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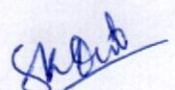
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Office Memorandum

Subject: Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the National Steering Committee on Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC 2.0) of the Department of Land Resources held on 26.7.2022.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the National Steering Committee (NSC) on Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY 2.0) of the Department of Land Resources held on 26.7.2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Land Resources.

2. This issues with the approval of Chairman (NSC) & Secretary, Department of Land Resources.


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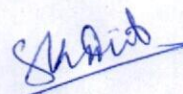
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5. PPS to DDG (PME), Department of Land Resources, New Delhi.
6. Director (WM)/ Sr. Addl. Commissioner (WD), Department of Land Resources, New Delhi.
7. Sr. Technical Director (NIC), DoLR, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Sr. Technical Director NIC for WDC-PMKSY, CGO Complex, New Delhi - with a request to make arrangement for uploading of the minutes on the Department's website.
9. Director (IFD), Department of Land Resources, New Delhi.

Minutes of the 3rd National Steering Committee meeting on Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC 2.0) held on 26.7.2022 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Land Resources (DoLR)

1. The 3rd meeting of the National Steering Committee on Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC 2.0) was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, DoLR on **26.7.2022** at 11:30 AM in the Committee Room, NBO Building, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi through Video Conference. The list of participants is attached as **Annexure I**.
2. Joint Secretary (WM) welcomed the members of the Committee and apprised that projects have been sanctioned to all States and UT of Jammu & Kashmir in 2021-22 under WDC 2.0. However, suitable PPRs from Ladakh could not be received on time which led to delays in sanctioning of projects to UT of Ladakh. He informed that today's meeting was convened for appraisal and sanction of the Preliminary Project Reports (PPRs) recently submitted by Ladakh.
3. The Steering Committee Chairman in his opening remarks mentioned that out of the target area of 49.50 lakh hectares approved by Government of India, the department has already sanctioned a total of 1099 projects to States and UT of J&K under WDC 2.0 in 2021-22 covering an area of 49.21 lakh hectares. An amount of Rs. 1165 core has also been released so far out of the total Central Share of Rs. 8134 core allocated for the period 2021-26. He also mentioned that in watershed projects under WDC 2.0, significant modifications have been brought about for better outcomes, viz. (a) there has been substantial hike in the unit cost from Rs. 12000/15000 to Rs 22000/28000 respectively for plain/hilly areas, (b) inclusion of springshed development as a separate activity, (c) formation/strengthening of FPOs, (d) more funds for livelihoods and production systems etc. However, the Chairman reiterated seeing the expertise of States/UTs, the project duration has been reduced from 4-7 years to 3-5 years. He expressed his desire and hope that Ladakh would do well in livelihoods and production systems commensurate with its potential in the UT, which may be showcased to other States/UTs for replication.
4. Joint Secretary (WM) made a brief presentation on progress of WDC 2.0 till date giving State-wise details of sanctioned projects under WDC 2.0 like, number of projects, area, total project cost, central share and funds released etc. He urged Ladakh to move aggressively and ensure faster implementation of projects in view of reduced to project period as mentioned by the Chairman.

5. The Chairman of Ladakh UTLNA then made a detailed presentation showing PPRs proposed under WDC 2.0 as well as progress made under WDC 1.0. He informed that out of 11 projects funded by DoLR under WDC 1.0, the UT could complete only 4 projects. An unspent amount of Rs. 52 lakh was also reported by him. He assured that the UT would work expeditiously to implement the projects under WDC 2.0 and that all positions at the level of UTLNA, WCDC, PIA and WC would be filled up through posting/recruitment by 30.9.2022.
6. The Chairman of the Steering Committee suggested Ladakh to strengthen the institutional structures for speedy and effective implementation of the scheme. He also asked Ladakh to complete all remaining 7 projects under WDC 1.0 from its own resources as extension of the said scheme was allowed by Government of India only up to 31.3.2022.
7. Additional Secretary (DoLR) remarked that the unspent balance of Rs. 52 lakh available with the UT under WDC 1.0 should be immediately returned to DoLR. He also observed that expenditure made by UT had exceeded the prescribed limits for Administrative Charges (11.13 % against 10 %) and EPA (13.18 % against 4 %). The UT was cautioned to keep the expenditure under individual components strictly within the ceilings stipulated in the Guidelines of the scheme (WDC 2.0). If the excess expenditure is unavoidable in any component, the same may be borne by the UT from its own resources. He also pointed out that despite having weightage /score of 100 marks out of 135 marks, Kargil-6 PPR was kept by Ladakh in Additional List (of 2 PPRs) and not in Priority List (of 11 PPRs). Kargil PPRs in the Priority List had less than 100 score. The UT was advised to review the priority list and resubmit by today evening i.e. 26.7.2022.
8. Director (WM-SKD) pointed out that expenditure made under the vital components of 'livelihood activities' has been only 1.95 % as against 9 %; and under the 'production systems', it has hardly been 2.20 % as against prescribed 10 % which is substantially low as per the WDC 1.0 guidelines. He suggested the UT to spend more in these components under WDC 2.0 wherein the expenditure ceiling has been jacked up to 15 % each; now total 30% of project cost has been prescribed under these two components.
9. The Chairman asked the UT to also focus on springshed development activities and use GIS and Remote Sensing technologies for precise site selection and identification of aquifers.
10. JS (WM) observed that there was no participation from Ladakh in the recently conducted National Review Meeting of WDC 2.0 held on 10.6.2022, and National Watershed Conference organized by DoLR on 14.7.2022. JS (WM) nudged the UT to ensure participation in such meetings in future so that cross cutting learning from various States/UTs may benefit Ladakh.



11. After detailed deliberations, the Committee appraised and sanctioned 11 proposals (PPRs) proposed by UT of Ladakh covering an area of 21,738 hectares at a total project cost of Rs. 6086.64 lakh under WDC 2.0 subject to the condition that the UT may review and submit the revised Priority List in view of 100 score/weightage in Kargil-6 PPR.

The UT has, thereafter, reviewed both the Priority List and Additional List and has informed vide their letter dated 26.7.2022 that the score/weightage in Kargil-6 PPR was actually 87.5 but recorded as 100 due to calculation errors. It has also requested to consider the 11 PPRs already mentioned in the Priority List duly approved by Chairman of UTLSC, which were also presented before the National Steering Committee on 26.7.2022.

Accordingly, 11 proposals (PPRs) proposed by UT of Ladakh covering an area of 21,738 hectares are sanctioned under WDC 2.0 at a total project cost of Rs. 6086.64 lakh. The list of the sanctioned PPRs/projects is attached as Annexure II.

12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



List of participants in the 3rd National Steering Committee Meeting held through VC on 26.7.2022 at 11:30 AM at DoLR, New Delhi

S. No.	Name	Department / Designation
Department of Land Resources (DoLR)		
1	Shri Ajay Tirkey	Secretary (Chair)
2	Shri Hukum Singh Meena	Additional Secretary
3	Shri Umakant	Joint Secretary (WM)
4	Shri Rajesh Bhatia	DDG (PME)
5	Shri Sushil Kumar Daila	Director (WM)
6	Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh	Director (WM)
7	Dr. C.P. Reddy	Senior Additional Commissioner (WM)
8	Naveen Agrawal	Sr. Technical Director, NIC
9	Smt. Shanoo Bhat	Technical Officer
Representatives from Members / Ministries / Organisations		
10	Shri Avinash Mishra	Adviser, NITI Aayog
11	Dr. Satbir Singh	Director, NRAA
12	Shri Dharmvir Jha	Director, DoRD
13	Shri Pankaj Tyagi	Director, DA&FW
14	Shri Puneet Kumar Mittal	SJC, CAD, DoWR RD and GR
15	Shri Siam Khan Muan Guite	AIGF, MoEFCC
16	Dr. R. Ravi Babu	NABARD
17	Dr. V.V. Rao	Dy. Director RSA NRSC
18	Dr. P. Kesava Rao	CGARD, NIRDPR
19	Shri Sreenath Dixit	ICRISAT

20	Professor Ravindra Gavali	NIRD & PR
21	Shri K. Krishna Reddy	NIRDPR
22	Shri Manoranjan	Principal Scientist, CRIDA
23	Dr. B. Renuka Rani	MANAGE, Hyderabad
States		
24	Shri Saugat Biswas	Chairman, UTLNA, UT Ladakh
25	Shri Sonum Norboo	Asstt. Commissioner Development, Leh
26	Shri Gulam Mohammed	Asstt. Commissioner Development, Kargil
27	Dr. P.V.R. M. Reddy	Director Watershed & Joint Commissioner, SLNA Andhra Pradesh
28	Smt. Pallabi Phukan	CEO, SLNA, Assam
29	Shri Samiul Hoque	Tech Expert, SLNA, Assam
30	Shri Bharat Bhushan	CEO, UTLNA, J&K
31	Shri Namyajit Chakma	CEO, SLNA, Tripura

Annexure II

Projects/PPRs sanctioned in the 3rd meeting of National Steering Committee held on 26.7.2022 (VC mode)

State / UT: Ladakh

Area allocated by DoLR: 21,738 ha

S. N.	District-wise Name of project	Name of Block/Blocks	Type of Area (Plain/Hilly/Desert/ LAP)	Weightage (out of 135)	No. of MWS	Project Area proposed for treatment (ha)	Rate (Rs/ha)	Total Project Cost (Rs. lakh)	Name of PI/Department	Whether project area proposed includes transferred project area (Yes / No)
1	Kargil WDC-01-2021-22	Kargil	Hilly	88	2	2028	28000	567.84	Project Manager, IWMP, RDD	No
2	Kargil WDC-02-2021-22	Zaskar	Hilly	97.5	2	1828	28000	511.84	Project Manager IWMP, RDD	No
3	Kargil WDC-03-2021-22	TSG	Hilly	90	2	1983	28000	555.24	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
4	Kargil WDC-04-2021-22	Sankoo	Hilly	97.5	2	2217	28000	620.76	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
5	Kargil WDC-05-2021-22	Sharqole-Pashkum	Hilly	93	2	2813	28000	787.64	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
6	Leh WDC-01-2021-22	Nyoma-Chumathang-Rupsho Puga	Hilly	78	13	2000	28000	560.00	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
7	Leh WDC-02-2021-22	Khaltse Singay Lalok-Skrubuchan	Hilly	78	13	1550	28000	434.00	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
8	Leh WDC-03-2021-22	Kharu	Hilly	78	7	1500	28000	420.00	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
9	Leh WDC-04-2021-22	Chochut-Thiksey	Hilly	78	4	1519	28000	425.32	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
10	Leh WDC-05-2021-22	Leh-Nimoo	Hilly	78	10	1800	28000	504.00	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
11	Leh WDC-06-2021-22	Saspol	Hilly	78	5	2500	28000	700.00	Project Manager, IWMP RDD	No
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Signature