

# **Monitoring of Resettlement and Rehabilitation Activities of Rampur Hydroelectric Project**

(Third Quarter Report for the Period 01.04.2008 to 30.09.2008)

## **Introduction**

The implementation of R&R activities has been monitored for the period April 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008. The details of present status of these activities have been presented in Annex.-1. The information was collected during the month of December and 3 visits were made for the purpose. The team relied on observations, individual interviews and group interviews with stakeholders. The findings are based on 9 stakeholders' meetings. In the meetings issues like compensation received, treatment meted out by project officials, employment generation and their responses regarding the implementation of R&R activities, income generation activities, decline in crop yields etc were discussed. A number of important persons were contacted to get feed back in this respect. The responses were recorded at the spot. In addition, the team conducted meetings with R&R officials and discussed the issues and problems reported by the Project affected families. Mr. R.R. Sinha (DGM), Ms Alka Jaiswal (Dy Manager), Mr. Hitesh Kapoor (Manager), Dr Anil Kumar (Incharge, Mobile Health Van), Mr. Anil Sharma (Er Civil) etc were the key persons who provided information about the R&R activities. Er V.K. Pathak (Head of Project) provided overview of the activities and problems being faced by the implementing agency. The observations were cross-checked with the responses of project management before accepting and presenting these as monitored values or responses.

The monitoring team came out with the following findings.

### **A. Activities Under RAP**

#### **1. Private Land Acquisition**

The activity has been completed.

#### **2. Payment of Compensation to Shareholders**

The activity has been completed.

#### **3. Disbursement of Full Resettlement Grant**

The activity has been completed.



Monitoring team with the newly constructed house of Sh Govind Ram at Averi Village

#### **4. Provision of House/ House Plots (Resettlement Benefits).**

Plots for construction of house have been allotted to 15 houseless families (5 plots at village Averi and 10 plots at village Bayal). 3 families out of 5 have shifted to new houses in Averi.



Monitoring team with the PAFs at Village Averi

#### **5. Land Purchased through Direct Negotiation**

The activity has been completed.

## **6. Disbursement of Cash Assistance to Houseless Families**

The first installment of Rs. 10.80 lacs has been disbursed to 15 eligible families, Rs. 72,000 per family. Second installment of Rs 54,000 per family has been released to 6 eligible families and releasing 2<sup>nd</sup> installment to other 6 families is under process. Three beneficiaries of Averi village have completed the house construction and shifted to the new houses. One of these has rented out one room @ Rs 1400/month. He has 20 goats and 10 kids. The third person is working as mason in the area and earning Rs 200/- per day. The entire masonry work of his house was done by himself.

Construction grant of Rs 1.80 lacs will be provided in three installments to 10 families whose houses have been acquired but not rendered houseless as these families had more than one houses. First installment of construction grant @ Rs 60000/ per family has been released. The general demand was that the plot for construction of houses, shifting allowance and house rent should be provided to the families whose houses were acquired as has been given to 15 houseless families. Project authorities reported that these provisions are not permissible according to the R&R policies.



Monitoring team with the PAFs at Village Bayal

## **7. Rehabilitation Grant (RG) to Non-Title Holders**

Rehabilitation grant has to be released to three non-title holders (one encroacher and two tenants). Payment has been released to two non-title holders (one encroacher and one tenant). One tenant demised and after receipt of the legal heir certificate from his family members rehabilitation grant will be disbursed to the legal heir of demised tenant. These families were satisfied with the amount of grant and its disbursement.

## **8. Acquisition of Cattle Sheds**

No progress has been reported as the list of affected families is awaited from DC Kullu.



Newly constructed house of PAF at Bayal

### **9. Assistance to Vulnerable Group Families**

No progress has been reported as the list of affected families is awaited from DC Kullu.

### **10. Hiring of Taxies**

22 vehicles have been hired from residents of project affected area but none from PAF reportedly because no PAF submitted application for the purpose. Two taxi owner reported that this activity is not profitable due to increase in taxes, insurance and salary of driver. They also reported that the project authorities deducted 10 percent of monthly payment and return this money after three years without any interest. They demanded that the rate of taxies should be 25 thousand per month. As per project authorities a Committee has been constituted by the project authorities to look into the problems of the taxi owners.

### **11. Petty Contracts**

The works worth Rs. 0.8 million have been awarded to contractors from project affected families, registering a progress of only 52%. In addition to this it was proposed to award petty contracts worth Rs. 40 millions to contractors from project affected panchayats. However, no work has been awarded to contractors from project affected panchayats. It was intimated by the project authorities that it was decided in the meeting of LADC held on 20.11.08, Dy. Commissioner Kullu directed that the R&R activities, works to petty contractors will be awarded by the LADA. The contractors Mr Devinder Negi and Kushal Chand of Bayal Village reported that the award of works by the Local Area Development Authority (LADA) will be influenced by the local politician and it will affect the work of project.



House crack checking committee marking houses at Bayal

## **12. Compensation Towards Losses Caused to the Crops in Village Averi**

Compensation of Rs 0.06 million has been paid to affected families of Averi village. Both the installments have been paid to 24 families of village Averi towards losses caused to their crops on account of muck dumping works. Mr Devinder Negi, Member, Zila Parishad from Bayal reported that the yield of paddy was low in this season. The losses due to dust were higher in vegetables like cauliflower, cabbage, peas etc whereas no loss in yield of wheat has been reported. The project authorities reported that the D.C Kullu constituted a Committee of Tehsildar, Nirmand, experts from Agriculture and horticulture departments of state govt. to look in to the matter and submit the report regarding the losses in crops due to dust. However, the report from the Committee is awaited.

## **13. Compensation for Losses Caused due to Blast Damage**

There are 12 families affected by blasting, around the surge shaft in Bayal, have been paid compensation for Rs. 4.56 lacs.

## **14. Data Base Management**

The matter has been taken up with Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad. Two scientists have visited the project site for on ground assessment of e tool. The proposal for implementing of e tool is under process.

## **15. Income Generation Activities**

List of project affected families is awaited from Dy. Commissioner, Kullu. However, list of certified landless and houseless families have been received from Dy. Commissioner, Kullu. It has been decided to launch the scheme initially for 37 nos. landless and houseless families declared by D.C Kullu and letters have been issued to these families. None of the probable beneficiaries appeared to be interested in adoption of this scheme. The reasons for cold response mainly was that these persons are mainly

interested in jobs rather than the business or farm based activities. Some of the beneficiaries may adopt the scheme provided some subsidy is available. It also appears that target group is not well aware of the details of the activities.

#### **16. Merit Scholarship**

Twelve applications from project affected families were received and merit scholarship has been released to all. All the students/ parents were satisfied with the amount of the scholarship and its disbursement.

#### **17. Provision of Technical Education**

Thirty five students sponsored to this academic year are studying in the ITIs. Two students from Bayal village have completed the ITI in Electricity trade under the technical education programme of the project during August 2008 but are still unemployed. However, three students of Gadej and Poshna completed ITI under the technical education programme have been employed in Gammon India Ltd and getting salary of Rs 8000/- per month.

#### **18. Infrastructural Facilities**

No fresh activity was reported during the period under consideration.

#### **19. Support Services to PAFs**

As reported, the training/awareness camps for PAFs farmers shall be organized in project affected Panchayats in near future.

#### **20. Infrastructure Development Works**

Infrastructure development works amounting to Rs. 2.5 millions in affected panchayats are under implementation. However, the Infrastructure development works will be executed by the Local Area Development Authority (LADA) and the fund has to be deposited with LADA.

#### **21. Augmentation of Drinking Water supply**

7 deep energized bore wells and 7 hand pumps will be installed in affected panchayats. The work of installation of deep bore well has been awarded and payment for 7 hand pumps has been released to I&PH department, Govt of H.P.

#### **22. Grievances Redressal Committee**

The Committee has not met so far due to frequently transfers of SDM.

#### **23. Health Facilities**

MHV is visiting all the 7 Panchayats in Kullu district and Duttanagar Panchayat in Shimla district thrice a week. Dr Anil Kumar, Incharge of the Mobile Health Van (MHV) reported that 25 to 30 patients are being provided medical check up daily through the MHV. He revealed that RTT, asthma, fever are the common ailments in the Project Affected Areas (PAAs). The houseless families of Averi reported that the MHV facility is not available at their village and they have to go to Bayal for treatment of ailment.



House construction works of PAFs is in progress in Bayal

### **Suggestions/Aspirations of PAF**

The PAF mainly repeated the suggestions forwarded during the survey for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period reports. They wanted that the RHEP should make some provision for employment of those who completed the training in the SJVNL or in private companies.

### **Recommendations and Policy Issues**

No fresh recommendations are made.

### **B. Activities under Sustainable Community Development Programmes (SCDP)**

The current status of these works has been monitored by the civil engineer and the details are presented below.



Newly constructed Panchayat ghar of Poshna Panchayat

#	Name of the Work	Evaluation	Suggestion/Response of Community
1	Averi village plots	Four families of Averi village have completed the houses and shifted in the new accommodation. The owner of fifth plot has not started the construction work as he intends to build the house at his in-laws village Nither.	Street light, fencing around the boundary wall, septic tank and sewerage system, children play ground, drinking water connection, inter-connected pucca path to the houses are still not provided.
2	Bayal village plots	Out of ten plots, house construction of eight plots is completed and the families have shifted to new houses in Bayal village. Construction of house on one plot is in progress. However, one beneficiary could not start the construction work due to serious illness of his son.	Street light, septic tank and sewerage system, children play ground, electricity supply, drinking water connection, inter-connected pucca path to the houses are still not provided.
3	Community Hall and Panchayat ghar	Construction of two storey community hall is under progress at Dev Dhank. Panchayat ghar of Poshana is in progress. The quality of work is up to desired level.	The people are satisfied with the community development works and suggested that such works should be extended to other places in the project affected areas.
4	Pucca path	One pucca path from Bayal village to cremation ground through Dhropa village of approximately 30 meters in length is contracted with PCC (Plain Cement Concrete). A stretch of 500 meters is yet to be completed. Pucca path from Dev Dhank to main road is in progress. The quality of work is up to the desired level.	Villagers have appreciated the activity/work and are satisfied with the facility provided to them.

**ANNEX-1**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES UNDER R&R  
PLAN OF RHEP**

Sl. No.	Activities	Target	Revised Target	Progress during the quarter	Cumulative progress	% of progress	Remarks
1	Private Land Acquisition (Ha)	29.10	29.10	-	29.10	100	Completed
2	Payment of compensation to shareholders	196	202	-	202	100	Completed
3	Distribution of full construction grant to landless families	55	35	-	35	100	Completed
4	Allotment of house plots	29	15	-	15	100	Completed
5	Land purchased through direct negotiation (in ha.)	0	0.76	-	0.76	100	Completed
6 (a)	Disbursement of cash assistance to houseless families	29	15	-	15		2 <sup>nd</sup> installment has been released to 6 families and release of grant to another 6 families is under process. .
6(b)	Disbursement of cash assistance to families whose houses were acquired but not declared as a houseless by Dy Commissioner, Kullu	10	10	-	-	-	1 <sup>st</sup> installment of construction grant has been released.
7	Disbursement of rehabilitation grant to the non title holders (encroacher and tenants)	3	3	-	-	-	Payment has been released to two families.
8	Financial assistance to the families whose cattle shed acquired	15*					List awaited from Dy Commissioner, Kullu
9	Disbursement of financial assistance to vulnerable group families	46	-	-	-	-	List awaited from Dy Commissioner, Kullu
10	Hiring of taxies from PAFs (vehicle months)	600	600	66	400	67%	No request has been

							submitted by the PAFs
11	Providing of petty contracts to the contractors from PAFs	10 million	10 million	0.8	5.2	52%	
12	Providing of petty contracts to the contractors from project affected panchayats	40 million	40 million	-	31.4	78.5%	
13	Payment of compensation to the affected villagers of Averi due to dumping of Muck	Million	.60	-	.60	100	
14	Payment of compensation to the affected villagers of Bayal near Surge shaft area (Affected due to construction activities of RHEP)	Million	.67	-	.67	100%	
15	Income Generation scheme	54	54	-	-	-	List of landless and houseless families released by DC Kullu
16	Merit Scholarship scheme to the wards of PAFs	200	50	-	12	24%	-
17	Technical Education for local youths	155	155	35	105	68%	
18	Infrastructural facilities/aids to schools situated in the affected area (Rs. Millions)	10	10		0.27	2.7	
19	Support services to the PAFs farmers in their agriculture/veterinary practices (in millions)	1.5	1.5	-	-	-	
20	Infrastructure development works in affected panchayats (Rs. Millions)	125	125	0.12	18.34	14.67 %	Works of Rs. 2.5 million in progress
21	No. of patients treated in the project area through MHV	40000	40000	1683	21441	53.60	

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