

**Command Area Development Authority  
Department of Irrigation, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.**

**PENDING ISSUES REQUIRE DISCUSSION WITH CADWM AUTHORITIES**

The work for lining of water courses is being executed on three projects under the Command Area Development and Water Management Programme. The following points need to be discussed with the CADWM authorities.

- a) Under this programme as per the norms funds are provided under the component of construction of field channels @ Rs.15,000/- per hectare area covered. Taking into consideration the steep rise in constructions material i.e. cement, bricks, sand etc. and labour the norms need to be revised from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.30,000/- per hectare so that maximum length of field channels can be constructed and the gap between the potential created and utilize is reduced.
- b) The CADWM authorities has laid down the condition that a new project under this programme would only be included when one of the ongoing project of the State is completed. In this respect it is pointed out that in the State of Punjab, the farmers have adopted double cropping pattern in Irrigable land, this condition should be waived off, so that maximum number of projects can be included under this programme.
- c) A case for release of Rs. 53.43 cr. as previous backlog is pending with the CADWM authorities. The CADWM authorities may be requested that this amount may be released to the State Government immediately so that the target planned are achieved.