



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
LT. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

On the basis of representation submitted by the Udavum Karangal Men's Self Help Association of Sorapet Village with in the Open House, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, dedicated the 85<sup>th</sup> Weekend morning round for visit to Sorapet village.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, was received by the Village Elders, the youth association and the President of Eri Sangam of the village. Nature had blessed the village with two tanks and three ponds, that required to be desilted and replenished. Hon'ble Lt. Governor after interaction with all concerned said that the work of de-silting the tank will be carried under MNREGA so that the twin benefit of de-silting the tank and sharing of the benefit of wages by local community could be achieved. The Youth Association volunteered to take part in the de-silting works. The people of the village were also exhorted to participate in cleaning and desilting the tank.

It was also informed by the Executive Engineer-of Public Works Department that shutters would be constructed to conserve the rain water that is now flowing away. Also survey would be conducted to recover the lands leading to the the supply channels that had been allegedly encroached. The Commissioner, Mannadipet Commune Panchayat would also identify open space for the villagers to play and use it as a place of leisure.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that the Commissioner, Mannadipet Commune Panchayat would get in touch with Dy. Conservator of Forests to plant trees across the bund of the tanks. Also the PWD would construct a separate drain for disposal of liquid waste to save the pond from getting filled with sewerage water. Also the skills of the youth of the village be developed by opening a skill development centre.

On the complaints about the presence of Bar and arrack shop close the State High way, the villagers were requested to lodge their written protest before the Dy. Commissioner (Excise) for action as per law.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that the progress of the work of desilting the tank and ponds will be documented by the villagers. Review visit would be made by Hon'ble Lt. Governor on 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 to the see the progress made.

At the site were present Shri Tamarai Pugazheni, E.E., PWD, Shri Seetharaman, Commissioner, Mannadipet Commune Panchayat and his team of officers, The Assistant Engineer from BDO, Villianur. Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied with Shri R. Sridharan, Private Secretary to Lt. Governor, Ms. Amrita Bahl, OSD to Lt. Governor and Shri Karthikeyan, Addl. ADC.