

Cluster Level Meeting

On

“Energy efficiency improvements in Indian Bricks

Programme Schedule

Date: June 18, 2010

Veneu: Pragna Bhawan, Gorkhabasti

10.00 a.m.– 10.30 a.m.	REGISTRATION	
10.30 a.m. -11.30 a.m.	INAUGURATION	
	10.30 a.m.– 10.35 a.m.	Welcome address by Sri M. L. Roy, Member Deputy Secretary, TSCST
	10.35 a.m.– 10.45 a.m.	Brief of the project by Sri Ananda Mohan Ghosh, Fellow, TERI, New Delhi
	10.45 a.m.– 11.05 a.m.	Address by Special Guest, Sri Sriram Taranikanti, Commissioner Secretary, Science, Technology & Environment, Government of Tripura
	11.00 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.	Address by Chief Guest, Sri Joy Gobinda Debray, Hon’ble Minister, Science, Technology & Environment, Government of Tripura
	11.25 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Vote of Thanks by Sri Sachin Kumar, Fellow, TERI
11.30 a.m.– 12.00 noon	TEA BREAK	
12.00 noon– 01.45 p.m.	TECHNICAL SESSION	
	12.00 noon– 12.45 p.m.	Technical Session by TERI
	12.45 noon– 01.05 p.m.	Technical Session by NEDFI
	1.05 p.m.– 1.45 p.m.	Technical Session by Technology Supplier for Resource Efficient Brick (REB)
1.45 p.m.– 2.30 p.m.	LUNCH	

Report on the Cluster Level Meeting held on June 18, 2010

Date:	18/06/2010
Title:	Cluster Level Meeting under the UNDP-GEP project on "Energy efficiency improvements in the Bricks Industry"
Location :	Pragna Bhawan, Gorkhabsti, Agartala
Duration	One day
Agenda in short (table form) :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness Generation among the existing entrepreneurs and new entrepreneurs of the brick kiln industry about the Resource Efficient Brick/Mechanized Brick 2. Setting up of new brick kiln or upgradation of existing brick for production of Resource Efficient Brick/Mechanized Brick
Name of host organisation(s) and sponsors	Host Organization: Tripura State Council for Science & Technology Sponsors: TERI, New Delhi & UNDP
Name of the program secretary with email address	Supriya Majumder mailsupriya@yahoo.com
Chief Guest	Sri Joy Gobinda Deb Roy, Hon'ble Minister, Science, Technology & Environment, Government of Tripura
Special Guest	Sriram Taranikanti, Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Government of Tripura
Guest of Honour	Sri M. L. Roy, Member Deputy Secretary, Tripura State Council for Science & Technology (TSCST).
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enable brick-making units to upgrade their technologies to make new/innovative 'resource-efficient bricks' (REBs) through mechanization/semi-mechanization or to setup new brick making unit to make new/innovative 'resource-efficient bricks' (REBs) 2. Facilitate their obtaining finance for acquiring the new/improved technologies 3. Build market awareness on 'resource-efficient bricks' REBs among different stakeholders (builders, architects, government departments like PWD etc.) to sustain and increase the demand for these resources-friendly products in the long term.
No of participant and types	40, Existing Entrepreneurs & New Entrepreneurs of Brick Kiln Industry, Representatives of NEDFI, Representatives of TERI
Brief description about the event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Meeting starts at around 10.30 a.m. with a welcome address note by Sri M. L. Roy, Member Deputy Secretary, TSCST ii. Mr. Ananda Mohan Ghosh & Sri, Fellow, TERI gave a brief of the project & necessity of Resource Efficient Bricks in our Society. He also stated that in near future, it will become mandatory by law, to use the same in building construction iii. Sri Sriram Taranikanti, Commissioner & Secretary, DSTE, GoT, agreed with TERI in his address to the meeting. As we are residing in Tripura State which constituted mostly by hilly & forest where agriculture lands are very low. The way we are using our agri land to making of bricks, one day it may be a problem (crisis for agri land). As bricks also required for civilized/modern world, we have to try out a solution of REB, where we can save 30% of our resources.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Hon'ble Minister, Sri Joy Gobinda Deb Roy, addresses the meeting & clarify few points with TERI related to pollution in brick field & height of the chimney etc. v. After Vote of Thanks by Sri Ananda Mohan Ghosh, TERI, Delhi, all headed for Tea Break vi. After tea break, Mr. Ananda Mohan Ghosh, TERI started with technical session. TERI has explained the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Indian brick industry- Present Scenario b. What are REB c. About the UNDP-GEF project d. Project Goal vii. After TERI session, NEDFI explained different financial aspects of investments in the project viii. At last technology supplier, WALTER CRAVIN- WB, explain the machinery required for the project & product quality.
<p>Question raised by the participants after the presentation</p>	<p>After all the session, there was an open discussion where some of the invitee raised some doubt. Few of them are mentioned here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Owner of KMI already invested 6 Cr. in this & same WALTER CRAVIN has supplied the machinery, but bricks are being rejected citing that surfaces are smooth, hence cementing is difficult. Their bricks have been rejected from the NIT, Agartala construction site. <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Question raised: If this is the situation, who will buy the product</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Before up-gradation of the existing brick kiln to mechanized kiln, some of the entrepreneurs express their willingness to make a exposure visit in any of the mechanized brick kiln <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Question raised: who will bear the cost-TA & DA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Question raised: Whether LRC or TERI will take initiative to discuss the matter with the State PWD etc. to procure the REB.
<p>Any other relevant information such as interested organisations, entrepreneurs, etc</p>	<p>Many of the entrepreneurs were interested but is felt that the issue should be take up with PWD first to ensure the procurement of the REB.</p>