

Executive Summary

The "Special Project for Intensive Sheep Development (SPISD) in Anantnag, District", had been sanctioned in 2003-2004 (10.03.2003) for an outlay of Rs.1165.00 lakhs. Of this, Rs.395.25 lakhs is the Central Govt. share and, Rs.131.75 lakhs share of the State Govt., the balance Rs.638.00 lakhs is to come as credit from the financial institutions i.e. banks. The project has four-dimensional approach for sheep development. These are (i) infrastructure development; (ii) sheep rearing and development; (iii) human resource development; and, (iv) management support system. The project has outlay provision for each of the above.

Against this the Govt. of India, have hitherto released the first installment of Rs.158.10 lakhs only.

The expenditure incurred up end of July 2005, has been to the extent of Rs.149.74 lakhs i.e. 97.44% of the amount sanctioned amount so far. The amount Rs.51.22 lakhs was spent during 2004-05 and Rs.82.69 lakhs up to July 2005 (2005-06). The above expenditure includes an amount of Rs.14.39 lakhs paid as subsidy amount to 195 individual swarozgaris directly and, not through SHGs. Though the envisaged target under the project had been to establish 2000 units (where one beneficiary unit consist of 25 ewes and one stud ram) through 88 SHGs and, covering of 680 individual swarozgaris. Looking at this pace, the progress of the project is far from satisfactory.

The expenditure under individual components is e.g. (i) infrastructure development: Against the budget-head of 17.46% approved by Gol, the DRDA / SDD has spent 30.68% of the budget. That too for 195 individual swarozgaris, even though this number is far far below the target of 2000 units; 88 SHGs and, 680 individual swarozgaris as had been envisaged; (ii) sheep rearing and development: 69.12 percent of the total expenditure amount incurred up to July 05 has been spent on the purchase of ewes and mutton breed studs, whereas the budget outlay amount constitutes 70.59 percent. If almost whole of the budget outlay on this account has been spent for establishing (195 or 192) what proportion of funds would be required for the target number of 2000 units; 88 SHGs and, 680 individual swarozgaris? That further confirms, who spend, who monitors and, who cares for norms and, budget heads? ; (iii) human resource development: HRD has not received any attention under the scheme during its three year of operation so far;

The SHG concept and approach is totally missing. Listing a group of individual beneficiaries hurriedly and saying these are groups would not mean that SHG are being formed. The SGSY / SHG concept has to be properly nurtured and developed through various prescribed stages. It may be pertinent to mention that DRDA / Sheep Husbandry Department have been encouraging individual swarozgari and, not swarozgaris through a Self Help Group concept. This confirms that the beneficiaries identified by the Sheep Development Dept. are having a second dose of helping / support under the govt. programmes i.e. a supporting the same people over and over again. This calls for a separate study as to find out the factors not favoring formation of SHG under SPISD. Therefore, the SDD / PO, DRDA, may, therefore, critically examine this aspect so that only new / fresh and deserving beneficiaries are brought into the ambit of the Project.

The release of 2nd installment of central assistance be considered only after: -

- *PO, DRDA, Anantnag sends the audited accounts for the year 2003-04 and, 2004-05 to MORD, GOI*
- *The process of social mobilization for identification of potential beneficiaries and SHG formation has been taken up by the PO, DRDA, Anantnag in right earnest:*
- *The final list of the SHGs / swrojaris has been drawn up after due screening through the association of the Gram Sabhas.*

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