
SHILLONG TOUR REPORT
(15th to 18th April 2013)

A visit was made to SIPMIU Shillong from 15th-18th April 2013, with the following objectives:

- (a) To monitor the progress of SWM project under Tr1 over the last 3 months.
- (b) To monitor the progress regarding formulation of DPR for extension of the SWM site under Tr-2.
- (c) To attend the Gender Sensitization Workshop of Shillong on 17.4.13.

Brief observations are as follows:

A. Visit to the Project Site of Sanitary Land fill Site:

- a. The last visit to the site was made nearly 4 months ago. The main achievement has been that the stone Masonry Retaining Wall is nearly ready. Work on construction of RCC retaining wall has to start. Its Preparatory work was in progress. The Contractor proposes to complete the 70m wall by end July 2013. Overall the work is still lagging well behind the schedule and it is unlikely to finish by the due date of September 2013. Even in terms of value, work of only about Rs 38 lakhs is done over the last 1-1/2 years. As per the contractor, availability of labor continues to be a major problem. He is devising some incentive plans for labor to improve their output.
- b. The compost plant has once again had another fire and was idling. A solution to the frequent fires must be found, if the garbage coming to the site has to be treated effectively. Part of the problem is the gases emanating from the garbage, while some of fires may be manmade to harvest the metal in the garbage. If necessary, a safe place away from dangers of spreading fire may be earmarked for this purpose.
- c. Based on the suggestions given by CPHEEO after the joint visit in December 2012, SIPMIU confirmed that the design of the retaining wall had been checked at IIT Guwahati and had been found to be structurally sound.
- d. The Bulldozer has been received. Work on the water storage tank is in hand, though progress is slow.
- e. A new Compactor has been received. It will be put to use shortly. The SMB now has two compactors. Its route planning and utilization plan is being finalized.

B. Revision of DPR for Phase-II of Marten Landfill site:

- a. Based on suggestions given by CPHEEO, the revised DPR is under preparation. The estimation of Garbage arriving at the landfill site has been carried out over a week and it has been found that about 52 vehicles are bringing about 120 MT of garbage to the landfill every day.
- b. The actual composition of waste arriving at the landfill and the composition of garbage fed into the compost plant after rag-pickers have removed the recyclables needs to be determined. This will give an accurate idea of what is recyclable, compostable and the inert which has to be disposed to the landfill. SIPMIU/DSMC may like to complete this exercise as well.
- c. The revised cost estimates also need to be completed and the DPR submitted for vetting by CPHEEO. SIPMIU was reminded that the checklist should be sent along with the DPR to ensure that the DPR complies with all the requirements of CPHEEO and their manual.

C. Gender Sensitization Workshop:

- a. The workshop was mainly for sensitizing the government staff and about 30 members attended the same. Copy of the program is enclosed. Mr. Rajib Ghosal from ADB made a presentation to explain ADB's perspective on Gender. The presentation of Mr. Paul, the Community Development Specialist of DSMC was good and appreciated by all. We propose to put up the presentations on the NERUDP website.
- b. A special mention also needs to be made of Ms Darilyn Syiem of 'North East Network', Shillong whose presentation on "Understanding Gender equity and

Women's Empowerment" was particularly illuminating. She brought out the changes required in our mind set and perception to address the gender issues. She could be resource person for Gender Workshops in other cities as well.

D. Social work done:

- a. Considerable work has been done to understand the IEC initiatives required to have a cleaner Shillong. Questionnaires were administered to the headmen and an opinion survey of commercial areas has been carried out. Insights gained are helpful in design of IEC and for vehicle route planning.
- b. Zero littering campaign has been carried out in 90 schools.
- c. 2 localities are being developed as model localities. A task force has been set up to manage waste handling

A few photographs of activities are enclosed.

Action Points:

1. Expedite the execution of the Phase-I Landfill Site.
2. Assess the actual composition of Garbage as fed to the compost plant for quantification of inert to be disposed in landfill site. Expedite Phase-II DPR.

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Gender workshop



Loading & segregation in compactor



New Compactor



Stone Masonary retaining Wall



Construction of water reservoir



Vehicles unloading garbage



Street cleaning in Police Bazar