



HIMACHAL PRADESH JICA AGRICULTURE PROJECT-II

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DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENT



JICA Review Mission lauds Project's Works in Gharat Irrigation Scheme Area

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The JICA review mission is being led by Mr. Takeuchi Takuro, Chief Representative of JICA-India, while the members include Ms. Iwamoto Taeko, Representative of JICA-India, and Ms. Nishtha Vengurlekar, Development Specialist of JICA-India. Project staff welcomed the members of the JICA Review Mission, who arrived at Hamirpur with Project Director Dr. Sunil Chauhan and Senior

Advisor B.S. Sandhu Hamirpur. The mission visited the Gharat Lift Irrigation Project located in the Block Project Management Unit of Hamirpur. The Gharat Lift Irrigation Project has been constructed at a cost of approximately Rs. 43.17 lakh, ensuring irrigation to approximately 14.22 hectares of land and benefiting 14 farmer families. This irrigation scheme was handed over to the Farmers' Development Association in January this year. The mission interacted with the management members of the Farmers' Development Association. The mission appreciated the work being done by the project in the irrigation scheme. The JICA mid-term review mission held a meeting at the project headquarters with officials from the State Project Management Unit, District Project Management Units, and Project Management Consultancy to review the project works.

Project Director Dr. Sunil Chauhan gave a presentation on the progress made in the project

and highlighted the innovations being implemented for the prosperity of farmers. The JICA Review Mission also discussed various issues with the project staff.

The review meeting, held at the headquarters, was attended by Project Director Dr. Sunil Chauhan, Senior Advisor B.S. Sandhu, Finance Officer Rakeep Sharma, Deputy Project Directors Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Kartar Singh and Dr. D.D. Sharma, along with District Project Managers Dr. Rajinder Singh (Solan), Dr. Hem Raj (Mandi), Dr. Santosh Sharma (Hamirpur), Dr. Y.P. Kaushal (Palampur), and subject matter specialists from the State Project Management Unit, Dr. Ashish Anand, Dr. Rakesh Sharma and Dr. Jagdish Janjihi, and field staff. Also present at the meeting included Naresh Goyal, Technical Director, Team Leader Suman Sijapati, Co-Team Leader Anil Agarwal, and the experts of the Project Management Consultancy Unit.

