

Report on Field Visits of Police Reform Programme Team 26 April – 19 May 2010

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Visit to the under construction Model Thanas

Construction of six Model Thanas (carried forward activity from phase-I) is ongoing under six districts. PRP Senior management team comprising Mr. N.B.K Tripura, ndc, Additional Inspector General of Bangladesh Police and National Project Director of PRP, Mr. Henk van Zyl, Project Manager accompanied by other team members of PRP visited three Model Thanas. These are Dhamurhuda Model Thana under Chuadanga District, Sonagazi Model Thana under Feni District and Hathazari Model Thana under Chittagong Metropolitan Police to see the progress. Work progress was found very slow and few numbers of workers were found working at the site. The team met with the LGED and Navana authority at the sites and discussed the timeline for completion of the work. Both LGED and Navana authority assured the work would be completed by September 2010. PRP team requested them to expedite the work.



Main Thana Building, Hathazari Model Thana

Visit to the Refurbished Model Thanas

The PRP team visited Feni and Panchlaish Model Thanas on 17 and 18 May 2010 respectively. These Thanas were refurbished in Phase-I. The objectives of the visit were to observe the service delivery and exchange views for further improvement of service delivery system. During the visit the team talked to the local elite, community people and senior police officers to find out about the service of the model thana and exchange views about further improvement of services. The team also discussed with the Thana officials about functionality



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and benefits of the equipment and logistics provided by the PRP. They also discussed about the community policing activities, open house day, school visits programme for preventing crime and other initiative specially for stopping eve teasing.

Visit to the Proposed Model Thanas (for Phase-II)

Eighteen police stations have been identified for refurbishment to be transformed into Model Thanas in phase-II of the programme. The senior management team of PRP visited two of the proposed Model Thanas (Bancharampur, under Brammanbaria district and Rangunia under Chittagong district) on 17 and 18 May 2010 respectively. At the thanas, the team was received by the Superintendent of Police of the respective District and Officers-in Charge of the Thana. The objectives of the visit were to see the conditions of the existing infrastructures, available spaces in the Thana premises



A platoon of female police paid guard of honour to Mr. N.B.K. Tripura, Addl. IGP and NPD at Rangunia Thana

and to discuss with the local police about their need and scope of PRP.

Existing Thana buildings of both the Thanas were found in good condition and spaces are available for construction of the service delivery centers. There was a gool ghar (round house) in both of the Thanas for the visitors, which is also in good condition. However, there are no other facilities like toilets etc. in the gool ghar. The team met in a short discussion with the SP, OC and other available Thana officials and discussed about the refurbishments of Thana specially service delivery centre and supply of equipment and logistics.



Recommendations:

- Service delivery centre will be constructed in a position so that existing gool ghar can be used as part of newly constructed service delivery centre.
- One river-craft (speed boat/Country boat) may be considered for the Model Thanas located in the riparian areas instead of two pick-ups.

Visit to identify locations for Victim Support Centers (VSC)

Six Victim Support Centers will be established in Phase-II of PRP in six divisional cities within the policing environment. During this field mission, PRP team visited Sonadanga Thana under Khulna Metropolitan Police, Kotwali Thana under Barishal Metropolitan Police and Double Mooring Thana under Chittagong Metropolitan Police for establishing Victim Support Centres. During visit the team exchange ideas with the senior police officers and assessed available spaces in the Thana



premises for construction of VSC, locations of the Thana with respect to access to other services (like hospital, court, NGO offices etc.) and accessibility by the victims. Sufficient spaces were found in the premises of the above mentioned Thanas and also other considerable factors were found favorable for establishing the Victim Support Centres. So, the above mentioned locations (Thanas) were primarily selected for establishing victim Support Centres.

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