

CONCEPT NOTE

"GATISHEEL PRASHASAN ABHIYAN"

The State Government has initiated several steps for overall development & welfare of the people, with specific focus on underdeveloped areas and weaker sections of the Society. These initiatives require skilled & motivated manpower in the administration to translate the programs into projects on the ground. This is more true for Dhalai, the geographically challenging district of the State.

In 2010-11, the Dhalai District Administration has started the "Capacity Building Program" for the government offices and functionaries. It also includes the training of elected members of Panchayati Raj Institutions & the officials working therein. The training program is being organized at three levels- SIPARD, Agatala, Dhalai Zilla Parishad, Ambassa as well as in Block Offices as per the content & the participants. Further, need has been felt to reorient the Government machinery towards identified focus areas and to motivate them to achieve the results in specified time period.

Therefore, it is proposed to launch the "Gatisheel Prashasan Abhiyan" in Dhalai District which shall cover sensitization of functionaries on developmental issues, organization behavior, performance parameters, their response to the public demand & community participation in the development process.

The salient features of the Abhiyan are listed below:

1. Timely completion of works.
2. Improvement in income generation, education & health services.
3. Extension of Drinking Water, Road & Power Connectivity.
4. Capacity Building of PRI Bodies, its members & officials.
5. Community participation & people oriented administration.

The various steps taken and proposed by the District Administration in above areas are described as below:

1. TIMELY COMPLETION OF WORKS:

- a. **Punctuality in Government Offices:** Bio-Metric Attendance System is introduced in the District & Sub-Divisional offices. It is linked with the Leave Management System and Pay Roll System. The Officers are sensitized to remain present during the office hours except the field visits.

- b. **Preparation of Annual Action Plan:-** The Rural Development Blocks as well as Line Departments shall prepare their Annual Action Plans as per the projected budgetary allocations & obtain the approval by the PRI bodies within March month, before the beginning of the financial year. The implementing agencies shall prepare the work estimates & obtain the technical sanctions before the funds are available in the first quarter. The works shall be taken up as soon as the funds are placed with the implementing agencies.
- c. **Site Selection:-** The implementing agencies shall select the suitable sites for implementation of project in consultation with local bodies & resolve the land disputes through Revenue Administration before the projects are proposed for funding.
- d. **Real Time Monitoring:-** All development works shall be regularly monitored by using real time technologies like online MIS reports, website data entry, weekly progress reports on critical projects so that the higher level administration can take necessary decisions & corrective measures.

2. IMPROVEMENT IN INCOME GENERATION, EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES:-

- a. **Income Generation:-** Keeping in view the occupational pattern and geographical features of the district, focus areas in increasing income generation activities are identified as Forest & Horticulture based plantations & its processing, Animal husbandry activities, commercial plantations like rubber & tea, fishery activities, cultivation of vegetables & fruits. The major portion of development schemes like MGNREGA, RKVY, Horticulture Technology Mission, EAPs etc. shall be allocated to these activities on priority. The 56,000 Ha forest land allocated to 31,000 forest dwellers shall be utilized through these measures within 3 years. The potential of SHGs & Joint Forest Management Committees would be utilized in producing plantation materials on decentralized model.
- b. **Education:-** There are more than 800 School in Dhalai District and efforts would be on improving the attendance of Teachers & Students & helping the irregular Schools to function by overcoming the various problems faces by them. The shortage of School furniture, kitchen & dining space shall be met through RMSA, SSA, BRGF etc. The teachers would be provided with accommodation facilities near the Schools wherever required. Special focus is given on construction of steel foot bridges to connect the Schools in interior

areas. The innovative teaching & learning methodology shall be adopted to overcome the gap in teacher skills.

- c. **Health Services:-** The State Government has decided to provide Health Sub-Centre in each Village & accordingly, the construction works are in progress. The Multi Purpose Workers, ANM & ASHA workers shall extend the Health Services upto the village level regularly. The Village Health Nutrition & Sanitation Day is being organized in every village once in month to increase the public awareness & coverage of activities like pre-natal & post-natal check up, immunization, special drives like meningitis vaccination etc. The health progress of the newborn child and mother is monitored through Immunization Cards distributed to more than 40,000 families. The district shall have pucca Anganwadi Centers in all habitations by year end.

3. EXTENSION OF DRINKING WATER, ROAD & POWER CONNECTIVITY:-

- a. **Drinking Water:-** All 130 villages in the district are preparing Village Water Security Plans which shall be implemented through the National Rural Drinking Water Program, Panchayat Development Fund and Finance Commission Grants. The focus would be on the ground water recharging through MGNREGA projects & taking up innovative projects in the hilly areas. The Drinking Water & Sanitation Department has drawn up action plan to mitigate the dry spell in coordination with the Block Offices.
- b. **Road Connectivity:-** All habitations with 500 plus population are being connected through PMGSY roads & habitations above 250 population are being connected through MGNREGA roads. The critical infrastructural gaps like bridges, link roads, culverts etc. are being constructed through Backward Region Grant Fund.
- c. **Power:-** All habitations above 100 population are being covered under RGGVY and transmissions lines are extended in interior areas through under BRGF, BADP & BEUP Schemes. The TSECL is taking up the works in phases as per road connectivity and fund availability. The scattered habitations are being covered through solar home lighting system through TREDA (Science & Technology Department).

4. CAPACITY BUILDING OF PRI BODIES, ITS MEMBERS & OFFICIALS:-

As a component of BRGF, the Dhalai District is receiving Rs.1 crore annually as capacity building grant. An agreement has been signed with the SIPARD, Agartala for training of 1320 PRI functionaries & officials in various aspects like development planning, project implementation, accounting, basic computer skills etc. For imparting IT skills to all the staff members, the

necessary assistance is being taken from NIC officials & SOFED, Agartala. The computer laboratory is set up in Dhalai Zilla Parishad office, Ambassa. A team of 20 PRI members of Dhalai District would be sent on exposure visit out side the state every year.

5. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & PEOPLE ORIENTED ADMINISTRATION:-

The Village Panchayats have prepared Village Development Plans through Gram Sabha in the form of "Gramodaya" which are integrated at the Block & District Level. The various developmental projects shall be drawn from these plans. The potential of community based organizations like Self Help Groups, Joint Forest Management Committees, Rubber Producer Societies, Co-operative Societies shall be utilized to increase the community participants in the development process.

It is envisaged that the above measures taken up over a considerable period shall lead to people oriented & result oriented administration in the Dhalai District so that all government programs can be implemented effectively.

Thanks.