

CHAPTER VIII: MONITORING AND EVALUATION

8.1 Inspection and Supervision

The DC is responsible for monitoring and overall progress of implementation of various developmental programmes in the District and ensuring that they are executed within the specified time frame and approved budget. While most of the Central and State Plans specify the monitoring requirements in general, most schemes required that the DC should closely monitor the progress on a monthly/quarterly basis. The District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee is also required to review the progress of schemes every quarter. The State Government did not specify the extent of supervision to be carried out at various levels with regard to Developmental Works/Projects. The extent of supervision carried out at various levels is shown below:-

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Designated Officers	Percentage of Inspections to be carried out
Block Development Officer/Junior Engineer	100%
District Planning Officer	NA
Addl. DC/Addl. DM	NA
Sub-Divisional Officer	NA
Deputy Commissioner	approx. 75%
Officials from State Planning	NA

Source: Departmental Figures

Apart from the stipulated personal inspection and supervision, a review of the execution of schemes was also to be done through the periodical Review Reports and Statements of Expenditure (SOE) sent from various levels - GPs to the Blocks, Blocks to the DRDA/DC, DC to the State Government and to the Central Government with respect to Central schemes.

Information obtained from the DC and DRDA revealed that monitoring and supervision of the progress of implementation of various schemes in the District was perfunctory. The District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee and Governing Body met only four times during 2006-11. While the DC stated that field visits and inspections were carried out both by the DC, Planning Officer and Block Officers, there was no documentary evidence relating discussions held during such visits or decisions taken/follow up action initiated consequent to such inspections.

Due to weakness in the internal control mechanism in various departments in the district there were instances of misappropriation, wasteful expenditure, etc. which could have been avoided if the laid down rules and regulations have been properly followed as brought in the earlier paragraphs.

8.2 Grievance Redress Mechanism

The State Government had initiated a mechanism at District level for redress of grievances. But in Lower Subansiri District, the Grievance Cell had not yet been set up (August 2011). The DC stated that complaints are forwarded to the concerned Departments, who in turn address the same under intimation to the DC. However, there was nothing on record in support of this claim.

Recommendations

Supervision and inspection of the various schemes/projects undertaken by different departments in the districts should be carried out regularly so that corrective measures could be taken before too late.

Internal control mechanism of various departments involved in the implementation of schemes/projects and discharge of public responsibilities should be strengthened so that wasteful expenditure, misappropriation, etc could be prevented.

The grievance redress cell should be set up and grievances should be properly attended to