Tezpur, January 13: Deputy Commissioner Manvendra Pratap Singh, IAS, reviewed the progress of various schemes under the 14th Finance Commission at the Gaon Panchayat level in the presence of all Block Development Officers, Panchayat representatives, junior engineers and assistant engineers under the P&RD department, among others, in a meeting held at District Library auditorium here today.

At the very outset, Chief Executive Officer, Sonitpur Zilla Parishad, Diganta Baishya explained the objectives of the meeting to all those present following which the Deputy Commissioner took a Gaon Panchayat-wise review of all schemes being implemented in the district.

Expressing dismay at the poor progress of works in several gaon panchayats, the Deputy Commissioner pulled up the presidents and secretaries of these gaon panchayats and directed them to take up the works on a war footing by making most of the working season and complete all schemes before March 15, 2020. He also warned them of harsh legal action if any irregularities are discovered in the implementation of works. The Deputy Commissioner asked the CEO, Zilla Parishad to personally monitor the progress of works and hold the next review meeting in a month’s time. He directed all gaon panchayat representatives to finish at least 50 per cent of the work before the next review meeting.

At the same time, the Deputy Commissioner appealed to the panchayat representatives to take up schemes keeping the long-term benefits of the people in mind in tandem with the various new schemes being implemented by the central and state governments. He also spoke about the importance of solid waste management at the village level and the need to take up schemes to deal with the issue.

The Panchayat representatives informed the Deputy Commissioner about various issues they have been facing regarding implementation of the schemes and the Deputy Commissioner directed the officials concerned to resolve these issues at the earliest.

President, Sonitpur Zilla Parishad, Dolly Surin, i/c Lead District Manager R Dutta, and Anchalik Panchayat presidents were also present in today’s meeting.