

Chapter XVIII Audit of Geog Administrations

In keeping with the Policy of the Royal Government of Bhutan on “Decentralization and Geog Based Planning” the elected leaders of the community have been entrusted with greater responsibility in implementing the plans. In line with this the RAA had carried out auditing at the grassroots level.

The RAA had also conducted familiarization tour to most of the Geogs in the country with the view to instill the sense of responsibility towards nation building through participation of the elected members in the developmental activities. Awareness of elected members on the procedures, rules and objectives of auditing were also made. The RAA had conducted the audit of 36 Geogs under three Dzongkhags separately in the year 2004. The remaining Geogs will be covered in our next plan.

Since audit is being conducted of activities carried out by Geogs themselves first time, we have agreed to treat the first phase as advisory and no punitive actions will be insisted against defaulting Gup, unless inevitable by the nature of the lapse.

The observations pertaining to these three Dzongkhags are brought out hereunder.

I Geogs under Dzongkhag Administration, Punakha

The Royal Audit Authority during the year had issued 9 inspection reports of geogs under the Dzongkhag Administration, Punakha. The following gups headed the geogs under Dzongkhag Administration, Punakha in the year 2004:

Sl.No	Name of official	Designation
1.	Gomchen	Gup, Geog Administration, Goenshari.
2.	Phuntsho Namgay	Gup, Geog Administration, Dzomi.
3.	Dolay	Gup, Geog Administration, Chhubu.
4.	Samten Phuntsho	Gup, Geog Administration, Bjime.
5.	Namgay	Gup, Geog Administration, Talo.
6.	Touchung	Gup, Geog Administration, Toewang.
7.	Pema Dorji	Gup, Geog Administration, Guma.
8.	Tshering Tobgay	Gup, Geog Administration, Kabjisa.
9.	Kencho Wangdi	Gup, Geog Administration, Lingmukha.

The following table exhibits the summary of the findings in a consolidated form:

Table 1.56 showing summary of observations with category code and amount involved.

Sl.No	Observations in brief	Amount (Nu. Million)	%	Category code
1.	Irregular booking	0.032	61.538	16
2.	Adjustment made without supporting documents	0.020	38.462	16
	Total	0.052	100.00	

Major findings:

1. Adjustment made without supporting documents - Nu. 0.020 million

On verification of the documents, it was observed that Kabjisa and Guma Geog Administration, under Punakha Dzongkhag, had made the adjustment of advances of Nu. 0.020 million released without the supporting documents as shown in the table below:

Table 1.57 showing Geogs which had made adjustment of advances without supporting documents.

Sl. No	Geog	Amount (Nu. Million)
1.	Geog Administration, Kabjisa	0.007
2.	Geog Administration, Guma	0.013
	Total	0.020

A. The Geog Administration, Kabjisa had made the adjustment of Nu. 0.007 against the advance released to Sonam Tobgay, DFO, Punakha for the supply of 1,750 nos. of saplings for private forest plantation in Guma Geog. However, the adjustment was based on the bills prepared on the letterhead pad and no challans and receipts were found attached with the voucher. As such it could not be ascertained whether the money had gone to Government Account without the receipts being attached.

Auditee's response: *Response awaited.*

Who is accountable?: *The accountability is fixed on Sonam Tobgay, DFO to issue proper money receipt and Tshering Tobgay, Gup was advised to collect proper Government Money Receipt.*

B. The Geog Administration, Guma had adjusted the amount of Nu. 0.013 million against the advance released to Sonam Tobgay, DFO for the supply of 3,250 nos. of saplings for private forest plantation in Guma Geog. But the adjustment was made based on the bills prepared on the letterhead pad without challans and receipts.

Auditee's response: *Response awaited.*

Who is accountable?: *The accountability is fixed on Sonam Tobgay, DFO to issue proper money receipt and Pema Dorji, Gup was advised to collect proper Government Money Receipt.*

2. Irregular booking - Nu. 0.032 million

A. The Geog Administration, Kabjisa had booked the payment of Nu. 0.013 million in anticipation of carrying out work in future.

Auditee's response: *The administration stated that the money had to be withdrawn before the lapse of the financial year in order to meet the expenditure incurred toward labourers who were engaged in the month of June & July.*

Who is accountable?: *Charging of expenditure in anticipation of the work to be carried out is irregular and the accountability is fixed on Aku Dorji to deposit it into Audit Recoveries Account.*

B. The Geog Administration, Shenga Bjime had booked the payment of Nu. 0.019 million in anticipation of carrying out work in future.

Auditee's response: *The administration stated that the money had to be withdrawn before the lapse of the financial year in order to meet the expenditure incurred toward labourers who were engaged in the month of June & July.*

Who is accountable?: *Charging of expenditure in anticipation of the work to be carried out is irregular and the accountability is fixed on Aku Dorji to deposit it into Audit Recoveries Account.*