

## Fourth Day

The fourth day of the TOT was very prominent as special gram sabha was invited in gram panchayat Nanawa for social audit. All the participants and facilitators had reached gram Panchayat Nanawa till 10.30 am. People had started gathering in the ground near panchayat Ghar. Participants discussed their observations and data recorded in their respective groups. They were briefed about their tasks and advised to present their findings by keeping in mind the learning objective of TOT. Participants prepared their reports on charts.



At the outset, Pradhan Gram Panchayat Nanawa, Sh. Mehar Chand Dhiman welcomed the TOT team, Block development Officer Ghumarwien Sh. Suresh Chandel, all his villagers and thanked Sh. Rajeev Bansal, Course Director HIPA to select their gram Panchayat for social audit as a laboratory for training exercise. He assured that all gram panchayat members will work on these lines and implement the learnings for the development of their Panchayat.

Social Audit Committee could not be brought on the board since neither as per previous instructions/guidelines on social audit nor as per social audit Rules, no social audit committee was not constituted in GP. Therefore, one VMC member represented the forum of Gram Sabha.

Thereafter, he invited Sh. Rajeev Bansal to start the proceedings of the day. Sh. Bansal thanked all the gram sabha & gram panchayat members and district administration for allowing them to carry out this social audit exercise in their gram panchayat. He briefed about the objective of the TOT and day wise activities undertaken. He further shared the schedule of the Gram Sabha day i.e.



- Start with Chetna Geet,
- features of MNREGS,

- detailed report of works (ongoing/ completed) presentation by Panchayat Sahayak and
- report presentation by the groups.

He requested the villagers to give their reactions, raise their issues and clear their doubts.

Gram Sabha started with a motivating song (Hum honge kaamyab . . . . ) sung by the female participants of the TOT team which spread the positive vibrations in the atmosphere. Gram Panchayat Pradhan invited BDO Ghumarwin to address the people. Sh. Chandel welcomed the ToT group participants & thanked all the villagers for their active participation. He also requested them to take Social Audit in a positive way as this is a very good platform for the community to share their issues. Ms. Pooja Sharma presented the MNREG scheme to all the villagers covering all the provisions, rights and entitlements besides laying special stress on land development works of small and marginal farmers. After this, Panchayat Sahayak shared detail of works (ongoing/ completed) one by one. People raised queries to many issues related with the construction of Tanks, roads; less assessment based wages etc. and asked for clarification from Pradhan and other members. The queries raised by the people were resolved by Pradhan and BDO Ghumarwin.



Thereafter all the four groups shared their reports with the gram sabha members/villagers.

## FINDINGS

### Community Mobilization Group



#### (Group Facilitator- Sh. Suresh Chandel)

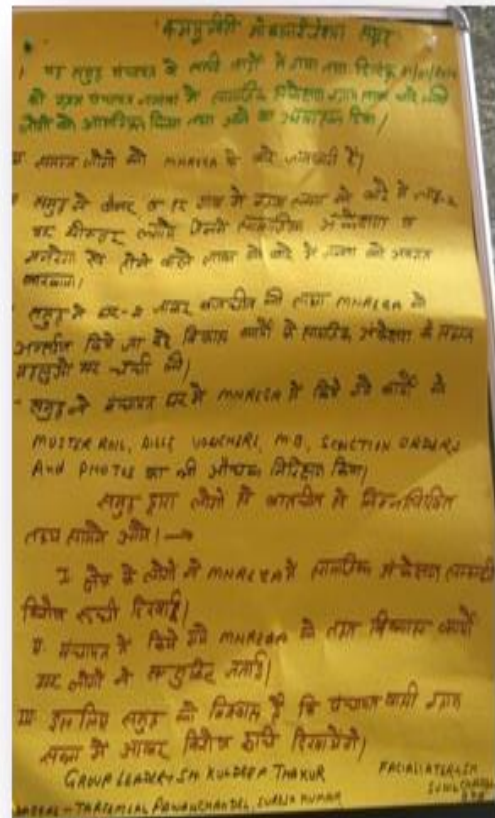
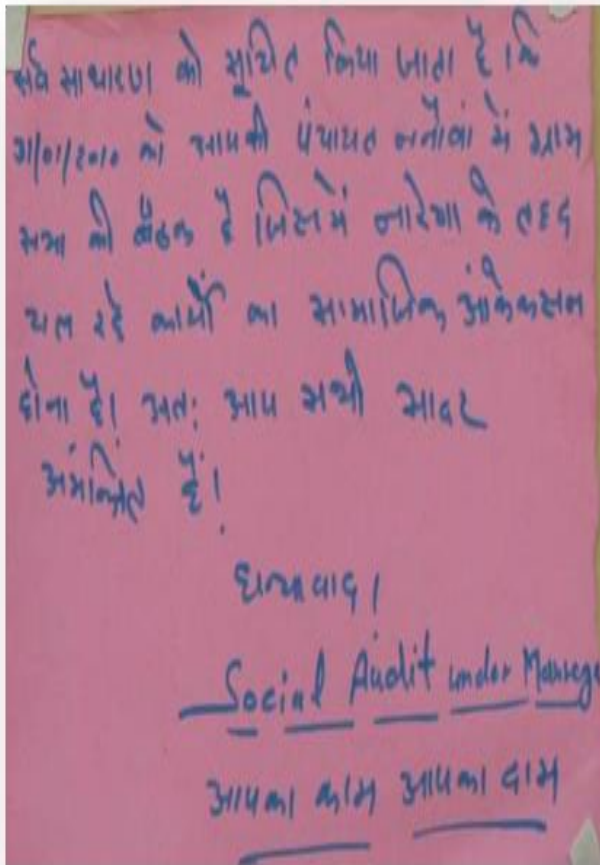
Sh. Kuldeep Singh Thakur presented the group activities undertaken by their group and made observations on the basis of their findings.

### Activities

- Visited every household in each ward
- Information dissemination about MNREGA ,Social Audit and special gram sabha meeting
- Pasting of invitation notice of gram sabha meeting under social Audit
- Discussion with community

### Observations

- Lack of knowledge on MNREGA
- Enthusiasm in the villagers for the gram sabha meeting
- Villagers assured for satisfactory works under MNREGS



## Box-X

### Data Verification Group (Group Facilitator- Ms. Pooja Sharma)

The data collected and issues highlighted were as under:

#### Registration in Job Card Register

- Entries of names found but photographs were missing and if photos were found then entries were missing in many cases
- Signatures of the applicant as well as authority were missing
- More than one members of a family worked but entries of their names were missing
- Tampering of entries
- Un attested photographs
- Ambiguous in entries

#### Work Application

- No date mentioned on the work application received by gram Panchayat
- Rough receipts given to applicants but Panchayat had no record of it.
- Ward Panch informs about work allotment to the workers. Panchayat does not take any initiative to publicize the list of has allotted work to worker.

- Work allocated to certain workers for more than 100 days

#### Payment of wages

- Delayed payment
- Bank payment only
- No case of unemployment allowance
- Payment for more than 100 days in some cases

#### Others

- No facilities at work sites (first aid box, water, shade etc.)
- No notice board/ information on any work site
- No complaint register at work sites
- Lack of awareness of workers on social audit as well as entitlements under MNREGA
- No idea about Social Audit Committee (SAC) as well as other village level committees

## Box-XI

### Suggestions

- There is a great need to instruct the GRS and Panchayat Sahayak/ Secretary for keeping and maintaining records properly
- Need to sort out the issue of delayed payment of wages on priority basis
- Ensuring implementation of different provisions of MNREGS at each level in a dedicated manner.

### Muster Roll Watch (Group Facilitator- Sh. Rajeev Bansal)

The findings of the group were as under:

## Box-XII

### Observations

- Muster roll found at work site but entries viz. muster roll number and sanctioned amount etc. were missing.
- There were 7 workers present on the worksite on the particular day against the muster roll of 19 workers but job cards of all 19 workers were kept on the work site with the Ward Panch.
- Renovation of damaged irrigation Kullah had unrealistic technical feasibility and planning since restoration measures were apparently inadequate.
- No arrangements of first aid box and other work site facilities except at one site i.e. arrangement of fire in view of cold weather for the workers to warm up themselves.
- Lack of knowledge of workers about their rights.
- Un-skilled and skilled workers on one Muster-roll which was not attested by Ward Panch/Pradhan.
- Delay in payment of 3-4 muster rolls and muster rolls where payment have been disbursed, were not signed by workers.
- No entry of names of some workers on muster rolls.
- No entry of wage rate/ total wages of workers
- Job cards found with photographs but had unfilled entries
- Entries of more than one person on job cards but no photographs were there.

## Physical Verification Group (Group Facilitator- Sh. Gulshan Rai)

The group presented the physical verification report for selected works

### Box-XIII

#### Name of Work

Leveling of playground Govt. Primary School, Baloh (Completed) **ward no. 5**

#### Analysis

- Improper leveling of playground
- No drainage system
- No sign board at work site

#### Suggestions

- Central location should be selected for ground.
- There should be arrangements for cross drainage
- Sign board to be fixed with at the time of start of work.

### Box-XIV

#### Name of Work

- 1) Construction of irrigation Kulah (Manni Khad to Siv Ram Khet) (Ongoing) **ward no. 6**
- 2) Construciton of irrigation kulah from Prem Singh Land to Bharol (Ongoing) **ward no.3**

#### Analysis

- Improper cross section of Kulah
- No proper arrangements for drainage
- No sign board at work site

#### Suggestions

- Cross section of Kulah should be triplo Zodal
- Proper planning of work
- There should be proper drainage system

### Box-XV

#### Name of Work

Construction of bridge along with the shop of Jagdish Village Daragadi near Mandri Ghat (Completed) **ward no. 7**

#### Analysis

- Improper shuttering of beam
- Improper cover of rod and crushed stones
- No sign board on work site

#### Suggestions

- Level of crushed stones should be properly checked before shuttering and laying of slab
- Opening period for shuttering should not be less than 28 day and watering for 21 days
- Cover of rod and stones should be 1"
- Sign board can be fixed with the start of work at work site

As the villagers were raising their issues, Dr. Shailendra Dwivedi, Senior Technical Specialist, GTZ intervened linking their issues with the importance of people participation in governance affairs. He told that the main constraint in the success of gram sabha meeting and delay in grievance redressal system is people's ignorance and lack of awareness about gram sabha. Their participation in the gram sabha meetings is an effective tool for their development.

Thereafter Sh. Rajeev Bansal requested Dr. Shailender Kumar Dwivedi to share his views with the villagers. Dr. Dwivedi played a vital role in giving a platform to those people who were lacking to raise their issues and wanted their queries to be resolved by the panchayat representatives. On Social Audit, people told that such type of meetings provide a good platform to every section of the society residing in the sabha area to raise their voices and would be a contributing factor for the decentralized development. The various issues raised by the villagers are mentioned as under:

#### **Box-XVI**

1. Sumna Devi raised her voice on the issue of under wage payment in construction of water tank (Sher Singh)
2. Many people inquired about -
  - Overlooking of shelves on rural connectivity by the gram panchayat.
  - Construction of Kuhl from Samlyana to Jablyana (Incomplete)
  - Delayed payments.
  - Improper planning for construction of water conservation tanks of ward members and unrealistic technical feasibility.
  - Construction of water conservation tanks of ward members.

People also put their demands i.e.

- Maintenance of road as encroached at one end
- Maintenance of traditional Bauli (natural water resource)

#### **Suggestions**

Officers/officials from different line departments should also be made accountable for their reluctant attitude towards attending gram sabha meetings.

Concluding the Gram Sabha meeting, Panchayat Sahayak recorded and read the proceedings of the meeting. Pradhan gram panchayat Nanawa raised an issue that there must be provision of Social Audit of the line departments. He thanked to all the villagers as well as the TOT team.