

MEMBER SECRETARY'S REVIEW OF SBF WORKS IN VELLORE DISTRICT.

Thiru. Anil Meshram, IAS, Member Secretary, State Planning Commission, Chennai reviewed the work progress of the works sanctioned under SBF in Kandili, Alangayam and Timiri blocks of Vellore District. Dr.R. Nandagopal, District Collector and Dr.Leela Subramaniam District Planning Chairman and President, District Panchayat were also presented during the meeting.

All the water harvesting structures and check dam construction works were reviewed for its impact and altogether a total of 44 checkdams and 2 percolation ponds with recharge shafts were taken for the review. Member secretary emphasized the need for quantification in terms of pre and post project increase in water table, additional cropping area benefitted through the project and the implementing agency should submit a report on the above parameter along with the increased cropping area in the project sites.

The Member Secretary inspected the water harvesting works done by Agricultural Engineering Department at Vanakkambadi village, Timiri block. Planting of palmyrah and vettiver on the bunds were done for strengthening the bunds and to mitigate the soil erosion problems.



The Member Secretary along with the Chairman, District Panchayat visited Chennasamudhiram village and interacted with the beneficiaries of goat distribution scheme implemented by Puduvazhvu project. The details on number of animals distributed under SBF, trainings programme imparted, vet

health service extended and additional income enhancement by the way of goat rearing were checked with the beneficiaries in person. The Member secretary also instructed the officials to provide the variety of goats that could be withstand the local climatic conditions to the beneficiaries.

