

MEETING OF CADA FOR TIP HELD

September 27, 2024

The 2nd meeting of the Command Area Development Authority (CADA) for the Tillari Irrigation Project was held under the Chairmanship of Minister of Water Resources Shri Subhash Shirodkar, in the Conference Hall Mantralaya today. The meeting was attended by the Board members, among them were Shri Subhash Chandra, IAS Secretary Water Resources & Executive director CAD, Dr Chandrakant Shetye, MLA Bicholim, Shri Praveen Arlekar, MLA Pernem, Adv Carlos Ferreira, MLA Aldona and Shri Premendra Shet MLA Mayem. Director ICAR, Agriculture Department, Land survey dept ,NGO, members of Water User Association, Pramod Badami, Chief Engineer Water Resources and Shri Dyaneshwar Salelkar, Superintending Engineer CADA and other Engineers.

In his opening remarks Shri Shirodkar highlighted the far sightedness of our leaders Shri Dayanand Bandodkar and others due to which this project was possible and now it our duty to ensure that the benefits of the projects are fully utilized cultivating maximum area, creating employment and income generation for about 17000 families by Bicholim, Bardez and Pernem taluka.

Shri Shirodkar stressed on the need for other user departments like agriculture, animal husbandry, dairy farming, cooperation, small scale industry etc to work hand in hand with dedication on a Mission mode to make the best use of the resource, and said that he will be personally monitor the progress of the work.

The Chief Engineer explained the salient features about the interstate tillari irrigation project Shri D Y Salelkar, Supt Engineer, presented the progress made on the directions issued in the 1st CADA meeting.

The Boards members held detailed discussions on the maintenance of damaged canals both in Goa and Maharashtra. Shri Subhash Chandra, IAS informed that the canal repairs are underway in the State and about 7 kms is completed and the balance will be taken up this year. All canals shall be completed by May 2025, he added.

Dr Chandrakant Shetye, urged the CAD board to keep proper vigil in the command area of TIP and ensure there no violations are observed in the commanded area. Shri Carlos Ferreira suggested that the farmers needs to be trained and guided, the farmer needs to be trained and hand held to ensure that he succeeds.

MLA's Shri Premendra Shet and Praveen Arlekar requested that the canal works should be completed at the earliest to ensure that the farmers get water in a

timely manner and these areas which are not covered be brought under irrigation. Shri Shet requested for additional subsidy for the veterinary activities in command area.

The CADA board adopted the Command Area Development Management Programme scheme notified under Sec 17 of the CAD Act and since no objections were pending resolved for its final notification under section 18 of the CAD Act.

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