

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Presentation on AKRSP at Overseas Development Institute ... 14.6.1985

Dr. John Howel (JH) introduced SSK to the distinguished gathering and referred to his close association with ODI since 1973. He continued that ODI has been following SSK's distinguished career with great interest since his pioneering work in Daudzai.

The presentation comprised exhibition of the video "Valleys in Transition" followed by the film on PPIs prepared by KJ. Thereafter, SSK reviewed and updated the progress of AKRSP with the aid of overhead transparencies. He explained the principles on which AKRSP is based and the package evolved during the last thirty months and the response of the villagers of Northern Areas with special reference to the district of Gilgit. At the conclusion of the presentation, Dr. Howell invited questions. The following issues were raised:

- I. Mr. David Brokensha University California Study Centre
 - Linkages with other institutionals at the grassroots level and with Government of Pakistan organisations;
 - Policy of government with regard to expansion of AKRSP approach to the provinces of Punjab and Sind;
 - Family planning and
 - Long term efforts in the fields of forestation, soil consolidation etc.
- II. Mr. Eric Gordon Agricultural Economist, Institute of Irrigation Studies.
 - Formalisation of codoperatives
 - Recovery of loans.
- III. Mr. John Hansell Overseas Development Administration
 - Arrangements for maintenance of PPIs
 - Establishment of local institutions.
- IV. Mr. K.B. Armstrong Commonwealth Development Corporation
 - Marketing
- V. Mr. P.A. Browne Consultant Irrigation Engineer
 - Social and engineering problems
 - Disincentive not to smuggle
 - Collaterals.

SSK took up all the questions together and explained AKRSP's approach and experience with regard to the issues raised.

Mr. Brokensha at the end of SSK's explanation and reply, commented that although Dr. Howell had cautioned that SSK may not be able to tackle all the issues being raised specially the ones pertaining to the technical matters of engineering and agronomy, the fact is that SSK not only gave answers to all the questions but gave a complete and fully satisfactory explanation of all the issues raised.

Dr. Howell thanked SSK for the presentation which extended over 2-1/2 hours excluding half an hour taken by sandwiches and drinks which preceded the presentation.

After the session, Prof. Guy Hunter came up to SSK and felicitated him on the excellent presentation and remarked that some of the participants came to him and commented that it was good to hear about 'something which is succeeding'.