

Subject: VILLAGE DIALOGUES

Village: CHATTORKHAND **Tehsil:** ISHKOMAN

Visit No. FIRST Venue: NAWO Rest House

Visit by: SSK & TH - accompanied by TS, MYK and Pir Sahib
Karam Ali Shah.

Village participation: 60 village notables, including representatives from DAHEEN and KUCHDEH
(neighbouring villages).

THE DATA

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| 1. | <u>Population:</u> | Chattorkhand | 2,500 |
| | | Daheen | 2,000 |
| | | Kuchdeh | 650 |

2. Average holding in Chattorkhand: 50 kanals.

N.B. No other data were solicited - both the staffing and time constraints were binding.

THE DIALOGUE

Introduction of AKRSP team by MYK. Explanation of AKRSP methods and objectives by SSK. The Pir Sahib then translated SSK's remarks for the audience. His delivery was that of a seasoned politician. Pir Sahib asked all present to form separate groups to discuss the problems of each of the 3 village represented. The villagers formed 3 groups - each group occupying that corner of the rest house lawn which lay in the direction of its village.

The group discussed their priorities and returned with the suggestions for schemes as follows:

DAHEEN:

1. Supply of fertilizer
2. Land reclamation through flood-protection works.
3. Water channel, from Asumber Nullah to Daheen.
4. Another flood project.
5. Link road.

CHATTORKHAND:

1. Flood protection works, to save village lands from being eroded by a river that changes its course unpredictably from one year to another.
2. Fruit nursery.

KUCHDEH:

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| 1. | Link Road | 2. | Flood protection works |
| 3. | Fruit nursery | 4. | Widening of a channel |

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS

1. Once Pir Sahib had seen part of the AKRSP approach in practice, he rapidly disabused himself of his earlier reservations about AKRSP and took great delight in presenting AKRSP's methods and objectives to villagers. At this, he turned out to be extremely effective, presenting SSK's arguments with the skill and authority of a religious and political leader.
2. Pir Sahib is also an accomplished agriculturist - even Tawallud Shah was full of praise for him. His farms could be used for setting up a fruit nursery.