

Minutes of Second Meeting of the Steering Committee held on August 8, 2008 regarding Grant of State Land to Landless Harees in Sindh

Held in the Committee Room of P&D Deptt under ACS (D)

List of Participants attached at Annex-1

2. Meeting commenced with Bismillah-e-Rehman-ur-Rahim. The Chairman of the Steering Committee sought progress on the major components which had been highlighted in the previous meeting. He took a serious note of absence of some of the DO (Revenues) and warned that this was a top priority program and in case the District Officers (Revenue) who were the Focal Persons of this program were absent it was then not possible to move forward. It was directed that the DO (revenues) would have to compulsorily attend all meetings and the District Committees were too required to hold daily meetings for ensuring full preparedness for this program.

3. The Secretary Agriculture informed the forum that the Department had 80 bulldozers in working condition and that these would be provided to the Districts for land leveling for this program after a formal request. He requested that a consolidated request be made to his department so that he could convene meeting of the Engineering Wing of the Department for undertaking this assignment in an organized manner.

4. The concerned revenue staff of Districts then presented their individual reports on their preparedness as under:

i. District Larkana

The EDO Revenue Larkana informed that they have divided the land into lots of 4 acres and approximately 875 acres out of the total available state land had been found to be ready for disposal. The Chairman observed that firstly lots of 8 acres be made as was decided in last meeting. Secondly, remaining land would also be surveyed immediately for granting to landless harees. Also the District Committee needs to immediately contact the Agriculture Department staff at local for land leveling and the Irrigation Department staff for allotting water shares from the concerned water courses. The EDO was directed to ensure that all preparations are made and schedule is issued for inviting Applications.

ii. District Thatta

The EDO Revenue Thatta gave an overview of the progress made in Thatta. He informed that upto detailed physical assessment had been carried out and 5613 acres of land had been cleared for disposal. He informed that 858 lots of land had been prepared in the Talukas of Jati; Sakro; ----- and -----. He stated that work was in progress in other Talukas and as soon as physical verification was complete they would add the other pieces of land. The Chairman directed the Revenue Staff to expedite work and to issue schedule and make preparations for second phase.

iii. District Khairpur

The Revenue staff informed the meeting that on the basis of physical verification 742 lots had been prepared of the 5789 acres which could be disposed in first phase. It was confirmed that maps had been prepared and it was ensured that water was available for this land. The Chairman directed them to get in touch with Agriculture and Irrigation staff for beginning land leveling/clearing and for allocation of shares respectively. Also the Do Revenue was asked to issue schedule for Applications.

iv. District Jacobabad

The Revenue Staff of District Jacobabad informed that they had completed physical verification of 2692 acres of land and prepared 413 lots of 8 acres each. It was confirmed that water was available and this land was free from encumbrances. The Steering Committee appreciated the progress made by District Jacobabad Revenue staff and cleared them for issuance of schedule and seeking Applications

v. District Badin

The District Badin Revenue staff confirmed that 2757 acres was physically verified and could be disposed in first phase. 413 lots of 8 acres each had been prepared and it was confirmed that water was available. The District staff was directed to make formal requests to Irrigation Department for allocation of water shares for this land and to contact the Agriculture Department for land preparation/ clearing. The District was cleared for issuance of schedule and seeking Applications

vi. District Nawabshah

The Steering Committee noted that major portion of land i.e over 25,000 acres was available in Taluka Daur however this piece could not be brought under immediate disposal as it comprised of sandy dunes and it required considerable land leveling. It was decided that the land leveling would be carried out on very fast tract basis and the District would make immediate request to Agriculture Department for undertaking land leveling. The Irrigation Department would be requested for allocating water shares from the available water courses. For the remaining 268 acres of land the District Revenue staff had prepared 40 lots of land

vii. District Sukkur

The District Revenue Staff confirmed that 6533 acres had been physically verified and were available for disposal. 884 lots had been prepared and there was availability of water for these tracks of land. It was observed that initially 7051 acres were identified and as such work on remaining land needs to be undertaken as well.

5. The Steering Committee examined various aspects of preparedness of the above 7 Districts and took following major Decisions:

- i. It was reemphasized that all the District Committees would hold almost daily meetings to ensure that proper Work Plan. These Work Plans must list out details of all activities to be undertaken from now to the date of issuance of Sanads to the eligible applicants.
- ii. All Districts would prepare Deh-Wise maps of the State Land to be granted and for each Deh, detailed information would be prepared listing out following features:
 - a) Free from encumbrances, including litigation, claim or encroachment
 - b) Irrigation /water availability
 - c) Access to Road (katcha/pacca)
 - d) Availability of Drainage (water logging & Salinity)
 - e) Renewable of old leases (Cancelled Grant)
- iii. The District Committees through DO Revenue would immediately make formal referenes to Agriculture Department for land leveling

- where required and to Irrigation Department for allocation of shares from the relevant water courses.
- iv. The above 7 Districts were directed to issue Schedules and to seek Applications through Advertisements' in leading newspapers till August 31, 2008. They were directed to make vide publicity through announcements; through FM radio and mosques.
 - v. Applications were to be received as per existing procedure at Taluka and UC offices and proper Receipts to be given to all Applicants
 - vi. Necessary arrangements would be made for making data entry of all Applicants and this would be immediately shared with the Rural Support Program officers designated for each District.
 - vii. Information relating to land will be provided in full details to RSPs so that they could begin preliminary work on support package
 - viii. District Dadu would take immediate measures to get the Revenue Record updated and contact Director Surveys and Settlement for preparation of maps

6. General Decisions

- i. The next meeting would be organized on Friday August 16, 2008 at 10 pm. Remaining Districts would also be invited to participate. In the meanwhile all remaining District Committees would meet and take all prior actions for becoming ready for grant of State Land to poor Landless Harees
- ii. The Districts would simultaneously work on Second Phase of Land Grant by ensuring that all illegal possessions and other encumbrances are resolved expediently.
- iii. All District Committees must ensure full coordination with the RSPs for which they can contact Mr. Ghiyasuddin at Tel #
- iv. The Land Utilization Department would issue a general advertisement of the Program however Specific Schedules will be Announced separately by each District Committee/ DO Revenue.

For this they will send their Advertisements as per format on Monday August 11, 2008 to the office of Secretary Land Utilization.

- v. The Secretaries I&P Deptt and the Agriculture Department would issue instructions to their lower formations for close coordinantion and full assistance to District Committee in this program
7. The meeting ended with a note of thank you

Annex-1

List of participants

1. Mr. Abdus Subhan Memon , Secretary, Land Utilization, BoR
2. Ms. Naheed S. Durrani, AFS (B&E), Finance Department
3. Mr. Muhammad Ali Shah, Additional Secretary (LU), BoR
4. Mr. Ghias M Khan, Manager (Spl Project) SRSO
5. Mr. Khalid Mujtaba Agha, District Officer Revenue, Larkana
6. Mr. Fazal Karim Khatri, Sr. Program Officer, SRP, Finance Department
7. Mr. Khadim Hussain Channa, Section Officer (Admn) LU, BoR.
8. Mr. Ghos Bux Jatoi, Mukhtiarkar, Larkana