

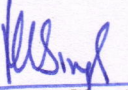
**F. No. 7-61/2022-WDC-PMKSY  
Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Department of Land Resources**

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Dated: 24.03.2022

**Subject: Minutes of Video Conference held for reviewing of preparedness of States on Jal Shakti Abhiyaan-Catch The Rain (JSA-CTR) – reg.**

The undersigned is directed to forward a copy of Minutes of Video Conference held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Land Resources held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 with States/UTs for reviewing preparedness of States on Jal Shakti Abhiyaan-Catch The Rain (JSA-CTR), for information and necessary action. Minutes are on basis of interaction in VC and quick feedback/ comments received from States.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

  
(Rajesh Kumar Singh)  
Director (WM)

Distribution:

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

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1. Secretary, Department of WR,RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti
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**Minutes of the Review Meeting on preparedness of States on Jal Shakti Abhiyaan-Catch The Rain (JSA-CTR) held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DoLR) through Video Conference**

A Video Conference (VC) was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Land Resources to review the preparedness of States/UTs for Jal Shakti Abhiyaan-Catch The Rain (JSA-CTR). Concerned Secretaries/Chief Executive Officers/ officials of States/UTs and Senior Officers of DoLR participated in the Video Conference.

2. Joint Secretary, Watershed, welcomed the officials/representatives of States/UTs. Secretary, DoLR in his opening remarks stated that for WDC-PMKSY, JSA is basically an amplification of already envisaged activities and provides a wonderful opportunity to push and achieve meaningful convergence with other related schemes / departments. Accordingly, the activities under WDC-PMKSY have to be strategized in tune with the JSA timelines/ duration.

3. **Secretary, DoLR advised that States/UT implementing WDC-PMKSY should participate in this campaign with a well drawn strategy. Accordingly, each project authority should draw a plan after PRA exercise in consultation with local people, WDTs and PIAs alongwith the watershed committees, on saturation basis. This Plan could be shared with the Team/Officers visiting during the Campaign.** There should be clarity about the activities to be taken up through WDC, and the activities for which we may request MNREGS to pitch in. In this regard, Secretary DoLR also referred to the joint advisory issued by the Secretaries of DoLR, DoRD, DoWR for effective convergence to achieve the objective of JSA-CTR.

4. The conservation of rain water and its efficient use for enhancing productivity of farming systems in watershed project area/ rainfed areas has been a proven tool to address this issue. Accordingly, **Secretary, DoLR emphasized that the core activities to be undertaken in JSA-CTR will include rain water harvesting structures and soil and moisture conservation activities as:**

- (i) Rain water harvesting and water conservation activities.**
- (ii) Intensive afforestation and moisture conservation activities.**
- (iii) Enumerating, geo-tagging & making inventory of all water bodies; preparation of scientific plans for water conservation.**
- (iv) Awareness generation.**
- (v) Springshed activities in Himalayan and North Eastern States.**

**Secretary, DoLR stated that the major works/ activities that can be taken as part of JSA-CTR shall be related to Water Harvesting Structures (WHS), Drainage line treatment,**

**Farm Ponds, Continuous contour trenches etc.** Emphasis should be also on afforestation/plantation activities. Secretary, DoLR further stated that DoLR would be sharing SOP on Springshed development shortly with all the States/UTs. Accordingly, activities that can be taken up under Sprigshed development plan should also be identified and taken up during the campaign.

5. **Secretary, DoLR emphasized that all the activities taken up under JSA-CTR have to be geo-tagged.** In case of WDC-PMKSY, it is already done on Bhuvan portal of NRSC. However, they have to be uploaded on Jal Shakti portal also. The KPIs in this regard will be shared with all the States /UTs by Jal Shakti Ministry and DoLR. **Secretary, DoLR further stated that Jal Shakti Kendras will be set up in all districts. DoLR has requested Ministry of Jal Shakti to include WDC officials in these Kendras, which has been agreed upon. Hence the matter should be taken up with the District Collector. Teaming up with the concerned Departments in the Jal Shakti Kendras will act as force multiplier.**

6. **Secretary, DoLR desired that all States/UTs should upload the Jal Shakti portal with their action taken efforts and finally at the close of campaign furnish a Report as well.**

7. The State/UT-wise preparedness of JSA-CTR as per response in the VC and quick feedback reports received are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of State	States/UTs preparedness/strategy
(i)	Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Harvesting Structures such as Farm pond, Check dam, Nalabund, Gokatte, Vented dam, Trench cum bund, Rubble check, Boulder Check, etc., are planned for conservation/harvest of water. During 2020-21, 14,549 Water Harvesting Structures such as Farm pond, Check dam, Nalabund, Gokatte, Vented dam were constructed. 96,115 hectare of bunding, 45141 hectare of forest plants and 5671 crores litre of water is harvested. During 2022-23, 22,706 Water Harvesting Structures will be created. 2,32,940 hectare of bunding and 1 lakh hectare afforestation activities are planned. 17144 crores litre of water will be harvested.</li> <li><b><i>Karod Vriksha Andolan</i></b> (1 crore tree planting campaign): Planing of 1 crore trees during 2021-22 under PMKSY-WDC 2.0, MGNREGA and other programmes. It includes agro forestry activities with special emphasis for <b><i>Sandal wood</i></b> plants, <b><i>fodder</i></b> related plants. Intensive <b><i>horticulture</i></b> and <b><i>sericulture</i></b> plantation is part of the 1 crore tree campaign.</li> </ul>
(ii)	Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State informed that about 1.0 lakh farm ponds are planned during this period.</li> </ul>