

Aizwal Tour Report (24.09.13 to 27.09.13)

The Team Leader and the Water Supply & Sewerage Engineer visited Aizawl with the following objectives:

- a) To visit the WS work site and inspect progress made. To also discuss the work plan for execution of the water network package.
- b) To visit the STP site under construction. To discuss the work plan for the Sewerage Network under Tr-II
- c) To follow up on progress of reforms program of Aizawl.

The key observations are:

1. **Tr-I:** Work has been completed and commissioned.
2. **Physical Progress Tr-II:** Good progress has been made in some of the packages of Tr-II as follows:
 - a. Booster Pumps: Procured, installed and under commissioning
 - b. 3 Nos. Water Reservoirs: Nearly complete. Hydraulic testing in hand.
 - c. Bulk and domestic water meters: Procured. Work of replacement is in hand.
 - d. 5 Nos. Cess Pool cleaners procured. To be commissioned.
3. **Contract awards:** All packages of Tr-II have been successfully bid and contracted/in the process of contracting:
 - e. WS distribution: Package has been awarded. We met the contractor. Preliminary survey is in hand. Physical work may start in a month's time.
 - f. Dedicated Power Supply: Work awarded but yet to start
 - g. Community toilet blocks: Work awarded but yet to start.
 - h. Sewerage Network: Bid approved. LoA to be issued.
 - i. 10 MLD STP plant: Work awarded but will start after site development work is completed.
4. **Site Development and Approach road to STP:** The road alignment has to be changed due to construction of a bridge. The revised proposal is yet to be finalized. If the new alignment affects the natural river stream, then IEE will need to be redone and permission of competent authorities will be required. Alternate of acquiring private land may also be considered as it will have less environmental impact. There is also likely to be a cost overrun, for which a cost variation proposal may be required.
5. **Reforms:** The IDC has made good progress: (a) The accounts are already being maintained on accrual basis. The ADB package adopted in Agartala is being used. (b) The work of survey of buildings is completed and the final GIS map is under preparation. (c) The government has accepted the UAM method of property tax but the recommendations of IDC have yet to be deliberated and accepted by the State Government (d) Proposals for ring fencing have been submitted by IDC. Different options are under consideration.
6. **Financial Issues:** As of now no SoE is pending with MoUD and there is no backlog. Only PIA expenses of 11-12 have to be cleared by MoUD, for which supporting bills have just been received by MoUD and are being checked.

A more detailed technical report of the Water Supply & S

enclosed.

Action Points: To finalize the new alignment of the road to STP site. Fresh IEE and RP needs to be approved by ADB. Cost variation proposal to be put up for approval of MoUD and ADB.

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