
**Kohima Tour Report
(19th to 22nd March 2013)**

A visit was made to Kohima by Mr. P. Kapur, Team leader and Sh. S.S. Narula, Water Supply and Sanitation expert from 19th-22nd March 2013. Last visit of PMMC to Kohima was nearly 3-1/2 months ago.

During the visit, site visits to both the Water Supply Project and the Sanitary Landfill Site were made to assess the progress and discussions were held. The observations and progress of each site are enclosed. Overall comments are:

A. Water Supply Project-Tr-1: The contract was for 2 yrs, which expires in April 2013. Work is far from complete. It is estimated by SIPMIU that works will now be completed by October 2013, though in our opinion it is highly unlikely.

1. Construction of 18 tanks: So far only 2 tanks have been completed and these too have not been commissioned as they have yet to be tested for leaks and connected to the system. Work on another 7 sites is in progress, though slow. An alternate site for 5 tanks, which could not be constructed at the existing site, has just been finalized and work has to commence. Overall progress continues to be slow. Quality of work needs improvement.
2. Refurbishment of Water Treatment Plant: Civil work is progressing. We understand the equipment is ready for dispatch and is awaiting inspection by 3rd Party. However, additional power supply has yet to be organized and in its absence, new machinery including chlorinators may not be commissioned. SIPMIU is targeting to complete the works by 15.7.13.
3. During discussions at tank sites, we found that two sets of outlets have been provided, one for the existing system and the other for the proposed new "loop" system. The reason seems to be that PHED is not convinced that loop system will work in the absence of bulk water (for which the proposal and source of funds is still to be finalized by the State Government). The position of PHED, the user department, needs to be confirmed from the State Government else the new loop system will get laid at a cost of Rs 30 cr and not get used.

B. Construction of Sanitary Landfill Site and Compost Plant: This contract was for 2-1/2 yrs and expires in October 2013. Work is far from complete and site-grading work is still in hand. Building works are also in progress. It is estimated by SIPMIU that works will now be completed by end March 2014.

1. There are about 5-6 buildings to be constructed, which are in various initial stages of construction. About 70 workmen are working but much more can be employed. However, there seems to be a shortage of skilled labour.
2. Construction of compost plant building, which covers about 3500 sqm, is in preliminary stages and needs to be expedited, as the compost plant and other works cannot be completed till the building is erected.
3. Construction of electrical sub-station and getting power from the electricity department needs to be expedited as otherwise this will become a bottleneck.
4. With the impending onset of rains, SIPMIU will have to ensure that work continues. We were assured that but for heavy rain spells, work at site will continue.

C. Cash Flows: During the visit, it was brought our notice that work was suffering due to delays in reimbursement and shortage of funds. As per SIPMIU, delays are both at MoUD and at the State Treasury, which has resulted in the float of even Rs 10 cr provided to them being insufficient. We have requested SIPMIU to send us details of their claims and its reimbursement so that the point of delays i.e. SIPMIU, MoUD or the State Government could be identified and corrective steps taken. The statement from SIPMIU is awaited.

D. Progress of Reforms: In a meeting with IDC, we were informed that good progress is being made in reform work. Brief details are:

1. DEAS: Chart of Accounts and Manual for Nagaland has been made and submitted for approval by the State Government. Opening Balance has been finalized for 1.4.12. Manual entries are being made on accrual basis for 2012-13 jointly by IDC and KMC. 9 staff members have been trained. Customized Tally software is proposed to be used after receipt of computers by KMC under e-governance program.
2. Property Tax: A major breakthrough has been achieved in so far as the KMC and officials have agreed to consider imposition of property tax. Accordingly draft legislation has been submitted to the State Government for introduction of UAM based Property Tax. The various factors to be considered for determining UAM based tax have also been determined and specified. The factors include (a) Distance from Main Road, (b) Type of Construction (c) Use of building (d) Age of building. The values for each factor have also been specified.
3. GIS: The satellite imagery is to be procured. Process is underway. Data entry forms for household survey have been developed and tested. Awareness about survey and mapping is being created. Survey will start after receipt of imagery for NRSA.
4. Training: An exposure visit was arranged for counselors, officials and SIPMIU to Ahmedabad to see at first hand the working of the municipality after implementation of various reforms.

Encl: Site visit report of Mr. S.S. Narula (F - X)

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