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To: jdrilon@adb.org

Subject: Re: Final GRSC Report: Comments from Requesters

Yes, these are correct ones.

Mushtaq

jdrilon@adb.org wrote:

Dear Mr Gadi,

I have cut and pasted two e:mails into your e:mail message to me. Please check that these are the ones you are referring to in your message below.

Thank you.

Regards,

Jill Drilon

Dear Ms. Drilon,

Board Inspection Committee (BIC) asked the requesters to file their comments on the final ADB Report on the Grievance Redress and Settlement Committee. We expressed and articulated our disagreement with the establishment of the GRSC when its concept and designed was proposed by Management. Later on, we filed our comments on the Mid Term Report of the GRSC in August, 2003. So we have already sufficently expressed our position on the GRSC.

So far as the comments on the Final Report on the GRSC is concerned, there is no need to repeat what is said previously. We would like to file various reports and correspondence in the following sequence:

1: Chashma Trip Report

2: Chashma Trip Report-Annexes (this trip report was prepared by Shannon from Environmental Defense Fund and Mishka from Bank Infromation Centre after their field visit to the Chashma area)

3. Some selected complaints filed by local communities to the GRSC. We believe the Final Report even simply failed to address the issues raised in these complaints.

4: My email to you with reference to the findings of ADB Mission on Sokkar village.

5: My email to Mr. Fredrich Roche on the role of Participatory Assessment Specialists

I have not attached last two documents because these have been unluckily deleted from desk top. I hope you have the record of both email.

Please post these documents along with this email on the ADB website.

With best regards,

Mushtaq Gadi

E:mail from Mr Gadi to Ms Drilon dated 20 February on Management's Report on the GRSC

Dear Ms. Jill Drilon,

Thanks for sending me the summary of the Management's report on the GRSC.

There is a famous proverb in Siraiki language that "falsehood have no footprints". However, sometimes, it is possible to expose lies and cheating. The Management's report on the GRSC is nothing but a bundle of lies. Many such lies in the Management's report can be easily exposed. Partcularly, the complaints filed by local communities to the GRSC can be very instrumental in exposing such flasehood. I would just like to give two example.

Management report says:

There had been no flood damage at all in Sokkar village, although the protection bund was partly eroded (but not breached) at one section due to increased water velocity at a narrow bridge on the district road near the bund; and (v) the eroded spot of this bund was repaired by WAPDA immediately after the incident. The Nazim of Sokkar Union Council confirmed the <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />Mission's findings about Sokkar village (Paragraph 32, Page No. 11)

Now look at the following excerpt from the complaint of the Nazim of Sokkar Union Council that was recieved by the Grievance Redress and Settlement Committee on August 22, 2003, just a day after the breach occurred in the protection bund.

The width of the protection bund around Sokkar town is narrow somewhere while wider at other points. Owing to less compaction and bad civil works quality, rowed-kohee breached the protection bund where the width was larger and thus rowed-kohee entered into the town on August 21, 2003. Luckily, local people succeeded to fill the breach with the help of two tractors. Moreover, quality of stone-pitching on the protection bund is very bad. Similarly, the height of the protection bund from southern side is also very low. We have many occasions mentioned these issues to the WAPDA but the result is zero. Heavy flooding can breach the protection any time and the town will be flooded.

Policy compliance might be an important issue but moral conduct is even more important than policy compliance. Take another example of such immoral conduct in the GRSC processes. Management's report on the GRSC says:

On 23 August 2003, the GRSC received an invitation from the office of Mr. Mushtaq Gadi, one of the Requesters, to attend a consultation meeting with the project affectees to be held the following day (24 August 2003), but "only as an observer." Due to the short notice and the limited role as an observer, the senior GRSC personnel could not participate in the event, but one GRSC office staff was sent to observe the meeting. He subsequently informed GRSC that: (i) the meeting was held in a tent set up outside the Taunsa Town Hall and attended by about 150 people; (ii) two speakers gave speeches that urged the participants to: (a) not cooperate with GRSC, and (b) not pay *abiana* (irrigation service fee) to the Government; and (iii) apart from these speeches, there was no apparent consultation with the participants or opportunity for them to air their views.

The GRSC staff member who observed the Chashma Lok Sath kept himself secret and did not even introduce his identity. Was his role only spying and then producing wrong report? We have the full video recording of this event and can file it as an evidence.

Despite such immoral and uncivil conduct, Management thinks we should constructively engage in official processes such as the GRSC. Here the Management is mistaken. We are not consultants who can sell their conscience in return of lucarative rewards.

Regards,

Mushtaq Gadi

E:mail from Mr Gadi to Mr Roche dated 9 March 2004 on Participatory Assessment Specialist

Dear Mr. Roche,

I have always been saying that ADB's consultants play agentive role while they engage with local communities in the project area. There are a number of such incidents in the past. However, the recent incident that happened in Katehrewali village is an extreme one and much more exposing the role of ADB's consultants.

ADB contacted Mr. S. Amir-ul-Hassan Zaidi along with two other consultants in December 2004, supposedly to develop the Resettlement Action Plan for the villages located in the west side of the main canal. According to the ADB Senior Project Specialist, "The participatory assessment specialist is currently carrying out a survey of all villages that are located in the flood-impact zone in the west of the main canal. The need for relocation of houses will be identified based on his findings. If found needed, than an action plan will be prepared."

Mr. S. Amir-ul-Hassan Zaidi visited Katehrewali village on <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarts" />23rd February, 2004. You probably know this is the village that was narrowly walled in order to protect the villagers from flooding. He accompanied some officials of WAPDA as well. He asked villagers to inform him about their opinion on the issue of compensation and relocation. The villagers handed him over the written memorandum in which they emphasized on their preference for broadening the flood protection embankment as was promised with them. Moreover, they said if the government was unable to do it, then they should be given full compensation of their assets according to the rules and regulations of Asian Development Bank. They refused to get the compensation that was given to other villages in the west side. However, Mr. Zaidi asked them to drop the demand for broadening the embankment and persuaded them to accept the compensation that was paid to other villagers. He had even offered the villagers to write their memorandum himself. In fact, he did that but the villagers refused to accept his written memorandum. Under the pressure, they have written the third memorandum that they handed over to Mr. Zaidi.

I visited the village last week. They have not only narrated the whole story but also given me the copy of first and second memorandum. I have the record of both documents. The second memorandum was written in the handwriting of Mr. Zaidi. Both memorandums are attached for your information.

So this is the participatory assessment that is usually done by consultants in the field. I am also forwarding this case to the inspection panel. Hopefully, they will be able to further investigate this matter during their site visit.

I would also like to ask the disclosure of third memorandum that Mr. Zaidi took along with him.

With best regards,

Mushtaq Gadi