to start. The NGO asked the government to bear with it until it receives fund from the ADB. The NGO shared a difficulty of raising the height of the site by 6 feet. Asked for help from the government, the engineer was asked to prepare an estimate.

REAL

Chandrapadi: Land for 61 houses allotted here has not been yet acquired. The District Collector asked if the NGO could go with in-situ constructions instead. The NGO told that they would answer after consulting the community. Mr. Raman was asked to follow it up.

Kottaimedu: CARE India has taken up the 165 houses.

Sangilikuppam: 30 out of 34 houses have progressed here. The other four got cancelled.

Nalliyanthottam: 19 out of 150 houses here are yet to start. The NGO promised to start the work on 15 July. The engineer was asked to report it on the day.

ROTARY

Railadi Keezh Puram: The Rotary Club has not signed the MoU. It is planning to sort out land in the coming week.

CHILD VISION

The NGO has completed 15 houses. Works for 29 has been recently started. It is planning to finish the work by November.

SEVA BHARATHI

Keechankuppam: Of the 800 houses, 552 are yet to start due to be problem in acquiring land. The District Collector consented to hold a meeting with the NGO.

SEVAI

Poombuhar: Out of the 500 allotted new houses, 173 are in progress. The NGO told that they are clearing land and are looking for the possibilities of in-situ for the rest.

Vanagiri: The NGO asked to clear electricity problem in the site and was directed to meet TNEB after the meeting.

Pillai Colony: Land for 26 houses has been cleared. Two houses would be marked this week. Works for all 26 houses are in progress, though there are only 16 houses signed in the MoU.

Cooks Road: The NGO has progressed in 29 out of 107 houses. It is pondering over constructing in-situ houses for the rest. Mr. Raman was asked to finalise the issue. It was also asked to speed up the work.

SOS

Pudhukuppam: Out of the 156 houses, 50 are yet to start. The NGO promised to start the work by 15th July and complete the work by end of August. It also complained against the bad condition of approach road. The engineer was directed to sort out the problem.

SPEECH

The NGO has started work for 10 houses out of the 22. It promised to start the rest in the first week of July.

TVS

Keezhamooverkarai: 51 out of the 96 new houses are yet to start due to land lying in low lying area. Out of the 59 in-situ houses, 10 are to be started. Since the in-situ area is in low-lying area, the District Collector asked not to construct them. As the MoU was in progress, the District Collector urged the NGO to submit it before the next meeting. However, the site engineer reported that the people are demanding houses in the low-lying area. The District Collector promised to intervene.

TMSSS

Akarapettai: 4 out of 250 houses are yet to start. The NGO promised to start them soon.

Arcottuthurai: Of the 340 new houses, 6 are yet to start. It asked to mend the approach road. The NGO is yet to start the 110 in-situ houses due to relocation problem. The site engineer promised to start the work for the approach road sooner.

Kollitheevu: As repair of approach road was asked, the District Collector directed the site engineer to start the work. The originally allotted 80 houses were changed to 45. The District Collector asked to change the number in the MoU.

Mahalakshmi Nagar: TMSSS promised to start work for all the 200 houses on July 15.

Mottandihoppu: As there was a problem in the road near the railway track, the District Collector commissioned the site engineer to look in to the problem.

Saveriyar koil: Of the 300 houses, 10 are yet to start.

Sellur: Of the 192 houses 2 houses are to be started. TMSSS promised to start the pending houses at the earliest.

Velankanni: Out of the 443 houses, works for 281 houses have been started. 156 are yet to start due to problem in acquiring land.

UELCI

chandrapadi: Works for the 91 new houses have not yet started since there is problem in acquiring land. The District Collector asked the site engineer to look in to the problem.

Sellur: Of the 100 allotted houses, 22 are yet to start.

WORD & DEED

Vanagiri: Of the 300 houses, 147 are yet to start. As there was problem in finding site for construction, the District Collector asked to move the temporary shelters to elsewhere and start the work. The decision will be taken after consulting the community.

WORL VISION

Thideerkuppam: Of the 400 houses, 100 are yet to start which the NGO promised to do soon.

YMCA

Sellur: Construction for 28 houses is yet to start. As the temple here has been allotted a low lying area, SEVA BHARATHI was reported looking in to the issue.

CSI

Sellur: 60 out of 102 houses are yet to start. The NGO asked for electricity connection for 60 houses, which the District Collector, in turn directed to approach the TNEB after the meeting.

Following NGOs were not present in the meeting. The District Collector asked NCRC to ensure their participation in the next meeting.

1. AREDS
2. HOPE
3. KARAM

4. KUDUMBAM
5. TRC
6. EFFICOR

After the review of the works, the District Collector asked the BDOs to visit their respective fields. He also asked them to assist the NGOs in their work. He asked the NGOs to bring issues as and when faced.