

April 7-11, 1985

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD**

**Subject: GM's visit to Karachi & Islamabad**

7.4.1985

Met Mr. Ijlal Haider Zaidi, Secretary Establishment Division and discussed with him current government policy governing deputation of government services to other organizations such as AKRSP, within Pakistan. The Secretary clarified that a similar request was received from USAID and the federal government was decided not to entertain requests for such deputation i.e. foreign service within Pakistan.

The GM also called on Additional Secretary, Mr. A.R. Siddiqi and Joint Secretary, Mr. Sikandar Jamali.

1900 hours left Islamabad for Karachi by PIA.

2100 hours ... Arrived Karachi. Spoke to Nazeer Ladhani about the South Asia Partnership (SAP), Canadian and Pakistani NGOs workshop.

8.4.1985

Attended SAP workshop and made presentation with help of transparencies on the concept of self help within the framework of rural support. The workshop was inaugurated by Federal Secretary for Population Welfare and was attended by nearly 100 participants from Canadian and Pakistani NGOs. Eight brief presentations were made including one by Dr. Akhter Hameed Khan. The Canadian Counsellor Lorne Heuckroth, co-chaired the workshop with Nazeer Ladhani. Valleys in Transition (16 mm version) was scheduled to be shown to the workshop the following day.

Met the Chairman AKRSP BOD at the AKF office who desired:

- (i) More specific recommendations of the MG on hospitalization and suggested a maximum ceiling grade-wise in this regard and
- (ii) Status of Karimabad Prayan Modasli irrigation channel in Buni area which according to the Chairman's information, is likely to adversely affect 300 households.

Arrived Islamabad from Karachi on the flight. Met Nick Gardner who was in transit from India to London. Spent the evening with him. Nick stressed on AKRSP adopting the role of training you motivated Pakistanis interested in undertaking development work in rural and urban areas. He expressed dismay at the lack of such people in Pakistan compared to India. In his view except for AKRSP and FPAP, OXFAM was having great difficulty in establishing fruitful collaboration with other Pakistani NGOs. Nick left for London by the midnight flight promising to visit AKRSP after the month of Ramzan in July.

9.4.1985

Visited RDFC offices and met Mr. Muzaffar M. Qureshi, Chief Executive and Mr. Hasan Nawab and discussed with them the status of the AKRSP interest free loan application of Rs. 5 million for land development. The RDFC officials suggested that the draft resolution of the general body of AKRSP asked for by NDFC Loan Division, should be got vetted by the Loan Division of NDFC before presentation to the General Body to avoid any further delay in processing of the loan. The RDFC is awaiting President's approval to enable it to commence financial transactions. In the absence of such authorization, NDFC is performing these functions on behalf of the RDFC.

Met Additional Secretary, Production Division Mr. Kanwar Idris in connection with the issuance of no objection certificate for import of Daihatsu Rockys for AKRSP.

Met newly appointed Secretary to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Usman A. Issani (till recently Chief Secretary NWFP) and Mr. Jamy, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development. Issani assured GM of having issued order for the extension in the deputation of M/S Sartaj Khan and Ikramullah Jan. Later confirmed on phone by Mr. Saeedullah Jan, Secretary Services, Government of NWFP. Mr. Jamy, who visited AKRSP last October, spoke of initiating steps to expand AKRSP strategy to other parts of Pakistan and promised to raise the question with the new Secretary (yet to be appointed as Mr. Bajwa has since retired) and the new Minister to be appointed soon.

Spoke to Secretary General, Planning and Development, Mr. V.A. Jaffrey who mentioned about the positive feed back on AKRSP, he had received from Mr. Naik and accepted GM's invitation to visit AKRSP in late June or early July.

#### 10.4.1985

Met Mr. Weert Monstert, First Secretary at the Dutch Embassy. Weert informed GM of the most recent communication from Economic Affairs Division conveying their agreement to the donation of upto US \$ one million from bilateral funds to AKRSP. He observed that this was even more than had been proposed in the project document. He expressed great satisfaction at this development especially in view of EAD's earlier letter wherein the grant had been restricted to only Rs.2.5 million. Since Mr. Vogelaar from the Head Office was in town, Weert expected a decision from the Dutch side very soon and in any event not beyond bilateral talks scheduled in the month of May.

In regard to request for funds, Weert suggested a request from AKRSP before April 25 on the following lines:

- (i) Overall funding requirements for the Baltistan programme-only projections.
- (ii) Funds required for the first year.
- (iii) Specific funding for each quarter including funds already expended requiring reimbursement with an indication of work geared to financial flow.

He supported GM's proposal to directly transfer funds to AKRSP through the Ministry of Finance with AKRSP fulfilling reporting and accounting requirements laid down by the donor.

In regard to women's programme, which he confirmed was not limited to Baltistan alone, he requested for a report on the specific use of funds including consultancies. He also asked for a report of the brain storming session. Ms Turksma's proposed visit for the session from April 12 was put off to late June when Najma Sididqi is expected to be in Gilgit.

Weert proposed a visit by the Dutch team in August.

Called on Secretary General, Interior, Mr. Roedad Khan who mentioned about the very good reports he has been receiving about AKRSP and most recently from the Secretary General, EAD (as the SG was called away to the President's House for the swearing in ceremony of the newly appointed Ministers. On SG's insistence, the meeting was held at his residence at 1830 hours). He also expressed a wish to visit the project in the month of September if not earlier with Secretary General, Planning and Development.

Also called on Additional Secretary, Interior Division, Mr. Mazhar Rafi who informed about the visit of Brig. Iqbal Shafi with the request for security clearance of the TV Ontario film team. Mazhar Rafi promised to expedite the matter.

Met Mr. Mujeebur Rahman at AKF office who an offer has been made for appointment as Senior Accountant.

For the last seven days, Mr. Rahman has been unable to get to Gilgit by PIA and he was not favourably inclined to rush it by road in the absence of a firm contract. He expressed his concern about medical and educational facilities available in Gilgit in view of his aged parents and a school going child.

The GM gave him the AKRSP reports and suggested a visit to Gilgit by Mr. Rahman to assess the situation for himself and also to enable AKRSP to assess his suitability for the job.

In the evening, besides the Secretary General, Interior Division, GM called on the Secretary Labour Mr. M.A. Kazmi and the Chairman, Central Board of Revenue, Mr. F.R. Khan. In view of the impending reshuffle at the higher escheleons of government, it would be desirable to get import duty exemption etc., from CBR for pending cases at the earliest.

#### 11.4.1985

Met Mr. Karl Schonmayer, UNICEF Representative and discussed with him UNICEF programmes in general and linkage of AKRSP with CVS in particular. He agreed to visit in May soon after his return from New York, to more actively pursue the matter. He also requested GM to accompany him to some districts to assess the community participation aspects in the UNICEF programmes. The GM suggested using of AKRSP for training of UNICEF personnel in community participation as was once mooted by UNICEF Headquarters in 1982 with regard to the Mahaweli project.

In a subsequent meeting with Mr. David Mason and Mr. Nasim of UNICEF's communications section, the TV Ontario itinerary and arrangements were discussed. In view of no definite information about the groups' visit, Nasim promised to keep in touch.

Tentatively the visit by the UNICEF group comprising 4/5 persons was fixed for May 19 by the helicopter.

Called on the Secretary, Ministry of KANA Mr. Z.A. Temuri. The Ministry had just been visited by the newly appointed Minister of State Syed Qasim Shah of Mansehra. The Secretary requested GM to speak on AKRSP to the Ministry officials including Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Section Officers who had assembled in the Conference Room to greet the Minister. In an hour long session, the GM explained the strategy, methodology and achievements of AKRSP in which everyone expressed keen interest. The Secretary thanked the GM for his excellent position and the GM thanked him for the opportunity for explaining a programme to the Ministry officials who frequently deal with requests and proposals pertaining to it.

Visited Production Division where Joint Secretary, Mr. S.M. Tahir commended purchase of Pajero/Mitsubishi/Isuzu trooper by AKRSP which according to him compared favourably with Daihatsu Rocky. The GM agreed to accept his offer provided the price was the same (C&F US\$ 5,000) and delivery was immediate. Mr. Tahir promised to get the information by telex from Karachi on Sunday. In the event of the two conditions not being fulfilled, he promised to issue the no objection immediately.

Spoke to Secretary, Production Division Mr. Hasan Zaheer also and later called on him at his residence.

At the request of Senator Brig. (Retd) Abdul Qayum Khan, met him at the Governor's Annex in Rawalpindi. He discussed in general terms the development needs of the country. Brig. Qayum had formerly been associated with GM in West Pakistan (as Secretary Services, Government of West Pakistan and NWFP), (Secretary Health and Education to Government of NWFP).

Attended a dinner hosted by the Chairman, NDFC Mr. Zafar Iqbal and met Mr. Rafiq Akhund, Secretary, Food and Agriculture and Mr. Fazal Khan, Chairman Attock Oil Company.

#### 12.4.1985

Due to cancellation of PIA flight to Gilgit, had to postpone the departure to next day.