**MINUTES OF THE BRAIN STROMING WORKSHOP HELD ON 23rd AUGUST 2014 AT PWD REST HOUSE**

All Technical Experts of WCDCs and designated Assistant Sericulture Officers attended the workshop. The workshop was chaired by Sri K V Mohan Kumar, IAS, Commissioner for Rural Development and CEO, SLNA.

At the outset Commissioner had briefed about the necessity of conducting such a workshop. The meeting intended for discussion of the following

* To ensure the quality of preparation of DPR with respect to earlier experience.
* Prioritization of activities in a realistic manner and spread into AAPs for 5 years.
* Active involvement of Technical Experts from district to WDT for finalization of plot interventions and other components.
* To explore all possibilities of convergence practices with IWMP.
* To bring out the report of outcome based analysis of already implemented projects with specific remarks, suggestions etc.
* To explore the technical interventions, especially for area specific rural technology.

Commissioner had suggested some innovative ideas related to implementation of IWMP projects and the following decisions were taken.

* Commissioner had announced that he wish to monitor one project each in each district. Accordingly the following projects of all the districts were selected for direct monitoring of the implementation of IWMP projects by CEO, SLNA.

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| Sl No | District | Project |
| 1 | Thiruvananthapuram | Pothencode |
| 2 | Kollam | Ithikkara |
| 3 | Pathanamthitta | Ranni |
| 4 | Kottayam | Uzhavoor |
| 5 | Alapuzha | Bharanikkavu |
| 6 | Idukki | All projects |
| 7 | Ernakulam | Mulanthuruthy |
| 8 | Thrissur | Chowannur |
| 9 | Palakkad | Nemmara |
| 10 | Malappuram | Wandoor |
| 11 | Kozhikode | Kunnamangalam |
| 12 | Wayanad | Kalpetta |
| 13 | Kannur | Irritty |
| 14 | Kasargod | Karadukka |

A special monitoring team comprising of senior officers of TSU of SLNA will assist CEO in monitoring. Commissioner directed all Technical Experts of WCDCs and designated Assistant Sericulture Officers to submit a brief report of the present status of all the above projects immediately to CEO.

* Commissioner had suggested various areas requiring attention along with implementation of IWMP projects. He had suggested studying major rivers and river basins and emphasized the need for river bank protection. Eventhough the entire river bank could not be treated, the areas falling within the project area can be treated which will provide a comparison with the other untreated areas. Accordingly the major rivers flowing through the project area was selected for river bank protection exclusively by vegetative means in association with Social Forestry and MGNREGA. Accordingly the following river basins flowing through the project area in each district is selected for river bank protection.

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| Sl No | District | River basin |
| 1 | Thiruvananthapuram | Vamanapuram River |
| 2 | Kollam | Achankoil River |
| 3 | Pathanamthitta | Pampa & Manimala Rivers |
| 4 | Kottayam | Meenachil River |
| 5 | Alapuzha | Pampa & Manimala Rivers |
| 6 | Idukki | Thodupuzha river, Periyar |
| 7 | Ernakulam | Periyar and Moovattupuzha Rivers |
| 8 | Thrissur | Kurumalipuzha and Bharthapuzha |
| 9 | Palakkad | Kabani River |
| 10 | Malappuram | Chaliyar, Thoothapuzha and Bharathapuzha |
| 11 | Kozhikode | Eruvanchipuzha, poonor puzha |
| 12 | Wayanad | Kabani (Puzhamudi puzha) |
| 13 | Kannur | Vannathipuzha & Irrittypuzha |
| 14 | Kasargod | Kariyamcode River, Mugral river |

All WCDCs should prepare a plan of action for river bank protection of the said rivers within the project area for effective implementation along with convergence of Social Forestry and MGNREGA.

* Commissioner had emphasized the need for Rejuvenation of Natural Ecosystem. He had directed all experts to identify sacred grooves within the project area and identify the rare species of trees present in the area and preserve them and also go for planting trees and restoring its ancient status.
* Commissioner had also suggested identifying water bodies associated with religious centers and take necessary steps to preserve its status as before.
* Since there is lot of confusion regarding posting of various activities under different heads as various activities undertaken in our state is not available in the MIS format of GoI. A presentation was made on the activities that can be undertaken under each heading and subheading. After detailed discussion and suggestions from the participants it is decided to give a circular regarding the entries in MIS as well as furnishing MPR.
* The Commissioner directed to constitute a core group for the follow up of this workshop in order to support competency in the programme implementation at state level.

The workshop concluded at 4.30pm.

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**Commissioner for Rural Development**