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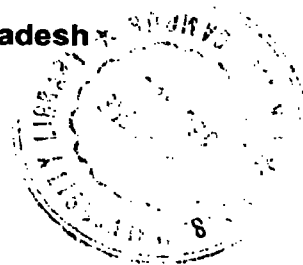
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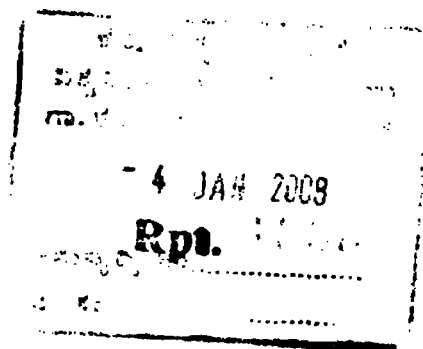
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Interdepartmental Workshop on “Linkages of NAP Scheme with other developmental departments to sustain the JFM programme beyond the NAP Project period in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh” was organized by Regional Centre, National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore on 11th and 12th January, 2007 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

The workshop was attended by 54 participants including Conservators of Forests, Divisional Forest Officers, Assistant Conservators of Forests, Range Forest Officers, officers from the Line Departments, NGOs, JFMC presidents and Resource persons from Forest Department, Government and Non-Government Organizations and Regional Centre, NAEB, Bangalore.

The workshop was inaugurated by **Sri. Onkar Singh, IFS**, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal officer (FDA), Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, Hyderabad. **Sri. Sidananda Kukrety, IFS**, Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati and **Dr. S. N. Jadhav, IFS**, Conservator of Forests, Anantapur Circle, Anantapur were the Guests of Honour. **Dr. S. N. Vajranabaihah**, Core-Group member, RC, NAEB, Bangalore welcomed the chief guests and participants. **Dr. G. M. Sujith**, RC, NAEB, Bangalore proposed vote of thanks. This was followed by Technical Sessions.

On the first day, during the technical sessions presentations were made by Forest officers from FDA and Line Departments on 3 major themes viz., 1) Role of Forest department and line departments in sustaining JFM programme; 2) Micro enterprises, value addition, marketing linkage and benefit sharing; 3) Social mobilization, capacity building and micro financing for sustaining JFMCs. Practical orientation about basket making from Lantana and agarbathi making were also shown to the participants.

On the second day, i.e., 12th January 2007 the participants were taken on a field visit to E. Palaguttapalli VSS (under CFM) and Gopalapuram VSS (under FDA), Bhakarapet Range, Chittoor East Division. In the afternoon, three groups

were formed under the leadership of **Sri. A. Rama Rao**, DFO cum CEO, Tirupati wildlife FDA, **Sri. T.V. Subba Reddy**, DFO cum CEO, Chittoor East FDA and **Sri. A. Nageshwara Rao**, DFO cum CEO Chittoor West FDA. After lengthy discussions among three groups several important recommendations emerged.

Sri. Onkar Singh, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, APFD, Hyderabad chaired the Plenary Session and addressed the participants. He also distributed certificates to the participants.

The subsequent parts will give the important recommendations followed by deliberations that took place in the Inaugural, Technical and Plenary Sessions.

RECOMMENDATIONS :

1. Identification of C.E.G. and Micro Enterprises should be done well in advance as per ground reality. This should be incorporated in Microplan after conducting PRA.
2. The allocation of funds under EPA should be released in the beginning of the programme for sustenance of VSS at the time of withdrawal scheme.
3. The grants towards SMC, EPA, fencing, micro-planning / PRA should not be on some percent basis of plantation cost, but it should be a fixed amount or a lump sum amount and it should be as per ground reality based on the felt need of the JFMC identified during the conduct of PRA.
4. To encourage Micro credits in VSS, the revolving fund should be released to the eligible VSS members – Common Interest Group in the beginning of the project for sustenance before closure of the FDA scheme.
5. Skill up-gradation in Bamboo handicrafts and production of Medicinal products is essential to VSS members and more micro enterprises should be established in these fields in systematic way.
6. There is need for identification of suitable skilled resource persons to train VSS members.
7. For training VSS members and skill up-gradation, common facility centers may be established at cluster level with all required tools, equipments in cooperation with line departments.
8. Identification of Marketing areas and develop mailing list.
9. Over exploitation of NWFP should be regulated.
10. The collection of NTFP from endemic and endogenous species should be discouraged.
11. Documentation of quantity of NTFP collected and place of collection are needed in every VSS.
12. Regeneration and conservation activities are to be taken up for the species, which are being exploited vigorously.

13. Establish storage go-downs at procurement centers by tapping funds from ITDA / VSS / VO / TRIFED / NGO and other organizations.
14. Part of sustainable collection by providing improved kits for sustainable and scientific tapping of MFP. E.g. Gum tapping kit, Honey harvesting kit, Solar driers, and Aromatic Oil Distillation units etc.
15. Uniform rates should be adopted for purchase of NWFP through out the state.
16. Direct channel / linkages should to be created to sale products of the VSS to major Organization / Users / Pharmaceutical industries / Exports.
17. Identification and development of social capital and Para professionals like Barefoot botanist, Community resource persons etc. should be taken up.
18. Net working of artisans for good marketing linkages should be developed.
19. Call centers should be established for addressing NWFP related issues at District level.
20. Marketing outlets for cluster of VSS / Range level / Division level should to be established.
21. A common exhibition centers should be organized for sale of products of VSS in district level or in tourist spots.
22. A common sales centers / counters for sale of Forest products prepared by VSS members may be established with wide publicity.
23. The NTFP prices and marketing channels, price ranges, the demand and supply schedules should be made known to the SHGs and VSS members at periodical intervals.
24. While formulating the project (FDA), the inputs from line departments such as Animal husbandry, Agriculture, Net cap, DRDA, DWMA, DIC, KVIB, Medical & Health etc. should be taken and incorporated in the plan.
25. The coordination of line departments should be solicited in conducting PRA and preparation of Micro plan and implementation of the scheme.

26. Research activities should be intensified to increase the productivity of the Forests and also usage of the waste material available like Bodha grass.
27. Skill up-gradation among the VSS members should be improved by conducting study tours and practical demonstrations.
28. The unit rates should not be fixed for any activity and the same should be fixed at field level based on the required field conditions.
29. SMC works should be increased to enhance growth of vegetation and to give more yield.
30. Different trainings should be conducted for motivation of the VSS members and Forest staff for implementation of the scheme.
31. Extra incentives should be given to the VSS, which does well in all fields or in any particular field.
32. Convergence of Forest Department and line departments should start from the stage of PRA and preparation of microplans. The role of different line departments should be summarized and implemented.
33. The VSSs should be strengthened in production of value added products and marketing facilities provided to decrease involvement of middlemen.
34. In order to reduce the dependence of VSS members on Forest produce non-forestry based micro enterprises should be promoted amongst VSS.
35. A Village development fund should be developed for Integrated Village Development by the Forest department and other line departments.
36. A federation of the JFMCs should be created by evolving a three-tier structure consisting of SHGs at the base, cluster level associations in the middle (10-20) and federation at the top consisting of 10-20 cluster level associations. This structure should discuss and plan for sustainable existence of JFMCs.
37. The line departments should provide funds for creation of community assets and the FDA / FD will pay more attention towards giving small tools and machineries as part of EPA's for value addition to locally available forest products and generate more income.

38. JFMCs should be made statutory bodies by making suitable amendments in the state Forest Act. This will enable the VSS/JFMC to have legal authority over its work.
39. The APFD should work with line Departments to develop efficient and feasible agro-forestry systems in the forest fringe villages to help in generating for their sustainability.
40. The program of JFM should be reviewed at district level meeting along with all line departments.
41. Line departments should be involved not only during the preparation of micro plan but even at the time of implementation.
42. In JFM areas where there is a problem of low voltage, Pongamia / Jatropha oil can be used in place of diesel to run generators. The generators can be given as part of EPA to run machineries installed to make value addition to forest products or for other micro enterprises.
43. The animal husbandry Department may explore possibility of supplying improved varieties of fodder grasses, legumes to be introduced in the JFM area, which can be used under cut and carry basis for encouraging animal husbandry.
44. It is high time Forest Department and line departments have to meet and join hands for implementing village Development programmes, rather than functioning in isolation.
45. At State and District level there should be a coordination and monitoring committee to review the interdepartmental linkage. Linkages should be institutionalized and strategies for convergence service by other line departments should be evolved.
46. Skill up gradation trainings should be conducted for the SHG/VFC members by specialist/agencies to increase their efficiency in income generation activities.
47. Publicity measures to be taken for the produces with quality trade mark, geographical registration and other relevant regulations.

INAUGURAL SESSION



Welcome by Dr. V. Vajranabhaiah,
RC, NAEB, Bangalore



Inauguration by the Chief Guest Sri. Onkar Singh, IFS,
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal
Officer (FDA), APFD, Hyderabad



Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest



Address by Sri. Sidhananda Kukrety, IFS
Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati



Address by Dr. S. N. Jadhav, IFS
Conservator of Forests, Ananthapur Circle
Ananthapur

INAUGURAL SESSION

The programme started with a welcome by **Dr. S. N. Vajranabhaiah**, Core-group member, RC, NAEB, Bangalore. In his welcome address he highlighted about RC, NAEB and the objectives of interdepartmental workshop. This was followed by inauguration and address by **Sri. Onkar Singh, IFS**, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FDA), Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, Hyderabad. **Sri. Sidhananda Kukrety, IFS**, Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati and **Dr. S. N. Jadhav, IFS**, Conservator of Forests, Anantapur Circle, Anantapur were the guests of honour and addressed the delegates.

In the inaugural address, **Sri. Onkar Singh, IFS** highlighted the importance of line departments like Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Social Welfare in association with Forest Department. He stressed the need of sustenance of JFM programme after the end of 10th five year plan. He mentioned that for every forestry scheme, the primary objective is conservation and development of forests. As a Nodal Officer for NAP scheme in Andhra Pradesh, he said that he was to assess the strengths and weaknesses of each Forest Development Agency (FDA) in Andhra Pradesh.

He said that fresh proposals have been sent for the continuation of NAP scheme for the 11th five year plan also. He said that in the coming five year plan the weaknesses which are experienced in 10th five year plan can be overcome.

He stressed on the ways and means of involving the line departments in FDA project implementation and involve them in interaction and discussion to come out with suitable recommendations and in turn RC, NAEB, Bangalore will send these recommendations to the Government of India.

He recommended that Animal Husbandry Department can be involved in Silvi-pasture model of FDA, Horticulture Department can be involved in the cultivation of medicinal plants, agriculture department can be involved in the Apiculture (Honey bee rearing), GCC can be involved in the value addition aspects of honey collected from the forests. He mentioned that Tribal Welfare Department and Rural Development Department can play a major role in the upliftment of tribes and rural poor whose livelihood comes from forests. He said that in Chittoor District three FDAs are functioning so there is a scope to involve line departments in FDA work and in Chittoor District the awareness is

also high. He opined that whatever recommendations emerged in the workshop and those will be the basis for FDA implementation in the 11th five year plan. He wished that during 11th five year plan there will be more funds for capacity building for both front line forest department staff and VSS members.

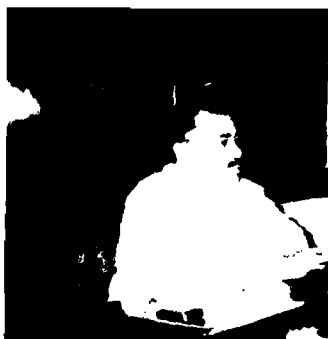
While addressing the participants **Sri. Sidhananda Kukrety**, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati stressed the need of involvement of line departments in both village developmental and forest developmental activities. He opined that Forest Department has to involve line departments in order to achieve its goal. He said that one set of principles in Forest Department may not be good for other departments by quoting an example of Animal Husbandry Department. Animal Husbandry Department stressed to allow free grazing where as it is restricted by forest department. In such situation, he opined that both departments have to sit together and sort out problems. He said that forestry crops / plantations have a long gestation period, it takes long time to get returns. So in such situations, he opined that more attention should be given to the activities which are other than forestry related for their livelihood enhancement.

Regarding the involvement of line departments in Chittoor District, he said that there are about 50 good examples in which various line departments are involved in forest developmental activities. He hoped that during 11th five year plan there will be a component of involvement of line departments in NAP scheme. He opined that the workshop would definitely address different feelings of the field officers of line departments and various constraints faced by them.

Dr. S. N. Jadhav, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Ananthapur Circle, said that for any programme implementation organization skill is important. As a Chairman of Chittoor West FDA (Territorial), he felt happy that line departments are involved in forest developmental activities. He opined that for successful implementation of NAP scheme, there should be involvement of line departments in each and every component of FDA. He stressed that more funds should be allocated for capacity building for forest department staff and VSS members. He opined that the organizers have chosen right place for organizing the Interdepartmental Workshop.

The session ended with vote of thanks by **Dr. G. M. Sujith**, RC, NAEB, Bangalore.

TECHNICAL SESSION



Sri. L. Murali



Sri. B. Venkateshwarlu



Sri.C.B. Jagadeeshwara Reddy



Dr. G. Somashekaram



Dr. R. Vijaya Kumar



Sri. A. Rama Rao



Dr. D. Surya Kumari



Sri. C. Made Gowda

TECHNICAL SESSION



Sri. C. P. Vinod Kumar



Sri. M. Y. Ajaya Kumar



Dr. N. Swami Rao



Sri. G. Harikumar



Basket making for Lantana



Sri. Onkar Singh, IFS, Observing
the basket made out of Lantana

TECHNICAL SESSION AND DISCUSSION

Technical Session of the workshop was moderated by **Dr. S. N. Vajranabhaiah**, Core-group member, RC, NAEB, Bangalore. In the technical session, several papers were presented under 3 major themes by various resource persons from Forest Department, Line Departments, Staff of RC, NAEB and resource persons from NGOs.

Major Themes :

- Role of Forest Department and Line Departments in sustaining JFM programme.
- Micro enterprises, value addition, marketing linkage and benefit sharing.
- Social mobilization, capacity building and micro-financing for sustaining JFMCs.

Papers presented in the Technical Session :

- 1) Role of Forest Department in village developmental activities and forest developmental activities in bettering livelihoods of forest fringe villages and problems if any.**

Resource persons who made presentations :

Sri. A. Rama Rao, Divisional Forest Officer cum Chief Executive Officer, Tirupati Wild Life FDA, Tirupati.

Sri. T. V. Subba Reddy, Divisional Forest Officer cum Chief Executive Officer, Chittoor East FDA, Chittoor.

Sri. A. Nageshwara Rao, Divisional Forest Officer cum Chief Executive Officer, Chittoor West FDA, Chittoor.

DISCUSSION

Dr. N. Swami Rao :- Have you supplied any horticultural seedlings to the VSS people as an Entry Point Activity ?

Sri. A. Rama Rao :- Yes, we have supplied coconut seedlings to the VSS members. We have purchased the coconut seedlings from government nurseries and supplied to the VSS members under FDA money.

Sri. M. Y. AjayaKumar :- NEDCAP have taken some activities like supply of smokeless chullahs in Chittoor West FDA. Whether that amount is spent out of FDA money or by any line department ?

Sri. A. Nageshwara Rao :- NEDCAP has taken some activities like supply of smokeless chullahs with APCFM scheme. It is the main department taking lot of activities in Chittoor district. But we have not spent FDA money for these activities.

Sri. Hari Prasad :- In FDA sites, wherever there is no people's participation what action you have taken to protect the plantations?

Sri. A. Rama Rao :- We have kept watch and ward wherever such problems are there. If the local stakeholders are not showing interest in protecting the plantation, in such cases we are employing local youth to protect the plantations, though this is not in the FDA guidelines. Guidelines say that local stakeholders have to involve in protecting the plantations. In rare cases we are forced to employ watch and ward.

Sri. T. V. Subba Reddy :- In some FDA areas where tribal population is more we are facing lot of problems in controlling grazing. There was a conflict between tribal people and other local villagers who are VSS members. In such cases we definitely need watch and ward for protecting the plantations.

Dr. S. N. Vajranabhaiah :- In Chittoor district, two wild life divisions are having FDAs. Keeping in the view of wild life population, is it possible to develop eco-tourism in those areas to sustain the livelihood of VSS people ?

Sri. Onkar Singh :- As per 1988 National Forest Policy, the people's participation in the forest development and protection was made mandatory. Whatever

new schemes we are implementing, the guidelines says people's participation is a mandatory. In some areas there is a non-cooperation by the local people because of lack of motivation skills, non-understanding of the concept of the scheme and lack of training to the departmental staff. In some cases there are overlapping of schemes. For eg: APCFM v/s NAP schemes. People are getting confused about different schemes. For this there should be a skill upgradation for both VSS members and departmental staff. There should be provision of lending micro-credit facilities to the VSS members in order to sustain the VSS during coming 11th five year plan. Regarding promotion of eco-tourism in wildlife areas, department has already promoted eco-tourism centers in the villages neighboring Talakona.

2) Role of line departments in implementing village developmental and forest developmental activities and difficulties experienced in their implementation in the Joint Forest Management Programme especially FDA schemes.

Resource persons who made presentations :

Sri. R. Ventakeshwarlu, Deputy Director, Agricultural Department, Chittoor District, Chittoor.

Dr. G. Somashekaram, Joint Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Chittoor District, Chittoor.

Sri. C. B. Jagadeeshwara Reddy, Deputy Manager, NEDCAP, Chittoor District, Chittoor.

Sri. L. Murali, Project Director, District Watershed Management Agency, Chittoor District, Chittoor.

Sri. M. Raghunandan Rao, Project Director, District Rural Development Agency Chittoor District, Chittoor.

DISCUSSION

Sri. Onkar Singh :- In what way the Agricultural Department is integrated with forest department or VSS members ?

Sri. R. Venkateshwarlu :- Agriculture Department is mainly giving training on Vermicompost preparation to the farmers/VSS members and we are the facilitators for buy back agreement between the farmers and external buyers for farmers produce/VSS members. Wherever lot of forest litter is available, there we are giving training to VSS members on preparation of vermicompost. Tirupati Wildlife FDA has given some money for this training programme.

Sri. A. Rama Rao :- Out of 28 VSS formed under Tirupati Wildlife FDA, Agriculture Department has given training on vermicompost preparation to 10 VSSs. We are requesting Agriculture Department to assist in marketing linkages for NTFPs collected by the VSS members.

Sri. R. Venkateshwarlu :- Definitely, the Agriculture Department is welcoming this offer.

Dr. G. M. Sujith :- You are expertised in promotion of improved fodder varieties. Are you promoting these improved fodder varieties to the VSS members so that the dependency of their cattle on the forests is reduced.

Dr. G. Somashekaram :- We are promoting seasonal fodder crops in the VSS area. Regarding perennial fodder crops which are to be raised in nurseries are given to the forest department nurseries. Then Forest Department will raise the fodder plantations in the VSS area.

Dr. S. N. Jadhav :- In Animal Husbandry Department, is there any programme or scheme to remove scrub cattle ?

Dr. G. Somashekaram :- There is no such scheme in Animal Husbandry Department.

Sri. Kanol Biswas :- In Ananthapur district, one progressive farmer has imported sheep semen from Australia. From that semen he started artificial

insemination to local sheep. The sheep got adjusted to local conditions. The production of meat is doubled within less period of time. One more thing is that under FDA, cattle component can also be included. In the preparation of micro plan, in addition to the cattle population, their grazing pattern, local conditions, how many cattle depend on forests, how many cattle are fed with stall feeding and impact of cattle on the plantations etc. If everybody is thinking that the cattle is the primary biotic pressure on the forests or plantations, one has to consider the above parameter.

Dr. G. Somashekaram :- Regarding the exotic breeds, most of them are acclimatized for stall feeding. This is the main advantage of the exotic breeds.

Dr. N. Swami Rao :- Normally subabul is promoted as a fodder species mixed with other legume fodders. It contains some toxic substances. What is your opinion regarding this ?

Dr. G. Someshekaram :- Subabul contains *Mimosin*. Some of the latest varieties like K-8 is free from the toxic substances. It does not affect the cattle health.

Dr. G. M. Sujith :- What is the cost of one solar cooker ?

Sri. C. B. Jagadeeshwara Reddy :- Total cost of one solar cooker is Rs.7,500/- . After deducting a subsidy of Rs.1,500/-, the cost is Rs.6,000/-.

Sri. Onkar Singh :- How is the performance of these solar cookers ?

Sri. C. B. Jagadeeshwara Reddy :- Performance wise these solar cookers are very good. But throughout the year we cannot expect the use from these solar cookers. There should be some back up for these.

Dr. S. N. Jadhav :- You said that one village is completely smokeless village. In that village, how many families are getting benefited out of installation of solar cookers and biogas plants ?

Sri. C. B. Jagadeeshwara Reddy :- Out of 36 families in that village 26 families have installed solar cookers and 23 families are installed with bio-gas plants. The total population of the village is 232.

Sri. Onkar Singh :- What problems did you come across while implementing SMC works in the field ?

Sri. L. Murali :- Main problem is the land demarcation. We are unable to know which is the forest land, private, revenue land and community land. Apart from this there is no other problem.

- 3) **Micro-enterprises, value addition, processing, storage, marketing, benefit sharing role of NGOs in social mobilization, awareness creation, motivation, capacity building, micro-credit, micro-finance and establishment of market linkages and supply of inputs and sale of forest produce by JFMCs.**

Resource Persons who made Presentations :

'Forest based micro enterprises and tools and machineries required for value addition to forest products to sustain income generation of JFMCs'

M. Y. AjayaKumar, RC, NAEB, Bangalore.

'Linkage of village Forest Committees with Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastha Shilpa Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for sustainable economic development of forest fringe villages'

I.H.P. Rao, Assistant Director (DC Handicrafts), Tirupati.

'Value addition to NTFPs, processing, storage, marketing etc to increase income to JFMCs'

C. Made Gowda, Research Associate, VGKK, B. R. Hills, Karnataka.

- 4) **'Management of benefit sharing and JFMC funds including VDF, VFDF etc. for forest resource improvement and sustaining JFM programme beyond the project period'**

Hari Kumar, Assistant Conservator of Forests (RS), O/o PCCF, Hyderabad

Dr. N. Swami Rao, Core Group Member, RC, NAEB, Bangalore.

5) 'Role of NGOs in awareness creation, motivation, capacity building and technical training for implementing micro enterprises by JFMCs'

Dr. (Smt.) D. Surya Kumari, Director, Centre for People's Forestry, Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

DISCUSSION

Sri. A. Rama Rao :- As a Divisional Forest Officer, I whole heartedly appreciate your work madam. We want to take up training from your organization and implement in our division with regard to broomstick making, market linkages and Apiculture (honey bee rearing), since local people are practicing crude methods.

Dr.(Smt) D. Surya Kumari :- I am highly thankful to your offer. We will definitely give training on these aspects and look forward to such collaborations.

Sri. Sidhananda Kukrety :- What is your recommendation to FDA guidelines to incorporate NGO's responsibilities and whether any marketing linkages are there with the VSS people other than Forest Department ?

Dr.(Smt) D. Surya Kumari :- The recommendation is that every FDA should take the services of NGOs for motivation, skill upgradation and training on capacity building. Regarding the marketing linkages, we are happy if any other department other than forest department is coming forward with our collaborations.

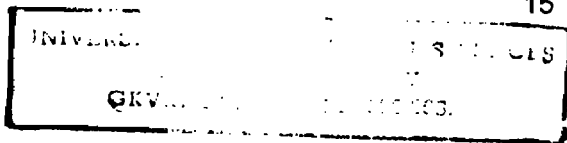
6) 'Micro-credit, micro finance and avenues for financial support for promoting micro enterprises for sustainable improvement in livelihood of JFMC members and promoting SHG-Bank linkage programme for successful micro-enterprises'

Dr. R. Vijay Kumar, Project Executive, NTFP Velugu Project, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

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- 7) **'Establishment of market linkages for supply of inputs and sale of forest produce by JFMCs'**

Sri. C. P. Vinod Kumar, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Bellampally, Andhra Pradesh

- 8) **Practical exposure to basket making from *Lantana* was demonstrated by Sri. Krishnappa and Agarbathi making by Sri. K. R. Kamaraj Reddy who had come from Palamner.**

FIELD VISIT



Participants interacting with VSS members of
E. Palaguttapalli VSS



Sri. Nagesh, Ex. President E. Palaguttapalli VSS
explaining the plantation activities carried out in VSS area



Participants were taken to see plantation site at
Gopalapuram VSS raised under FDA

**Field visit to E. Palaguttapalli VSS and Gopalapuram VSS,
Bhakarapet Range, Chittoor East FDA, Chittoor**

I. E. Palaguttapalli VSS Profile

Range	:	Bhakarapet
Division	:	Chittoor East (Wild life Division)
Name of the R.F.	:	Pulicherla R.F
Area allotted to VSS	:	38 ha
Date of formation of VSS	:	10-10-2001
Total VSS members	:	30 (Men : 15 & Women : 15)
No. of households	:	15
* VSS joint A/c No. & Bank	:	Savings Bank A/c No. 4448 SVG Bank, Kommireddigaripalli
Scheme under which VSS Formed	:	APCFM

Sl. No.	Entry Point Activities implemented	No. of beneficiaries	Amount Allocated
1.	Vermicomposting unit	7	Rs.8,500
2.	Apiculture (Honey rearing box on experimental basis)	1	Rs.6,500
3.	Small lathe house	For entire VSS	Rs.15,000
4.	Clonal nursery activity & fodder cultivation (extension of water facilities)	10	Rs.1,00,000
5.	Water pipeline repair	For entire VSS	Rs.9,000
6.	Small sheds for housing motor starters	For entire VSS	Rs.8,000
7.	Concrete bed for installing transformers	For entire VSS	Rs.4,000
8.	Bore well for irrigation of plantation	For entire VSS	Rs.29,000
9.	Ground level water storage tank	For entire VSS	Rs.50,000
10.	Deseeding machine	For entire VSS	Rs.60,000
11.	Solar dryer	For entire VSS	Rs.80,000

II. Gopalapuram VSS profile

Range	:	Bhakarapet
Division	:	Chittoor East (Wildlife Division)
Name of the R.F	:	Mungilipatta R.F
Area allotted to VSS	:	150 ha
Date of formation of VSS	:	12-09-1988
Total VSS members	:	43
No. of households	:	43
VSS joint A/c No & Bank	:	Savings Bank A/c No. 3647SVG Bank, Komireddugaripalli
Scheme under which VSS formed	:	NAP (FDA) scheme
<u>Plantations raised</u>	:	19 ha
1. ANR	:	10 ha
2. AR	:	5 ha
3. Pasture Development	:	1 ha
4. Medicinal Plants	:	2 ha
5. Herbs and shrubs	:	1 ha

GROUP DISCUSSION AND PLENARY SESSION



Group Discussion in progress



Presentation of recommendations by
the Group Leader



Sri. A. Rama Rao, DFO, WLM Division, Tirupati
receiving participatory certificate from the Chief Guest



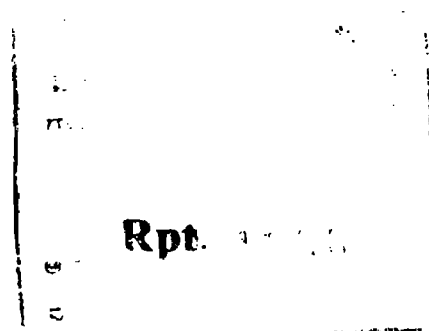
Sri. A. Nageshwara Rao, DFO, Chittoor West
Division receiving participatory certificate from the Chief Guest



Sri. T. V. Subba Reddy, DFO, WL Divison, Chittoor
receiving participatory certificate from the Chief Guest



Sri. T. Mallikarjuna, Range Forest Officer receiving
participatory certificate from the Chief Guest



PLENARY SESSION

Sri. Onkar Singh, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FDA), Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, Hyderabad, was the Chief Guest for the Plenary Session and distributed participation certificates to the participants.

In his concluding remarks said that there is a need to involve other line departments with Forest Department in order to promote village developmental activities and forest developmental activities. He hoped that the two days interdepartmental workshop has given some knowledge about where exactly one can involve line departments in forest developmental activities. He stressed on the grading of VSS into 4 categories i.e. Excellent, Very good, Good and Poor, so that one can know what went wrong in case of poorly performing VSS. He also said that small tools and machineries are to be provided to the VSS as an entry point activity in order to sustain the livelihood of VSS members. He thanked RC, NAEB, Bangalore for organizing the workshop in Tirupati.

Finally, vote of thanks was given by **Dr. G. M. Sujith**, RC, NAEB, Bangalore.

ANNEXURE

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