

Proceedings of the First Meeting of Project Evaluation Committee in respect of Changer Medium Irrigation Project, District Bilaspur (HP)

A meeting of Project Evaluation Committee in respect of Changer Medium Lift Irrigation Project, was held on 06.04.2013 at 11.00AM in the Conference Hall of H.P. Secretariat Shimla under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary (IPH) to the Govt. of H.P.

The list of participants is attached as Annexure-A.

At the outset the chairman welcomed all the participants in the first meeting of Project Evaluation Committee and explained in brief the purpose of constituting the Project Evaluation Committee and the objective of the meeting. This was followed by a Power Point Presentation about the Changer Medium Lift Irrigation Project by the Superintending Engineer (IPH), Circle Bilaspur, who is Member Secretary of the Committee. He provided basic background information about the project and potential created for irrigation due to its completion in the changer area. After this presentation, suggestions were invited from the participants, keeping in view the mandate of their respective institutions.

Dr. Ashok Kumar, the representative of C.S.K.V.V., Palampur emphasized upon increasing the cropping intensity up to the level of three hundred from the present level of one hundred twenty nine only keeping in view the irrigation potential created by the IPH Department to achieve the real worth of the Project. He further suggested that a base line survey of the entire CCA (2350 ha.) should be carried out immediately so that the interventions made after completion of the project may be mapped, monitored and demonstrated.

Mr. SM Katiha Dy. Director (Horticulture) and representative of Horticulture Department suggested that keeping in view the irrigation potential available in the area efforts should be made to dovetail the irrigation facilities with the facilities available under National Mission on Micro Irrigation which is being implemented by the Horticulture Department in the entire state so that farmers of the area may switch over to cash crops like flower cultivation, vegetable cultivation and growing fruits like *nectarine* in place of wheat, maize and pulses.

Dr. JN Raina of UHF, Nauni stressed upon the need of exposing farmers to the precision technologies developed by the University by providing them technical knowhow and exposing them to the innovations being done in other parts of the state.

Representative of Agriculture Department **Mr. Man Mohan Singh (JD)** emphasized upon the need of developing small models with integrated approach in the CCA that could serve as demonstration plot for the farming community of the area and to guide farmers towards variety of cropping systems.

Mr. RD Nazeem, Registrar Co-operative Societies H.P. intimated participants that Bilaspur district is ICDP Project District and therefore it can help in organizing training to the farmers who are members of water user associations of the CCA. He also assured that the Co-operative Department will interact with the office bearers of the eight water user associations in the command area and will formulate a co-operative society with the most active WUA to start with.

Mr. RK Kanwar, Chief Engineer, Hamirpur Zone suggested that all these issues must be taken care of from the very initial stage when the project is at the implementation level so that actual potential created may be utilized to the maximum benefit of the farmers on completion.

Mr. Gyamba, Director CWC, Shimla highlighted upon the need of developing demonstration plots on the farmer's agricultural fields to optimize the benefits of irrigation potential.

Mr. RK Sharma, Engineer-in –Chief, IPH expressed his concern for, the farmers of the area have not exploited the benefits of water to the extent it can be made use of to change the economy of the area.

Decisions taken: Following decisions were taken at the end of the first meeting

1. It was decided that the next meeting will be held after three months and the chairman suggested that the same participants must attend the meeting next time to maintain continuity.
2. CSKVV Palampur will submit a proposal for carrying out a Base Line Survey in the command area clearly highlighting the methodology to be adopted and time frame and costing of the survey. The proposal will be submitted to the Member Secretary (SE IPH Bilaspur) before 30th April, 2013. The funding arrangements will be made by the CWC for the base line survey as assured by Mr. P.Dorje Gyamba, Director CWC.
3. Registrar Co-Operative Societies will ensure that Water User Associations are linked with societies and arrangement for the trainings is made at Precision Farming Development Centre, Nauri and exposure visits of farmers are also organized for the members of WUAs of the command area.
4. Horticulture Department will ensure that specific instructions are issued to their field officers posted in the Bilaspur district to develop the linkages of NMMI with the irrigation facilities created in the command area and a plan is submitted to the SEIPH Bilaspur before next meeting.
5. Superintending Engineer, Bilaspur will ensure that he will discuss the matter with D.C. Bilaspur for taking up the issue of linkages with the line departments (Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Rural Development) who are working at the field level in Bilaspur district in the forth coming District Irrigation Committee Meet to be held on 9th April 2013 at Bilaspur.

It was also decided that in the next meeting Nadaun Medium Irrigation scheme will be discussed and Chief Engineer, Hamirpur Zone will take necessary action to make presentation on the lines of the presentation made today and all other issues of the Project will also be discussed to orient the project towards its objectives from the very beginning.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the participants.

Annexure-A

The following were present in this meeting held on 6th April, 2013

Sr. No.	Name and designation of the participants		
1.	Er.R.K. Sharma	E-in-Chief IPH Deptt.	Member
2.	Er.R.K.Kanwar	Chief engineer HZ IPH Deptt.	Member
3.	Sh.R.D.Nazeem	Registrar Co-op. Soc.H.P.Shimla	Member
4.	Sh. P.Dorje Gyamba	Director CWC, M&A,GOI, Kasumpati Member	Member
5.	Dr.Ashok Kumar	Prof. Ag. Econ. (CSKHPKV) Palampur	Member
6.	Dr.J.N.Raina	Prof & Head Hort. Univ. Nauni	Member
7.	Sh.Man Mohan Singh	Joint Director Agriculture	Member
8.	Sh. S.M.Katiha	Dy. Director horticulture	Member
9	Er.Naveen puri	SE IPH Bilaspur	Member Secretary