

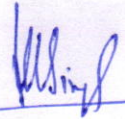
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Subject: Minutes of the Video Conference held on 11th February, 2022 to review the implementation of Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) -reg

The undersigned is directed to forward a copy of minutes of the Video Conference held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (LR), Department of Land Resources held on 11th February, 2022 with the all States/UTs to review the implementation of WDC-PMKSY projects, for information and necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.



(Rajesh Kumar Singh)
Director (WM)

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Chairman / CEO, State Level Nodal Agency for WDC-PMKSY in all the States/UT of J&K and Ladakh

Chief Secretary all States/UTs

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Minutes of the Review Meeting on implementation of Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) held on 11th February, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DoLR) through video conference

A Video Conference (VC) was held on 11th February, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Land Resources to review the implementation of WDC-PMKSY in States/UTs. Concerned Secretaries/Chief Executive Officers/ Officials of States and officers of Watershed Management Division of DoLR participated in the Video Conference. The list of participants is enclosed as **Annexure**.

2. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of States/UTs and informed that projects for almost entire target area under WDC 2.0 have been sanctioned by the Steering Committee last month (January 2022) and funds have also been released to most of them. It is, therefore, upon States/UTs to take necessary measures to fully utilize the sanctioned amount during current FY and come back for 2nd installments. The Chairman further highlighted following issues:

- (i) Release of funds to some of the States like Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir was held up for want of requisite Certificates/Undertakings.
- (ii) While appreciating Nagaland and Tamil Nadu for submission of their DPRs, the Chairman desired all other States/UTs to submit their DPRs latest by 5.3.2022.
- (iii) States/UTs were also asked to prepare and submit their expenditure plans for WDC 1.0 and DC 2.0 for balance period of FY 2021-22.
- (iv) Secretary, DoLR suggested that States/UTs should immediately liquidate/ refund unspent balance available with them so far as WDC 1.0 is concerned.
- (v) States/UTs should submit completion reports as well as End line reports for all ongoing projects by 28.2.2022 and 31.3.2022 respectively.

3. Thereafter JS (WM) took up agenda items along with specific issues with States/UTs). JS (WM) suggested following actions to State/UTs for better performance in view of limited time available during current FY:

- i. All States/UTs should complete their process for notifying SNA, opening Single Nodal Account and opening zero balance accounts/closure of accounts at PIA/WC level, in case they have not done so far.
- ii. All States/UTs should submit completion reports as well as End-line Evaluation reports for all WDC-PMKSY 1.0 projects immediately as directed by the Chairman.
- iii. Submission of DPRs will help States/UTs for claiming 2nd tranche of Central funds after due utilization of 75% of 1st tranche.
- iv. JS (WM) requested all States/UTs to get SLSC approval on their Annual Action Plan (AAP) for FY 2022-23, while getting SLSC approval on DPRs/ratification of PPRs.

JS (WM) also mentioned that (a) submission of Certificates relating to closure of accounts and transfer of funds to SNA Accounts, (b) returning of interest accrued during FY 2020-21 and (c) submission of DPRs along-with utilization of funds were the main concerns for holding the VC.

4. State/UTs -wise discussions/directions are as follows:

- i. **Andhra Pradesh** informed that they will be submitting DPRs within a week's time. State had prepared a plan for utilization of Rs.26 crore during balance period of 2021-22. State will submit completion of all Batch IV projects within a week and all batch V projects will be completed by 15.03.2022. Certificate regarding closure of accounts and transfer of funds to SNA Account had already been prepared and will be submitted to DoLR by next week. State will come for 2nd tranche by 25 Feb, 2022.
- ii. **Arunachal Pradesh:** CEO, SLNA stated that certificate regarding closure of accounts & transfer of funds to SNA Accounts has already been submitted. Rs.1.05 crore is available as unspent balance with State. State also informed that they had returned Rs.11.45 lakh as interest accrued on unspent balance.
- iii. **Assam:** State informed that process of preparation of DPR is on and will be completed by 25.02.2022. State had submitted both the certificates to DoLR. State had already submitted completion reports of all batches of WDC 1.0 along with end line evaluation reports. JS (WM) requested State to submit release proposal for 2nd tranche after utilization of more than 75% of amount of Ist tranche by 1st week of March, 2022.
- iv. **Bihar:** State had completed 25% of work for DPRs using e-DPR software and intimated that all DPRs will be submitted by 25th Feb, 2022. State also prepared a plan for utilization of Rs.21.41 crore for balance period of FY 2021-22 in WDC 2.0. State also assured that child accounts closure certificate after transfer of funds to SNA Accounts and Undertaking for return of Interest will also be submitted to DoLR within 2 days. State submitted that proposal for release of 2nd tranche will be submitted in 2nd week of March 2022.
- v. **Chhattisgarh:** CEO, SLNA stated that certificate regarding transfer of funds to SNA and closure of accounts and Undertaking for return of Interest had already been submitted to DoLR. He also informed that DPR preparation works had been assigned to NIRD&PR and the same will be submitted to DoLR by 28th Feb., 2022. CEO also informed that Central and State share of Ist tranche had already been credited in SNA account. State will submit completion of all Batch IV projects within 2nd week of March and end line evaluation reports by March end. JS (WM) stated that State may submit release proposal for 2nd tranche after utilizing more than 75% of amount of Ist tranche.
- vi. **Gujarat:** State informed that Rs. 2.18 crore as Central share of interest accrued during FY 2020-21 had already been deposited in consolidated fund of India on 04.02.2022 under intimation to DoLR. Both the Certificates will be submitted by Monday. State also assured that all End-line Evaluation reports will be submitted to DoLR by 25.02.2022.

- vii. **Haryana:** State informed that Certificate for closure of accounts after transferring funds to SNA had been submitted to DoLR; the another Certificate regarding remittance of interest will be submitted by 14.2.2022. It was also informed by the State representative that WAPCOS team of M/o Jal Shakti is collecting the field primary data for sanctioned 9 projects under WDC 2.0. The draft DPRs would be ready by 28.2.2022 and the final DPRs by 15.3.2022. The State may be able to utilize Rs. 2.5-3.0 crore during Feb-Mar 2022.
- viii. **Himachal Pradesh:** State assured that corrected/revised PPRs for 26 appraised/sanctioned projects would be submitted by 11.2.2022 afternoon. It was also informed that DPRs will be submitted by 28.2.2022. All projects of Batch IV will be completed by 28.2.2022. JS (WM) requested State to return the unspent balance under WDC 1.0 after retaining committed expenditure.
- ix. **Jharkhand:** Chairman, SLNA stated that certificate regarding closure of accounts and transfer of funds to SNA Accounts had already been submitted to DoLR and interest along-with undertaking will be submitted today. He also informed that process for preparation of DPRs was in advance Stage and will be submitted to DoLR within two weeks' time.
- x. **Jammu & Kashmir:** It was assured that both certificates will be submitted on 11.2.2022 itself. State informed that they were in the process of completion of DPRs and the same will be submitted soon. JS (WM) requested State to return unspent balance to DoLR after retaining the committed liability.
- xi. **Karnataka:** State informed that they had already prepared DPRs on 31.01.2022 and also got approval of SLNA on 11.02.2022. Completion reports for 43 Batch IV projects had already been submitted to DoLR and completion reports for balance 24 projects will be submitted by next week. State assured that the proposal for 2nd tranche will be submitted by 1st week of March, 2022.
- xii. **Kerala:** State informed that DPRs had already been prepared and the same will be submitted to DoLR by 19.02.2022. State assured that the proposals for 2nd tranche will be submitted by 20th March, 2022.
- xiii. **Ladakh:** The UT representative informed that Certificates regarding Child Agencies/SNA was not applicable to UT of Ladakh (without legislature). However, the Interest Remittance Certificate would be submitted to DoLR in 1-2 days.
- xiv. **Madhya Pradesh:** State had prepared a plan for utilization of Rs.21 crore for next two months of FY 2021-22. State already submitted certificate regarding closure of accounts after transferring of funds to SNA Accounts. The Interest undertaking will be submitted today. CEO informed that all WDC 1.0 projects had already been completed and End-line Evaluation Reports for all completed projects will also be submitted by March, 2022. Secretary, DoLR desired that State may complete DPRs at the earliest and also submit proposal for 2nd tranche by the end of February, 2022 after reworking the expenditure plan.
- xv. **Maharashtra:** State had already submitted both the certificates to DoLR on 10.02.2022 and also submitted 83 corrected PPRs. JS (WM) stated that State may submit signed copies of all PPRs either the soft copy or the physical version.

Maharashtra also informed that unspent amount of Central share of Rs.174.70 crore will be submitted DoLR by Monday. State assured that DPRs for all 144 projects will be submitted DoLR by 28.02.2022.

- xvi. **Manipur:** CEO, SLNA informed that only one ongoing project under WDC 1.0 had been completed now and the End line Evaluation report will also be submitted soon. CEO also stated that Central share of Ist tranche for 2021-22 is yet to be credited in State Nodal Account. State requested DoLR to send copies of Sanction Orders.
- xvii. **Meghalaya:** State informed that they had received Central share of Ist tranche of 2021-22. State also stated that the process for preparation of DPRs was under progress.
- xviii. **Mizoram:** CEO, SLNA stated that e-DPR software is being used for preparation of DPRs and the same will be submitted to DoLR by 25.02.2022. State assured that the proposal for 2nd tranche will be submitted by 1st week of March, 2022
- xix. **Nagaland:** State informed that preparation of all DPRs have already been completed using GIS/Remote Sensing techniques. State assured that the proposal for 2nd tranche will be submitted by 1st week of March, 2022.
- xx. **Odisha:** CEO, SLNA stated that 90% of process for preparation of DPRs had been completed and DPRs will be submitted to DoLR by 25.02.2022. It was desired that State expedite DPRs preparation works and expenditure as well so that they might claim 2nd tranche of Central share by end of February, 2022.
- xxi. **Rajasthan:** informed that DPRs had already been prepared. State informed that they had received Central share of Ist tranche of 2021-22 and proposal for 2nd tranche will be submitted by 1st week of March, 2022. It was desired that State expedite expenditure to claim 2nd tranche of funds by the end of February, 2022.
- xxii. **Sikkim:** State had not submitted certificates regarding closure of accounts and transfer of funds to SNA Accounts and interest undertaking/certificate. State also stated that the process for preparation of DPR was under progress.
- xxiii. **Tripura:** CEO, SLNA stated that that process for preparation of DPR was under progress and will be submitted to DoLR by 05.03.2022.
- xxiv. **Uttar Pradesh:** The State assured that the certificate regarding closure of accounts and transfer of funds to SNA Account will be submitted today itself. CEO also informed that the interest remittance certificate will be submitted to DoLR in next 3-4 days. Secretary desired that State submit the interest certificate latest by 14.2.2022.
- xxv. **West Bengal:** CEO stated that certificate regarding closure of accounts and transfer of funds to SNA Accounts had already been submitted to DoLR. With reference to interest undertaking certificate, State had informed that local bank in Kolkata had sent request to Delhi branch for approval of DD as the sum happened to be big. Secretary DoLR desired that if anything pending in Delhi, CEO can give reference to DoLR so that DoLR may liaise with the concern bank branch in Delhi.

xxvi. **Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttarakhand** States also participated in the VC. All were requested to submit the certificates if not done as yet, prepare their DPRs and also focus on expenditure plans so that the claims of 2nd installments may be submitted to DoLR. Secretary, DoLR also informed that the States are required to work aggressively for proper and immediate utilization of funds during current financial year.

5. While concluding the meeting, the Chairman once again remarked that DoLR would be closely monitoring the financial & physical progress of States/UTs. He reiterated that the pending certificates should be submitted immediately so that funds could be released to the concerned States. Also, the States should plan properly and hasten the process of utilization of 1st Tranche and submit proposal for 2nd Tranche as soon as possible. The States/UTs were urged to inform about the difficulties being faced by them, if any, so that DoLR may also intervene suitably with higher senior officers of State Governments.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

List of Officers from Department of Land Resources and SLNAs participated in the VC held on 11.02.2022

A. The following were present on behalf of DoLR:

1. Shri Ajay Tirkey, Secretary (DoLR) - **In Chair**
2. Shri Umakant, Joint Secretary (WM)
3. Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Director(WM)
4. Dr. C.P. Reddy, Sr. Addl. Commissioner (WD)
5. Shri Sushil Kumar Daila, Director(WM)
6. Mrs. Shanoo Bhatt, Technical Officer (WM)
7. Shri Pradeep Kumar, Technical Officer (WM)

B. Chairman, SLNA/Chief Executive Officers/ Officials of all SLNA of all States/UTs are participated in the Video Conference.