

Brief Documentation on “One Day Program on Monitoring and Review Meeting with SCC on PDS Related Schemes:”

Venue: Phek Town Hall

Dated: 17/06/11

Time: 10 A.M

Total Number of Participants: sixty-three (63)

Representation from different organizational level During the Program:

1. CBCC Development Secretary
2. Social Concern Committee members
3. Publics and Community Leaders from Selected Villages
4. NDO Staffs

The NDO Staff welcomed all the participants and introduced what NDO is doing and also shared the reason why we are all here for this meeting. After the brief prayer the session started with Mr. Vicky from NDO on what is Right to Food and related schemes as the resource person. The resource person took time sharing and explaining on some of the major issues pertaining to the state Govt. sponsored schemes funded by Govt. of India. The main idea for organizing such program was to make people aware and study whether all the schemes are implemented in letter and spirit or not. With Right to Food becoming an act passed by the Supreme Court it is the responsibility for the citizens of India to claim their rights and monitor the service delivery system.

The Resource Person challenged the participants by saying that if there be any discrepancy in irregular implementation on Right to Food related schemes then public redressals can be organized highlighting the schemes and benefits supposed to be given to the public. In addition to this the resource person also shared that Right to information is also there which can be used as a tool to get information's on schemes which are to be kept in public domain.

The Development Secretary of CBCC took up another session where he also highlighted some of the key schemes that are implemented in their area. He also shared a concern saying that many a times those schemes do not reach the grass root/deserving people and vanishes half way. He shared that since most of the villages have SCC formed the common people can report to them if they notice any discrepancies and irregular implementation of the program.

After the presentation the floor was opened for general discussion to share individual experiences on how the food related schemes were implemented in their own local areas.

Some of the outcomes during the meeting were:

1. To take up the issue with ‘Social Concern Committee’ in all the villages if the programs are not implemented to the satisfaction of the beneficiaries.

2. To monitor the mid day meal schemes in Govt. run schools in the villages.
3. To study on Public Distribution schemes.
4. To verify the ICDS programs
5. Verification of old age pension schemes in respective areas.

Other issues that were discussed were:

1. National Family Benefit Scheme.
2. Maternity Benefit Scheme & JSY Scheme.
3. Mid Day Meal Schemes
4. NREGA Scheme.
5. PDS Schemes.
6. ICDS Schemes.
7. National Old Age Pension Scheme

The participants were also further encouraged and directed to form 'Social Concern Committee' in those respective villages who have not formed which in turn may also become a competent body to monitor and check all the govt. sponsored schemes for the benefit of the common people.

In order to understand the schemes and programs properly the participants requested the resource persons to have such training programs even in the days to come.

The program ended with a mass prayer which was followed by community lunch.

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