

Proceedings of the pre budget consultation and validation of District Charter of Demands held on 20th January 2015 at COATS conference hall, Koraput, Odisha .

Inaugural Session:

The registration of participants started at 10.30 AM. At 11.30 the meeting started with the welcome address by Sri Susanta Kumar Balabantray, Secretary, PRASTUTEE. Thereafter Dr Anup Kumar Mohanty, consultant to DBWG elaborately discussed the findings of the block level observations made by the team members during their visit to various blocks to find out the ground realities of some of the basic issues. He presented the findings of the team on livelihood, health, education, women & child development (ICDS Project) and ST and SC sub plan through power point presentation and opened it for discussion. Sri Surendra Sahoo, discussed about the process of budget consultation at the state level and its impact on the state budget. Then there was thematic discussion on the five selected themes.



Objective of the Consultation:

The core objective of the Preparatory Meeting:

- To involve and create enabling environment for discussion and extracting valid information to incorporate and validation of Draft District Charter of Demand 2015-16 by the member of District Budget Watch Group , functionaries and Media personnel .
- To discuss the selective theme based issues for validation of District Charter of Demands 2015-16 .
- To finalise the District Charter of Demands 2015-16 & to disseminate in different forums and through persons advocacy for fulfilling the demands.

Afternoon Session:

Livelihood: Sri Sanjeev Kumar Rout, Agriculture officer, OTELP emphasised on the point that as agriculture is the main occupation of majority of the population of the district, soil testing laboratories at the block level should be established. Sri Susanta Mohanty, discussed how there is no government assistance for the cash crops like lemon grass and cotton by the Bandhugaon block farmers and he raised the issue that the money lenders are playing a big role in financing and exploiting the farmers. Dr P C Mohapatra, Director COATS, raised the issue of a large number of vacancies in every department including agriculture and horticulture departments which hamper the productivity. Dr Jagabandhu Samal, Professor Tribal Studies demanded that threshing floors should be made available in each GP for the convenience of the farmers. Sri Surendra Karan, Director CDRT emphasised on creating more irrigation potentiality for the farmers of the district. Sri Panchanan Pradhan emphasised on role of MGNREGA in the farm sector.



Health: Unanimously it was decided by all the participants to demand for immediate filling up of the vacant doctor and paramedical staff in all the medicals of the district and provision of quarters for the staff. Sri Ajit Patra emphasised on the need for provision in every hospital the hand wash facility to minimise the epidemics. Smt. Baijayanti Karan demanded provision for more delivery points in remote areas and provision for 102 services in all places.

Education: Dr P C Mohapatra elaborated on the importance of motivational training programmes among the teachers at regular intervals to boost the confidence of the teachers. He also raised his concern over large scale vacancies in the supervisory posts in education departments which need to be filled up urgently. Sri Nabin Garada discussed that there should be provision of travelling allowance to the school supervisors to meet the travelling expenses. Sri Surendra Karan, Director CDRT emphasised on the importance of providing cluster Hostel facility at the GP level for the employees various departments of each GP of the district. Dr Jagabadhu Samal demanded provision for sports infrastructure and equipments for each school of the district. Sri Susanta Mohapatra suggested involving the PRI members in the development of schools.



Post lunch session:

Women & child Development: Sri Ajit Kumar Patra, Advocate and social activist emphasised on checking the migration of child labour to different parts of the country and to strictly monitor the child labour employed in various works in the district. Smt. Baijayanti Karan emphasised that there should be temporary shelters at each block exclusively for the women so that those who are unable to return to their villages due to various works can take rest there. Miss Namita Majhi, faculty Coats, Koraput demanded that in every government office there should be some waiting room for the ladies.

TSP & SCSP: The members present analysed the allotment figures given by ITDA, Koraput to various departments for the development of ST people and it was decided that each department spending ST & SC sub plan money should provide the amount of expenditure and the number of beneficiary of that community. Sri Ajit Patra, gave stress on **free distribution of caste and tribe certificate** and record of rights to the poor tribal and SC people. Sri Panchanan Pradhan demanded that there should be **model tribal village** in every GP.

Discussion Findings:

The discussion finding will be incorporated in District Charter of Demand 2015-16 & Attached here with separately (Again if you will add anything please send email to: prastutee@rediffmail.com)

At about 2.00pm the members took a break for lunch. Again at 3.00pm the session resumed and the points which were discussed in the morning session were consolidated to points. The meeting was over with a vote of thanks by Sri Susanta Kumar Balabantray.

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