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### World Bank Mission Visited Nara Canal Rehabilitation Works

Task team leader of World Bank, Mr. Masood Ahmad had called for timely completion of ongoing works under the Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP) and earliest resolution of problems encountered during the tasks. He expressed his views in a meeting at Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority



(SIDA) Secretariat Hyderabad on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012. In the meeting Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Laghari, Managing Director SIDA, Dr Fatah Mari, Project Coordinator WSIP, Dr Yelli Dedja, Project Management and Consultant Agent, Mr. Zahid Junejo, Project Director, Consultants and SIDA officials were present. In meeting a committee was constituted which was assigned the task to survey the worksites and report the problems being faced. Mr.

Masood Ahmad urged the need of farmer organizations' cooperation with SIDA so that branches in their areas could be



rehabilitated at timely basis. He said that the farmer organizations' had a golden chance in the form of WSIP to get their Distributaries and Minors rehabilitated so that their water carrying capacity could be increased, and provision of water to tail end growers would be ensured. Mr. Masood Ahmad further said that farmer organizations' should collect abiana so that their distributaries could be maintained in future. On that occasion, Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Laghari, MD SIDA said that the farmers organizations were being trained under the WSIP, and the issues encountered during the rehabilitation work of distributaries will be resolved at the earliest. Earlier, the World Bank team visited Nara Canal near Sanghar, Ranto Canal, rehabilitation



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works of Berro Veeran, Kunbharo, Pudhar, and Ali Wah Large distributaries of Badin and met with the Farmer Organizations.

### Panel of Experts, approved 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of report on Regional Plan for Left Bank of Indus Delta & Coastal Zone.

A meeting of Panel of Experts on Preparation of regional Plan for the Left bank of Indus, Delta & Coastal Zone, was held which was presided over by Dr. Asadullah Kazi at SIDA Secretariat Hyderabad. In the meeting, the report of

which was the main reason behind excessive rainfall. He said that in the second phase of project, the report had



second phase was approved, and the consultants were directed to complete the third phase by October. Briefing the meeting, Dr. Carlos A Gandrilas, Team Leader of Louis-Berger Group said that Pakistan was undergoing rapid environmental and climatic changes,

suggested several structural and non structural changes to handle the immense amount of water. “These changes include maintenance of LBOD, widening of Drains, diverting LBOD towards Thar, planting of mangrove forests, Bio Saline Agriculture and others”, he said. Dr. Bagh Ali said that in the current season, 100mm rainfall was measured in the areas covered by LBOD, whereas its capacity was only for 50mm rain but due to recent maintenance work by SIDA, there was no breach in entire system. He said that the survey regarding rainfall in Ghotki and Sukkur was ongoing. Dr. Asadullah Kazi at the occasion said that he was satisfied from the report, but he feared that the third phase would not be completed by



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October; therefore request would be made to extend the deadline. “It’s a good signal that the LBOD would also carry water from Dhoras, which were previously blocked by its construction”, he said.

### **Member of Sindh Assembly Husnain Mirza met with irrigation officials on water shortage in Badin**

Mr. Hasnain Mirza, Member of Provincial Assembly has taken notice of water shortage in Badin and met with the irrigation officials on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at Kotri Barrage who briefed him regarding



the situation. On that occasion, Chief Engineer Kotri Barrage Mithal Abbasi informed that during June-July, a whopping 80% shortage of water was being encountered at the Kotri Barrage owing to which very low amount of water was supplied to Akram Wah and New Phuleli Canal. Chief Engineer further told

that the water shortage had been removed now, and the excess water was being released in the Kotri downstream. The Executive Engineer Phuleli Canal, Syed Aijaz Shah informed that the canal was receiving required quantity of water from the barrage. Mr. Hasnain Mirza also inquired about the maintenance work of Phuleli Canal. The consultant of Water Sector Improvement Project Mr. Khadim Memon said that the restoration and maintenance of Phuleli Canal came in the domain of Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP) and very soon it will start. After meeting Mr. Hasnain Mirza visited different head regulators of New Phuleli Canal and inquired the problems from the concerned officials. “Every possible step must be taken for the removal of water shortage from Badin, and if there’s any budget requirement, then I would raise the matter in Sindh Assembly”, said Mr. Hasnain Mirza. On that accession Mr. Agha Aijaz, Chief Engineer Sukkur Barrage, Mr. Zahid Junejo, Project Director WSIP, Mr. Suhail Mirza, Chairman Left Bank Canals Area Water Board Badin and Director Habib Ursani were also present.



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### **Kotri Barrage received half of its water supply during July 2012**

During the month of July 2012, the shortage of water at Kotri Barrage stood at 48%. According to Water Accord 1991, Kotri Barrage was to be supplied 34,200 cusecs of water in July's first week, whereas it was only supplied 17,630 cusecs. According to Director Left Bank



canals Area Water Board, due to shortage of water at Kotri Barrage, Akram Wah was provided only 2050 cusecs of water rather than 3460, which is 41% lesser, whereas the New Phuleli Canal was provided only 6765 cusecs of water instead of 13330 cusecs. The provision of water to tail end growers remained low due to the shortage of water.

### **LBCAWB announced rotation plan During July 2012**

The Left Bank Canals Area Water Board Badin has announced rotation plan during the month of July at sub-division level and operation against the water theft. According to a press statement Akram Wah and New Phuleli Canal which are under the administration of LBCAWB are experiencing 60% shortage of water, due to which rotation plan was announced. On the other hand, the teams of Left Bank Canals Area Water Board conducted raids and seized illegal pipes and water courses at Akram Wah and Phuleli Canal.

### **SIDA decides to improve recovery of Abiana**

A meeting on Abiana assessment & collection was held at SIDA secretariat on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Laghari, MD SIDA and among others present were Mr. Nazeer Essani, General Manager Transition SIDA, Mr. Naeem Memon, General Manage Finance, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan, Director Nara Canal Area Water Board Mirpurkhas, Mr. Habib Ursani, Director Left Bank Canals Area Water Board Badin, Mr. Anwer Ali siyal, Director Ghotki Feeder Canal Area



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Water Board Ghotki, Mr. Aftab Memon, Manager Revenue & Executive Engineers were present. During meeting it was decided that through arrangements of FO assemblies at sub division level aware the farmers about the importance of abiana to run Irrigation system. It was also decided that various committees in each AWBs will be constituted to prepare abiana collection policies and procedures and implement it accordingly. Moreover, it was unanimously agreed by all officials that various advertisements will be published in newspapers to immediately deposit the abiana otherwise the defaulters lists will be published in newspapers and also sent to Election Commission of Pakistan that no any person may also be allowed in election till clearance of all abiana dues. It was also decided that the receipts of abiana recently printed from Pakistan Security Printing Corporation may immediately be released at all sub-divisions by AWBs

### **LBCAWB, NCAWB & GFCAWB reduced water level in Canals during September 2012**

The Left Bank Canals Area Water Board Badin, Nara Canbal Area Water Board Mirpurkhas & ghotki Feeder canal Area Water Boards after the forecast of heavy

rainfall in September had reduced the water quantity in Akram Wah, Phuleli, Nara Canal & ghotki feeder Canal from 6<sup>th</sup> September. According to details, the MET office has forecasted heavy rainfall in the earlier two weeks of September, owing to



which the department had reduced the water carriage in the canals to avoid overflow and possible damages. After the passage of monsoon, the operation of canals was restored to their optimum position.

### **SIDA took intensive efforts for completion of CBC works**

A meeting was held at Nara Canal Area Water Board Mirpurkhas on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012 to review the progress and status of Community Based Contracts (CBC). The meeting was presided over by Mr. Nazir Memon, General Manager Transition and among others present were



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Mr. Jai Ram, Genral Manager Operation, Madam Farzana, Social Development Specialist, Mr. Abdul Rashed Mahar and representatives of Farmers Organizations. In this meeting all issues regarding completion of CBC works were discussed at length and decided that final extension will be given to all seven CBC contracts of Nara, Left Bank Canals AWBs without increasing on the original cost of contracts because work hampered due to recent rain fall in project areas. During meeting the FOs Kurna Minor, Boilo Minor, Kandiaro Minor, Ashabo Minor, Bhan Minor & Bilalani Minors have unanimously agreed that all CBC works would be completed during October 2012.

### **General Body meetings of FO Hingorno Minor & Dosso Distry held for Finalization of Location for FO office buildings.**

A General Body meeting of FO Hingorno minor was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 at Village Haji Sohrab Khan Rajar Union Council Hingorno. The main agenda of the meeting was to finalize the location for FO office building. Institutional Specialist SIDA, Resident Engineer PIC and representative of Contractor also participated in the meeting. After detail discussion all G.B members unanimously

decided that the FO office will be constructed at village Haji Sohrab Khan Rajar, union council Hingorno, taluka Sindhri, District Mirpurkhas. The R.E PIC and I.S SIDA briefed in detail about the scope of work on Hingorno minor. The General Body meeting of FO Dosso Distry was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at Union Council Phulahdion, Taluka



Sindhri. After detail discussion all G.B members unanimously decided that the FO office will be constructed at Dhaka Land of Dosso Distry, opposite Rural Health Center Phullahdion, Taluk Sindhri, District Mirpurkhas. After meeting all members visited the site of FO office location. The FO office location farm was signed by representatives of FOs and sent to Resident Engineer PIC and SDS SIDA for further process to establish the FOs offices on above mentioned places.



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### **SIDA arranged Trainings for capacity building of 22 FOs**

The Training Center SIDA arranged series of one day training to FOs of Nara & Left Bank Canal Area Water Boards on Planning & Channel O&M under WSIP. The trainings were mainly focused on Organizational Management, Abiana Assessment & Collection, Channel O&M



and Contract Management. Mainly the trainings were organized in collaboration of Social Development Cell and Social Staff of AWBs. The 182 members of Board of Management & General Body Members of 22 FOs Khahi Distry, Jumma Distry, Doso Distry, Hingorno Minor, Khori Minor, Rohro Minor, Dalore

Distry, Raj Wah Kadhan, More, Gorhao, Noor Wah, Gunj Bahr, Golarchi, Ahmed Rajo, Gorhari Minor, Pir Kandero Minor, Mehrab Minor, Jawariser Minor and various resource person attended these trainings.

### **Rehabilitation of Nara Canal & Construction of Head Regulators & fall structures are under way**

The rehabilitation of Nara Canal is being carried on under Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project. With the help of dredger machines, canal is being excavated to increase its water carrying capacity. Construction work of head regulator at lower Nara canal has been completed up to 70%, whereas it is about to start at Old Jumrao canal head regulator, which would make it possible to control the channeling of water with ease. Fall structures are being constructed





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at RD-110 and RD-550, of which the foundation of RD-110 is still being laid, and that of RD-550 has been laid successfully. Meanwhile, 10 RDs of Ranto Canal have already been excavated, whereas the Khipro canal is too being restored and tasks in it include heightening and strengthening of embankments, and excavation of canal from RD 0 to RD 70. All the head regulators and cross regulators of Khipro, Mithrao, and Mukhi ware canal are being reconstructed from scratch and in this regard, samples of soil have been sent to laboratories at an engineering university for examination.