HIMACHAL PRADESH JICA AGRICULTURE PROJECT-II

SPECIAL DIARY

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Khaldhar Flow Irrigation Scheme Dedicated to Farmers through KVA in the presence of BDC Member Sh. Bhupinder Thakur



Solan, Sept 24:- The Block Project Management Unit (BPMU), Solan, after the completed the construction of the Flow Irrigation Scheme Khaldhar, dedicated the scheme to the farmers on 24th September through Krishak Vikas Association (KVA). Dr Rajendra Thakur- Distt Project Manager, Solan handed over the certificate of transfer to the KVA president in presence of the Sh. Bhupinder Thakur- BDC member, and the officials of the Project Management Units.

Sh. Virender Kashyap, Vice-President; Mrs. Mamta, Secretary; and Mr. Rudradutt, Treasurer, along with representative beneficiary farmers, Er. Gaurav Thakur, Construction Engineer, Er. Ankit Thakur, Junior Engineer, Er. Vikas Thakur, Junior Engineer, Mr. Abhishek Chauhan, Agriculture Extension Officer, Ms. Meenakshi, Agriculture Extension Officer.

The irrigation scheme constructed by the HP JICA Agriculture Project-II, JICA-ODA, provides irrigation facilities to an area of 87.83 hectares. Prior to the reconstruction of the Kuhl, farmers were cultivating vegetables on approximately 22 hectares of land. With the improved availability of irrigation water, the area under vegetable cultivation is expected to increase to approximately 75 hectares. The scheme is benefiting 187 farmers families to enhance agricultural productivity, production and farm income.



The infrastructure developed under the project comprises approximately 16 kilometres of Kuhl, 37 retaining walls, and approximately 300 metres of GI pipeline. The total expenditure incurred on the construction of the irrigation scheme is approximately ₹2 crore. The project has also provided agricultural equipment of ₹4, 41,520 to farmers to facilitate agricultural operations and promote improved farming practices.

The responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Khaldhar Flow Irrigation Scheme has been entrusted to the Khaldhar Krishak Vikas Association (KVA), Khaldhar. To facilitate the maintenance of the irrigation infrastructure, an amount of approximately ₹35,000 has been deposited by the beneficiaries in the KVA's bank account.

This arrangement is intended to strengthen community participation, ensure the proper upkeep of the irrigation system, and support its long-term sustainability.

The participation of KVA representatives and farmers reflected the importance of community involvement in the management and sustainable operation of the irrigation infrastructure developed under the project. The beneficiary farmers expressed their gratitude to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the JICA-supported Agriculture Project for the improvement of irrigation facilities in the area.