APPENDIX - V

POINT FOR DISCUSSION ON INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WITH DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF DHENKANAL DISTRICT

1. When was the DRDA set-up?

2. What is the composition of staff at DRDA/Block level for the implementation of IRDP?

3. Are the staff posted in DRDA and the Block taken on deputation? If so, how were they selected? What were the criteria employed in selection of the staff? What has been their tenure and turnover.

4. Have they been given any training/orientation to take up the new assignment? What are the arrangement for the training of functionaries at different levels?

5. Is the team provided at DRDA or Block level suitable to take up the assignment as expected of them? What do you say about their quality, capability, understanding, perception, motivation and general morale?

6. Is there any need for modification in the constitution of team provided to DRDA/Block? If so, in what manner?

7. What is the role of the district administration/development department in assisting the DRDA in implementation of IRDP?

8. What is the involvement of District Industries Centre in implementation of IRDP?

9. How do you coordinate the DRDA, District Administration, District Industries Centre (DIC), Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) and financial institutions?

10. What are the improvements needed in the existing arrangement for streamlining the implementation of the programme at the district level and block level?
PREPARATORY WORK

1. Is the existing infrastructure in case of financial institutions, input supplies, communication, power, health and other supporting services adequate to take up IRDP in your district/block on the prescribed scale?

2. If no, what were the steps taken to strengthen the infrastructure? Give details.

3. What are the difficulties in creating additional infrastructure needed for effective implementation of IRDP?

4. Are the scientific and technical research organisations available in or near the district associated with the formulation and implementation of the programme?

5. If yes, give details.

6. What are the arrangements for training the identified families under TRYSEM scheme?

PLANNING PROCESS

1. Have a 'Five year perspective' plan been prepared for the district/block or not?

2. What were the agencies involved with specific task in the formulation of Five Year Perspective Plan? Give details.

3. Are the sectoral projects based on the 'perspective plan'?

4. Please indicate the details of the projects viz location, size of the project (number of units set-up), credit needs, agencies for support in terms of input supply, technical supervision and guidance, marketing etc.

5. Have 'annual action' plans been formulated?

6. If yes, whether the implementation of IRDP is being done as per the details provided in the action plan?
7. If not, what are the problems in implementation of the 'annual action plan'?

8. Was any household survey for identification of target group families conducted?

9. If yes, how many blocks and villages had been covered so far?

10. How many more Blocks/Villages remain to be covered?

11. Were the 'cluster of villages' selected for implementation of the IRDP? If so, were these 'clusters' based on functional, contiguous and based on the availability of a team of functionaries?

12. Have the Banks come forward to adopt the villages and 'clusters'? State reasons.

13. Were any family plans for providing economic benefit schemes prepared? If so, was priority given to adopted villages?

14. In how many Blocks and villages have the plans for developmental schemes been prepared? If no, please assign reasons thereof.

15. Were any problems faced in the preparation of family plans? If so, give details.

16. What are the improvements needed in the present procedure to streamline the planning process so as to make it more effective and realistic?

IDENTIFICATION

1. Were the identification of families and their selection for provision of benefits based on the data collected through household surveys? What was the involvement of banks in the identification of beneficiaries?

2. If no, what were the criteria for selecting families for providing the benefits?
3. Was 'Village Assembly' or 'Grama Sabha' taken into confidence for selecting the beneficiaries? If yes, give details.

4. If no, give reasons.

5. What were the problems faced in identification of families?

6. Give suggestions for improvement and simplification of selection process and beneficiaries.

PROVISION OF BENEFITS

1. How were benefit schemes devised for the beneficiaries? Were the traditional skills, aptitude, training or experience needs and aspirations of the beneficiaries taken into consideration?

2. Name the agencies involved in devising the benefit schemes, preparation of the application, scrutiny and submission to the banks and briefly give the role of each of the agencies involved.

3. Did you observe any bunching of applications towards the close of the year? If so, what were the steps taken by the authorities to streamline the system?

4. How is the coordination among different agencies being ensured? What are the shortcomings in the arrangements?

5. Give suggestions for improvements, simplification and streamlining the process.

FINANCE

1. What are the financial implications of the programme as far as your district is concerned? How are these being met? Give the details of allocation, i.e. contribution of the Central and State Governments separately.
2. Has the programme been linked with other ongoing programmes? If so, give the details.

3. How is the subsidy being adjusted through the financial institutions? Problems, if any, may be indicated. Give the average time taken in adjustment of subsidy.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

1. Have the 'lead bank' and other financial institutions involved at the stage of formulation of 'Five Year Perspective Plan' and annual plans?

2. Had the 'Credit Plan' covered all the blocks? If no, how many blocks are yet to be covered?

3. Name the agencies involved in the preparation of 'Credit Plan' and discuss the role of each one of them.

4. Are the financial institutions involved in devising the benefit programmes for all the selected beneficiaries? If so, to what extent?

5. What is the extent of rejection of the applications received by the financial institutions for sanctioning the benefit schemes?

6. What are the main reasons for rejection?

7. How can rejections be minimised?

8. Is there any procedure followed by the financial institutions to monitor the proper utilisation of the benefits provided to the beneficiaries? If yes, state the extent of effectiveness.

9. What is the position of repayments of the loans? Does it need any improvement? If so, how can it be done?
10. Is the subsidy adjusted in time and the beneficiary not put to unnecessary hardship of paying interest on that amount?

11. How can the loaning system be streamlined?

12. Is the 'camp' approach, where all the agencies come together at the door step of the beneficiaries successful?

13. If not, what are the bottle-necks of the system.

**AVAILABILITY OF BENEFITS**

1. How are the benefits sanctioned made available to the beneficiaries?

2. Is any shortage of the items of benefit schemes felt because of the increased demand? If yes, indicate the extent of shortage. How can the problems be overcome?

3. Is there any tendency to suddenly raise the prices of the items of benefit schemes (such as buffaloes, goat, sheep, etc.) available in local markets? If so, to what extent? How can the problem be solved?

4. Comment on the quality of the items usually provided to the beneficiaries.

5. Is there any difference between the standard cost of the items and the cost usually paid by the beneficiaries? If yes, what is the extent of extra cost borne by them?

6. Are tours of the beneficiaries from their villages to blocks, bank and market centres financed?
LINKAGE

1. What is the extent of linkage between IRDP and other sectoral programmes in the area? Can the sectoral programme adequately be taken care of to suit the need of infrastructure etc. If no, how can such linkages be established?

2. Discuss the extent of matching the IRDP with National Rural Employment Programme operated in the district.

FOLLOW-UP

1. Are there adequate arrangements done to oversea the proper utilisation of the benefit schemes provided to the beneficiaries?

2. If yes, comment on the extent of utilisation of the assets.

3. What are the arrangements for providing technical know-how to the beneficiaries in the management of the benefit scheme provided to them?

4. Is there any arrangement for providing raw-material/inputs to the beneficiaries after they get the benefit schemes? Is shortage of any input felt?

5. Are the servicing/repair facilities for proper maintenance of benefit assets provided? If so, are these arrangements adequate?

6. What are the arrangements for the disposal of the finished goods/produce? Are these available on regular basis?

7. Are the existing marketing facilities adequate?

8. Are the local financial institutions actively participating in identification of families, devising plans and arranging credit to the targeted number of families under IRDP? What are the problems that you are facing in this aspect?
9. What is your opinion on the relative success or failure of the implementation of the programme in your block? State reasons for your answer.

10. Are there any arrangements for supervision of the sanctioned schemes and marketing the produce obtained by the beneficiaries?

11. Please furnish the details of available infrastructure in different villages and hamlets of your block. (Give the statement)