

FEEDBACK NOTES ON BEHALF OF VILLAGE COUNCILS' MON DISTRICT ON MINI SOLAR GRIDS, IMPLEMENT. BY MRDF

Respected Chairperson, Distinguished Guests, Officials of MRDF, Invitees, Ladies and gentlemen.

I am very happy and delighted to participate in today's meeting program. I thank the organisers for giving me this privilege.

Mon District administration led by Shri. Thavasellan .K. then Deputy Commissioner took the initiative in tying up with the Mithun Rural Development Foundation (MRDF) Kolkata, West Bengal in bringing Solar Light installation project in the Land of Angh i.e (Konyak).

Firstly, three villages was selected for starting and installation of Solar Light i.e. Chenwetnyu, Longkei and Totok Chingha. having included in the list for installation of Solar Light, three villages held a meeting in the month of Sept. 2021 with MRDF representative led by Col. Vijay accompanied by Madam Sudeshna Mukherjee, Shymal and Sabya MRDF team has spoken and explained in detail about installation, benefit of Solar Light and other criteria for its use. The villagers present in the meeting were very much pleased and assured to extent help in every possible way towards the project. As agreed by the village for installing solar light, an MOU was signed which included the duration for its implementation to 20 years. Accordingly the three villages had deposited registration fee basing on the household list. All the required materials for solar installation could reached the village safely of time even though some inconveniences were faced due to poor road connectivity.

Ever since Mithun Rural Development Foundation set their foot at my village, Chenwetnyu on 9th Sept. 2021 with their promotional campaign to set up mini-grids clean energy in rural Nagaland, Chenwetnyu, has become the "poster-boy" of their Success Story. It has, indeed, become the envy of many and a "model village" for many an interested villages to emulate.

Chenwetnyu is one of the last villages located at the remote Indo-Myanmar border and as such, disruption in supply of electricity has been one of our biggest challenges. Like most villages in Nagaland, Chenwetnyu is connected to the government power-grid but the low-voltage power supply is irregular and inconsistent. After launching the mini-grids by MRDF, we have uninterrupted 24 hours electricity supply.

Chenwetnyu Village, played host to the Konyak Students' sports meet this year 2022, where participants from more than 150 villages gathered. And such an event of this magnitude was smoothly completed, all thanks to the uninterrupted power supply from the mini-grids.

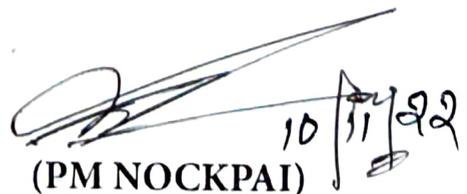
The mini-grids has not only illuminated the public infrastructure in the village, such as street lights, Morungs, Church, Health Centres, Schools, Village Councils' Building Anganwadi Centres etc, but Chenwetnyu, literally stands bright and shiny in any given dark nights' sky.

It has also kickstarted several micro-businesses like rice-mills, banana fiber extraction unit, bio-flocs etc.

If Chenwetnyu can be a better village because of MRDF, let there be may villages who have success story like Chenwetnyu. Alongside my village, the villages of Longkei and Totok Chingha, also witnessed major social upliftment because of the mini-grids. I foresee many positive changes in the near future. As the President of the Konyak Village Councils' Union, let me assure the sponcers and partners of MRDF that nearly two hundred villages in Mon district would want their respective villages to be undertaken next phase of expansion. Before long, the day is not very far, when every nook and corner of Mon district and the rest of rural Nagaland will be illuminated and become shining example of all to see.

In conclusion, I once again thank the organisers for the privilege and wish MRDF and it's Sponcers, every success in their endeavours.

God Bless us all



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