

PRESS NOTE

In an effort to expedite the ongoing water supply project for Bomdila township under the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources, the Secretary PHE & WS Tomi Ete along with project in-charges SE Toko Jyoti, EE Taba Teni, AE Likha Tekhi JE M.S Rathore and a host of other officials of the Bomdila PHE division, trekked the 45 km track taking two days, inspecting one of the longest water tapping source despite the inclement weather and tough terrain. The project is being executed by the department at an estimated cost of Rs. 17.09 Crore which commenced during January 2005 last. Though the completion period is long overdue, Secretary Tomi Ete ,. keeping in view the difficult terrain and the harsh working conditions, expressed his satisfaction over the progress of work.

Spearheading the Total Sanitation Campaign, Secretary Ete also participated in the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) programme along with the Director for Communication & Capacity Development Unit (CCDU) A.N Singh before and after the inspection of the project site. On 25th last, the duo joined the NGO titled Women Welfare Center (WWC) at Senge Panchayat and on 27th & 29th with Thukpen Welfare Society ,. another NGO at Shergaon and Bhalukpong, imparting awareness on personal and environmental hygiene to the rural mass. Beside other discussions on total sanitation, they impressed upon the rural populace to avoid open defecation,. Which is a potential pollutant and the store-house of various diseases.

***Earlier in the morning,** addressing the ADEOs, APOs BRCs and CRCs of the district on Mid-day Meal scheme in the meeting convened at the BRC building Bomdila, Deputy Commissioner Rinchin Tashi called upon the field functionaries to rededicate themselves and to play a pro-active role in re-awakening the somewhat sleepy educational scenario of the district. Constant mobility and motivation should be the catchword of the block and circle functionaries, he said. Over the usual political pressures and interferences, DC Tashi suggested the functionaries not*

to totally succumb to such pressures rather act in a balanced, logical and right manner abiding to the rules and regulations in force for the larger interest of the society. Concerned over the complaints received from various quarters regarding non-timely implementation of Mid-day Meal scheme and non-lifting of MDM rice, the DC assured of timely disbursement of the rice at the designated drop points from where the respective ADEOs need to ensure of its further lifting by the concerned Teacher in-charges without fail and also to make sure that cooked meal is provided to the children as per specifications.

Earlier, the DDSE B.NLendo, expressing his concern over certain lapses in connection with the Mid-day Meal scheme, made it ample clear that the ADEOs & APOs should strictly monitor the lifting of rice meant for Mid-day Meal which are to be drawn by the Teacher in-charges only. The rice meant for the MDM has already been drawn and kept in the buffer stock and necessary directives has been issued to the Co-operative lamps for its issuance, he informed. Referring to the conference of the DDSEs at Itanagar, he further informed that, the Right to Education (RTE) has been made effective since first of April 2010 and Arunachal is under its fold. Awareness campaigns on Right to Education would be vigorously pursued in the district in a phase-wise manner involving all the village Education Committees (VEC) and panchayat leaders. Anything which was not covered under SSA would be covered under RTE, he added.