

PHYSICAL VERIFICATION REPORT

- 1. Name of the Project:** Construction of 2 No. of irrigation tanks in Lolab Kupwara
- 2. Year of sanctioning of the scheme:** 2008-09
- 3. Targeted date of completion:** 2010-2011
- 4. Executing agency:** I&FC Division, Handwara
- 5. Target CCA:** 1050 hectares
- 6. Achievement:** Nil
- 7. Financial Status:**

Project cost:	Rs 1033.18 lacs (AIBP)
Expenditure upto October, 2010:	81.94 lacs (8%)
Allocation for 2010-11:	337.06 lacs

8. Physical Status of Work:

- The amount of Rs 81.94 lacs has been expended on the procurement of vehicle/machinery;

9. Field Observations:

- I. The inspection of the work was conducted on 16-11-2010. The AEE and the JE's concerned accompanied to the one of the project sites at Hapatnar;
- II. The project has been approved at a cost of Rs 1033.18 lacs under AIBP with year of sanctioning of the scheme as 2008-09;
- III. The executing agency of the project is Irrigation & Flood Control Division, Handwara;
- IV. The allocation for the 1st year during 2009-10 was Rs 419.00 lacs (CA- Rs 418.00 and SS- Rs 1.00 lac) against which an amount of

Rs 81.94 lacs has been expended which works out of to 8% of the total project cost;

- V. The expenditure has been incurred on procurement of the machinery which does not fall within the purview of the DPR. It was informed by the Xen that the expended amount meant for the project have been diverted to Mechanical division for procurement of machinery/vehicles on the directions of the Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir. This clearly indicates miss-utilisation of funds
- VI. The current year's allocation (2010-11) is of the order of Rs 337.06 lacs;
- VII. The tanks are proposed to be constructed in Lolab area one each at Hapatnar and Rangwar in hill toes, for providing irrigation facilities during summer months to the farmers;
- VIII. The public of the Hapatnar area where one of the tanks is proposed to be constructed interacted with the inspecting team and pleaded for early construction of the tanks as otherwise they are facing tremendous hardships in absence of the irrigation facilities for their crops particularly during summer months.

10. Problem Areas:

- a) There has been no work on the ground which has been attributed by the Xen, I&FC Handwara to the pendency of the NOC from the Forest Department;
- b) It was also explained by the Xen that other projects as well pertaining to his Division are facing similar fate because of the pendency of the clearance from the Forest Department.
- c) The diversion of Rs 81.94 lacs for purchase of machinery/vehicle instead of expending it on the project needs to be investigated.

11. Suggestions/remedial measures:

It is proposed to convene a meeting of the Commissioner/Secretary, Forest Department, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Engineer, I&FC Kmr for sorting out the issue of NOCs enabling the executing agency to kick start the project.

12. Conclusion:

The construction of the tanks shall provide irrigation to 1050 hectares of paddy/orchard land as presently only 200 hectares of land gets irrigation through rains from upper catchment

areas. Keeping in view the importance of construction of Irrigation Tanks in Lolab area, the NOC should be issued immediately for execution of the work at ground level.

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