

Qabula

Even the Project Managers appear to have little sense of time and urgency. I arrive 9 a.m. having asked ^{The project manager in} P.M. Qabula, ^{to} 3 evenings before ^{to} the suggest someone to accompany me on my interview and he should "preferably not be a government employee." I wait 45 minutes sitting next to him. His assistant turns up. After a few words aside with him he tells me his assistant will accompany me, having obviously not thought it out before. It's another hour before I actually ^{manage to get someone else to} go to an interview with someone else. I had ^{suggested to} first reminded him a government officials' presence would not encourage truthful responses to which he replied 'No problem - we are known as local people' ^{obviously} not appreciating the point. I then after waiting another 20 minutes, reminded him I had 20 interviews to conduct, which didn't get him to move faster but did get him to ^{eventually find the alternative to} find some other helpless soul to accompany me, who so far has turned out much better than his assistant, who appeared and altogether too flashy, and urbane, ^{had} to have ^r much ^r rapport with the locals.

In each case, I seem to get much more done, much faster ^{since} through informal, private ^{are established} networks, ^{ce} than through the government sources. (Not altogether true. In this instance Qabula was racking i.e. Ch. Inayat was to begin with, although he seems finally to ^{such as when once I established contact with} have turned up a good accompanist in the Qabula born and bred, 'double MA', 26 years old, commission agent, cum diesel oil seller cum "back off the shop" goat farmer. ^{Although} ^{Inayat, manager for Qabula} Otherwise both he and PM Sumra-Chakbedi accompanied me themselves over 2 days each of his interviews. ^{Project managers} Building construction seems to be a major time consumer and responsibility of the PM's. Although each have a 'sub-engineer' at their disposal, Inayat at least tells me he has to personally supervise all construction, and ^{he seems constantly at the site of the new markaz office being constructed.} Certainly the markaz office coming up, and which has to be completed by the end of the financial year i.e. workers time.

Some Kiln owner's either seem really not to keep accounts or are covering up. Thus Khawer Kiln's owner is not sure how many firings they had last year - (says perhaps 4 - not enough demand) and then says all Thapairs have 'paishzi' ^(loans) and none stayed on

from the begining - and ^{it} turns out 2 have repaid their 'Paishgi' and one joined them
and at the start ^{of the kiln} and it still with them (I am informed ^{by the Thapais} when I interview them)
Thapers.)

The Markaz office is a depressingly wasteful and faulty design. An expensive r.c.
cantilever ^{ed canopy} provides a paltry shade to 2 side walls, and a round hole for a mecha-
nical exhaust (that will cost a lot, break down in 6 months and never be repaired).
pays ^{misleading, lip-service} to climatic comfort, ^{However basic, cost less design elements} but basic things such as top
vents and windows ^{for} on 2 opposite sides to give cross ventilation and ^{room cooling} cool off the
^{are} rooms, is not provided.