Visit of Central Team at Attappadi on 27/09/2017.

- Commissioner for Rural Development was assigned to represent LSGD to assist the Central Team at Attappadi visit headed by Secretary, GoI, Joint Secretary, GoI etc... for the review of Tribal welfare programs in the context of Forest Dwelling Act 2006.
- The CRD along with Tribal Director, District Collector, Forest official, other department officials and PRI members accompanied the team at the site visit and interaction sections as follows:-

1. Model Residential School, Mukkali, Attappadi:-
   - The discipline of the school children impressed the team.
   - The school children performed arts forms in front of the scheme.
   - The buildings and other infrastructure facilities of the school was satisfied.
   - The demand of the school children and authorities there in to start +1 and +2 courses in the school that heard the central team and they offered “considering their demand”

2. KavundikkalOoruAgali Grama Panchayath:-

   The team proceeded to KavundikkalOoru and visited the houses constructed, toilets, drinking water facilities and addressed other social issues. They further visited a Tamil medium Tribal School and interacted with students and teachers and the gathered tribal mass and heard the issues. The issues flagged are:

   - The families required more houses as the families split as sub families following their marriages. Officials reported that State government has initiated LIFE mission to provide total housing and directed ITDP office to make include all eligible families under the Survey purposed to LIFE mission.
   - The piped drinking water is not getting them 24x7 so the KWA was directed to ensure the incessant water supply at 24x7.
   - The school is in Tamil medium and they have started Malayalam and it has to be intensified or fully shift to Malayalam medium
3. Dhundoor Ooru in Agali Panchayath.

Then the team proceeded to Dhundoor Tribal settlement.

- The families interacted with the team and they demanded land for agriculture purpose for their livelihood. The sub collector informed that the land were given to the Tribal families as part of state government initiative and said that any gap in distribution will be looked in to.
- The team observed that the Health workers are not giving proper nursing assistance to the old aged Tribals who ill down at Home.
- In order to reduce the malnutrition and to avoid the child death the team proposed intensive orientation in partnership with ICDS.

4. Kottathara Tribal Hospital:

- The team then proceeded to Kottathara Tribal Hospital and visited inpatients who were admitted to the hospital and other facilities such as operation theatre, pharmacy etc...
- The shortage of doctors observed and particularly the Gynec that only one doctor is in position. There are about 400 OPs every day and about 100 inpatients.
- Immunization status reviewed
- Mother Mortality Rate and Child Mortality Rate reviewed.
- Nutritional status reviewed.

1. Debriefing done at IB Mukkali and ended the visit.

The next day i.e. on 28/09/2017 the CRD made visit and review at Poverty Alleviation Unit, Palakkad.

Observations and suggestions:-

- Under PMAY the huge spill over houses projected to 2576 and the CRD directed the PD to make out a time line and strategy to complete all spill over houses by December and latest by March 2018.
- The CRD reviewed the performance of plan fund utilization of Block Panchayath and observed that more than 50% of the Block panchayths show the performance of achievements below 13%. He directed ADC and PD to conduct review meetings with implementing agencies and make progress as directed by the government.
• Under PMGSY the pending DPR for a work proposed to be cleared soon and suggested PD to spare vehicle for the purpose of PMGSY in case for remote area inspections.

• Watershed approach is essential in addressing to the drought mitigation and drinking water shortage and the CRD directed watershed team to prepare a plan of action and to submit to the CRD within a week.

• The stock like Van, Motorbike etc. from Serifed to CRD is now idle and the CRD directed to examine the stock and report the status.

• The Mission water conservation activities to be taken up as a model in the district and CRD asked the MGNREGA team to support the initiative.

• The focus area activities under MGNREGA have to be given more priority.

• Audit of accounts in the office by the Chartered Accountant to be done at the earliest and submit 2nd installment claims to GoI timely.

• The progress of RIDF works is very slow and it is directed to make review with the implementing agencies by the PD and ensure timely completion and submit claims for reimbursement from NABARD.

• For MKSP the labour group has to be given more facilities and provide them jobs in paddy fields.

Then the CRD visited Alathur Block in the Afternoon

• Interacted with the PRI members and reviewed the low progress of plan fund utilization which is only 9% against 40% in this quarter.

• The CRD then assessed the works of Extension officers and asked to expedite their targets.

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