



# BHEL MIG1 – Historiography

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In a public meeting held at the present Union Office in 1972 Shri Jalagam Vengala Rao, the then Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh, announced a Housing scheme under Co-operative system.

Necessary paper works and administrative works were done at higher levels and 100 acres of land was allocated for construction of LIG. Under this scheme only 1006 members were enrolled. Cost of the house was Rs.19,000 only including developments like Roads, Electricity, Drainage etc. Govt. allotted the work to APIIC. 1000 houses were constructed in 65 acres by following the norms viz. parks, bus stand, school etc. When the scheme was half-way, myself was posted as Secretary. Sri BKM Nair was the President, Sri Meka Ananda Rao from Accounts, Sri KN Murthy as members and 5 elected members formed and registered a Society. Allotments took place in 1983. Housing loans were given by HDFC.

On completion of this scheme, self was asked by Management to take up MIG. Here also, Management Committee members were unchanged. Myself announced the dates for enrolling of members by giving only one week time. 3500 employees responded immediately by enrolling themselves.

During the tenure of Sri Anjaiah as Chief Minister of AP, self started to work for getting G.O for alienation of land.

Thereafter the file was not moving forward during the tenures of Shri Nedurmali Janardhan Reddy, Shri Vijayabhaskar Reddy as Chief Ministers. During Shri NT Rama Rao's tenure as Chief Minister, self succeeded in making the file to move up to level of cabinet meeting. Suddenly that government was toppled by Nadendla Bhaskar Rao. Shri Jana Reddy was nominated as Head of Govt by IG. By that time, Shri MLN Reddy of BHEL was nominated as President of MIG Society and Shri KSVLS Kanta Rao Garu from Accounts was nominated to the committee. At that juncture our AITUC leaders viz. Sri M Pandu Rao and Sri G Yellaiah took up the issue and through Shri MLN Reddy they managed to take me to Shri Jana Reddy. Self explained the present position of the file. During our meeting with Shri Jana Reddy, he gave a date of gathering at Secretariat, (a big open meeting) wherein he promised to sign the file clearing the allocation of land for both MIG and HIG. Shri MLN Reddy and elected committee members directed me to issue a bulletin requesting all to attend the meeting, and instructed all 35 employee buses to divert to Secretariat, deviating from their regular route. The buses were scheduled to start by 3.30 pm as usual. After the sudden resignation of the then AP Governor Sri Ram Lal, the setup meeting was cancelled. After Shri NT Ram Rao was sworn in as CM for the second time, with our proximity, we managed to get clearance for 200 acres for HIG and MIG.

Also, according to Cooperative rules, allocation should be only on "First come First served" basis. To overcome this, with the good rapport I had with the then Dy Registrar concerned, managed to maintain " BHEL Service seniority"

Sri TA Pai was the Heavy Industries minister

The first President was Sri BKM Nair. Further, Sri Meka Anada Rao of Accounts, Sri KN Moorthy, Civil Depts were MC members and myself was the Secretary. Next Presidents were Sri MLN Reddy, Sri Rajagopalan, Sri KC Chetty. Of course my term as Secretary was from initiation till 1989. Sri KSVLS Kanta Rao Garu from Accounts, Viswanadham from Electrical Dept were members during my period as Secretary. When Management withdrew the nominations, myself was made as the first elected President in 1998 amongst 8 elected members. After my tenure as President, Sri K Bheemi Reddy of Accounts was elected as President of the Society

On persuasion from Sri CK Khot, Rajagopalan and Sri V A Sunder, self initiated a school in MIG. Thus the present 'Sree Vaani Vidyaniketan' was started by myself with Govt recognition. The school was started in 1991 academic year with 2 in LKG 1 in UKG. with 1 teacher and Aaya . I did not take any help or support from any other side. The monthly fees was only Rs 50 Per child, but I ran it successfully. As years passed, the strength increased and running upto 6th class with a strength of 250 or so students. Absolutely I managed the school as a social service, because most of the students were wards of labour and middle class who were engaged in construction works.

In order to get certain political benefits, they issued GO to utilize the excess lands with PSUs for development of cooperative housing schemes for its employees. Also it was stated in the GO, to integrate even water and drainage to the respective Coop society. Using this clause, we did it for LIG, though Sri MR Naidu the then Executive Director was not in favour initially.

During the period as President, self initiated land allocation for three religions side by side to maintain harmony in the society.

In recognition of immense help provided by Sri A Madhava Rao, the then ED, HIG was named as Madhava Nagar, apart from naming adjacent park as Sundara vanam in recognition of constant support provided by Sri VA Sundar, the then GM/HR.

#### Pictures:

1. LIG Management Committee
2. MIG site visit with CE, AP Housing Board.
3. 'Bhoomi Pooja' of MIG.
4. Photo taken after 'Bhoomi Pooja'.
- 5 & 6. General Body meeting of MIG.
7. Meeting with ED Shri A Madhava Rao Gaaru.
8. Final meeting with M/s Shirke before awardal of MIG construction contract.
9. National Flag unfurling on Republic Day 26<sup>th</sup> January 1992

Of course seniors can identify rest of the persons like GM/Fin, Sri GK Rao, Sri CR Nagaraj and my beloved President of MIG, Sri Rajagopalan under whose direction, I could perform my services as Secretary to the satisfaction of Members and more so of BHEL Management.

Namaste..



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