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Subject: Minutes of the Video Conference held on 2nd July, 2021 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 Joint Secretary (WM), Department of Land Resources on 02.07.2021 through bharatvc.nic.in / bharatvc App with the CEO SLNAs of 14 States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal) to review the implementation of WDC-PMKSY projects, for information and necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (WM), DoLR.


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Chairman / CEO, State Level Nodal Agency for WDC-PMKSY in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal

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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 2nd July, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (DoLR) through video conference.

A Video Conference (VC) to review implementation of WDC-PMKSY in 14 States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal) was held on 02.07.2021 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, Department of Land Resources through bharatvc.nic.in / bharatvc App. The Chief Executive Officers / Officials of States and Programme Officers of DoLR participated in the Video Conference. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. At the outset Director (WM) welcomed all the participants in the VC. He welcomed newly appointed CEOs of Bihar, Goa, Kerala and Sikkim especially who were participating for the first time in the VC. Director (WM) then requested the Chairman for his opening remarks
3. The Chairman welcomed Goa, who had joined Watershed development programme for the first time. He then complimented all the States for their continued efforts for achieving completion targets. He especially congratulated Nagaland for their completion of all projects including Batch VI projects. The Chairman informed that till now, about 76 % of the WDC-PMKSY projects funded by DoLR have been completed and another 6-7 % project are in Consolidation phase which are likely to be completed shortly. The tally will reach almost 81%. He, however, reiterated that the extension of Batch IV and V project period upto September, 2021 should be treated as the last opportunity and thus states should ensure completion of all remaining projects within the stipulated time. JS WM mentioned that all states are expected to submit completion reports as well as their End-line evaluation reports in time. The Chairman suggested all states to utilize the unspent balance fully by September 2021 beyond which the unspent balance of central share would be asked mandatorily to return to DoLR. He reminded states that in Government business this situation of returning unspent funds to Government of India is treated as non-performance or under-performance of states which is avoidable.
4. JS (WM) further informed that DoLR is in the process of getting Government's approval on WDC-PMKSY 2.0 which envisions sanctioning of new projects over 10 million ha of rainfed and degraded land during 2021-22 to 2025-26. In the meantime, all States have to gear up and be in state of full preparedness by strengthening of their concerned Departments/ SLNAs / implementing agencies especially in terms of requisite technical experts / manpower etc.
5. The Chairman informed about the new activity - 'Springshed Development' introduced for the first time under the proposed WDC-PMKSY2.0. He urged all NER States for preparedness and suggested to take up mapping work of Springshed available in their State. He also requested states to share their experiences in case some amount of works have been done by them.
6. Director (WM) while referring to one of the agenda points – "preparedness on PFMS" vide Deptt. of Expenditure (MoF) OM dated 23.03.2021 impressed upon the states to act on it seriously as no funds from GOI will be possible during current FY unless the PFMS stipulations are complied with. He also mentioned about the D.O. dated 9.6.2021 written by Secretary, DoLR regarding implementation of these guidelines. To emphasize the importance of the procedure, Dir (WM) highlighted following points:

- Each State should have only one account and multiple accounts should be closed and also all intermediate accounts will have zero balance account linked with main account held with SLNA.
- Bank account upto Batch-III projects should be closed and unspent balance available, if any, may be returned to DoLR in Central and State share ratio.
- For opening of account bank should be preferred which have more connectivity at district / Block levels have robust IT network.
- States have to do all expenditure through PFMS only, and all UCs will be taken from PFMS.
- Separate budget head for Center Share and State share.

7. The State-wise information shared and decisions arrived at are as given below:

Information shared	Observations/Remarks
Assam	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 nos of Batch-IV projects are in consolidation phase, the closure report and their End-line evaluation reports will be submitted. • Unspent balances of Batch-I,II & III have been deposited in SLNA account and also bank accounts are closed at all level. • Implementation of revised procedure for PFMS will be followed as per Guidelines issued by Deptt. of Expenditure vide its OM dated 23.03.2021. • The system for releasing Central share to the SLNA through State Exchequer takes time. Central share may be released directly to SLNA account through PFMS for timely utilization of funds. It will also help for implementation of NRM activities in time as the working season is less in Assam i.e. Oct/Nov to April/May. • Manpower and remuneration of existing staff may be revised at all level in WDC-PMKSY2.0. • Collection of baseline survey data is being initiated in hills districts of Assam. • Transferred projects are not initiated for implemented by State. • Adoption of convergence of WDC-PMKSY and MGNREGS in a schematic design will boost optimal utilization of available budgetary support of both Central and State share. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State should gear up all its mechanism and chalk out timelines for utilizing the available funds for completion of all pending projects. • If some projects of Batch-IV have already been completed, the same may be submitted to DoLR. • As per PFMS there are two State codes, State code should be only one. • In PFMS Central and State budget code should be reflected separately. • States need to submit draft PPR and area available for treatment under WDC-PMKSY2.0.

Mizoram	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 0.30 crore is available as unspent balance. Completion and End-line Reports upto Batch-III projects have been submitted to DoLR. There is no ongoing project in State of Mizoram. All necessary registration on PFMS has been done. SLNA has taken steps for preparedness for WDC-PMKSY2.0 however decreases in man-power in SLNA as well as DWCDCs can hamper administrative duties and effective monitoring of the new projects. Potential areas for development have already been identified. The SLNA team has undergone different trainings on Springshed development as well as hands-one experience, presently, one Springshed development project is being implemented under funding from RIDF-NABARD by the SLNA. Transferred projects of WDC-PMKSY had been closed by SLNA due to incapability of continuation from the State budget. If these transferred projects included under WDC-PMKSY2.0 then Springshed development component could be easily done. The SHGs in the field of production of Vermin compost, turmeric processing, piggery, poultry and handloom are still mostly active. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 2 accounts being shown on PFMS, SLNA have to keep only single account. Under WDC-PMKSY2.0, 100% PFMS has to be implemented. State may be in touch with Director (WM) on daily basis for any issue in implementation of PFMS. SLNA have to be in preparedness for Springshed and mapping of Springshed should be done. Works already taken on Springshed development may be shared with DoLR.
Kerala	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All projects of Batch-II & III have been completed and End-line evaluation reports also submitted to DoLR. Instructions already issued to return the unspent balance held with PIA/WCDC/WC to SLNA account. Batch-IV (17 projects) and Batch-V (8 projects) are expected to complete by 30.09.2021. CWRDM is entrusted for End-line evaluation and expect to submit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA is expected to submit completion reports for Batch-IV projects. There is considerable unspent balance available with State; the same must be utilized. Under PFMS, State should try to keep Zero balance account preferably in the branch of the same bank. As per Guidelines, Land

<p>reports by 31.12.2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is sufficient staff available for initiating WDC-PMKSY2.0. New recruits for districts & PIA can be undertaken only on sanctioning of new projects. • SLNA already identified 24 clusters spread over all 14 districts of Kerala for implementation under WDC-PMKSY2.0. • Transferred projects are in standstill since State Government is reluctant to undertake these projects due to financial crisis. • ASA for 2020-21 is started and some delay occurred due to the covid protocol. 	<p>Resource Inventory (LRI) activities to be done for 10% of total sanctioned project. State is requested to indentify and start preparing. Karnataka is doing well in LRI, experience of same may be availed.</p>
<p>Nagaland</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All projects from Batch-I to Batch-VI has been completed and End-line evaluation report also submitted to DoLR. • Preparation of draft PPR has already been initiated. • There are about 71,000 springs available in State, out of which SLNA has inventory of 2394 in 1047 settlements in all 11 districts. • As an experience for Springshed Development, completed 11 Springshed projects, one each in all the 11 districts with technical support from PSI Dehradun and ACWADAM Pune. • Springshed Atlas of Nagaland (1st Edition 2018) published by the SLNA Nagaland. • There is need for full fledged flagship projects under Springshed management, inventorization of more springs in the State, well established water quality lab etc. • There is no unspent balance available with SLNA. ASA for FY2020-21 is under process. • SLNA is using PFMS but due to non transfer of funds from State Treasury to SLNA by using PFMS, implementation of PFMS may be feasible. Further , SLNA has very limited choice of banks as they have very less branches in districts / blocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned by the Chair that every project has a time line to start and to complete. Nagaland has done excellent in this regard. • SLNA needs to work on new procedure for making PFMS effective. SLNA should prepare for implementing PFMS as per the latest guidelines. • State should also share experience of Springshed development with DoLR. State was also requested to share success stories, best practices and video clips. • State has to submit Audited Statement of Accounts for FY2020-21.

Tripura	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All projects of Batch-I to Batch-III has been completed. • End-line evaluation reports of Batch-I & II submitted to DoLR. Out of 11 projects of Batch-III, end-line evaluation reports of 9 projects submitted to DoLR and for 2 it will be submitted by 15th July, 2021. • No balance amount under these projects is lying with PIA/WCDC/WC. • Out of 17 projects of Batch-IV, 8 will be completed by 15th July,2021 and rest 9 will be completed by 30th September, 2021. • All projects of Batch-V will be completed by September, 2021. • The SNA account opened for WDC - PMKSY 2.0 which will be mapped with PFMS. • SLNA Tripura is in full readiness for implementation of New Generation Watershed Project. • State has already identified villages along with treatable area where no watershed activities taken earlier. SLNA is waiting for final guideline for preparing Preliminary Project Report (PPR) of new watershed projects. • Only few Springshed existing in State. Management of the Springshed is required for surface flow irrigation scheme. • It is proposed to include the project areas of the transferred projects i.e. the Batch - VI projects into WDC- PMKSY 2.0 as SLNA has not completed the projects as State could not allocate fund. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLNA has to send end-line evaluation reports of balance 2 projects of Batch-III. • As far as inclusion of transferred projects under WDC-PMKSY2.0, it was suggested to mention specifically about these projects while preparing new PPR. • There are 2 accounts being reflected in PFMS; one of them should be closed.
Manipur	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 60 projects (Batch-II- 27 & Batch-III 33) completed and End-line evaluation has also been submitted. There is only 1 ongoing projects under Batch-IV and same will be completed by September,2021. • SLNA has identified about 89,000 ha area for implementation of projects under WDC-PMKSY2.0. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All States have to plan mechanism for activities to be convergence with MGNREGS. Care should be taken to avoid duplicity. All activities planned under WDC-PMKSY and MGNREGS should be mapped to avoid duplicity.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLNA is in preparedness for the implementation of WDC-PMKSY2.0 with existence of well competent and experienced staff, GIS lab, good rapport with stakeholder at different level. However, due to non availability of fund, service of staff at district level discontinued since August, 2020. • State has successfully implemented Springshed project sponsored by NEC in 18 villages covering 9 districts, during 2019-20 to 2020-21. Staffs involved in this project are well experienced on Springshed Management projects. • It is suggested that instead of districts, village should be taken into account for development of Springshed projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success stories under development of Springshed should be shared with DoLR. • State has to submit ASA for FY2019-20 & for FY2020-21.
Sikkim	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no ongoing project in State. • End line Evaluation Reports for Batch-I and II is under progress. • With reference to PFMS, zero balance account opens with SISCO bank. • 8 number of project areas identified for WDC-PMKSY2.0. • 15 staffs are available in the SLNA / districts for implementation of WDC-PMKSY2.0. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State has to submit long overdue End line Evaluation reports of Batch-I & II projects immediately. • Sikkim is pioneered in implementation of Springshed projects. State was requested to make a presentation on the Springshed development. State should also share success stories for Springshed projects for IEC activities, Videos with DoLR. • SLNA needs to prepare PPR for new project areas. • State has to submit ASA for FY2020-21.
Tamil Nadu	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 270 Projects upto Batch-IV have been completed. However, End-line Evaluation reports of only 12 projects of Batch-I out of 50 projects and all 62 projects of Batch-II have been submitted. • End-line Reports of Batch-I, III & IV will be furnished to DoLR by July, 2021 and for Batch-V & VI will be furnished by August, 2021 & September, 2021 respectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State has to submit End-line evaluation reports of completed projects at the earliest. • State needs to send completion report of batch V & VI in format specified. • Audited report of FY 20-21 should be submitted on priority.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 19.80 crore is available as unspent balance with State. ASA for FY2020-21 will be furnished by 30.09.2021. State is in preparedness for the implementation of PFMS as per the Guidelines issued by DoE. Single Nodal bank account for SNA has been opened and mapping of PFMS will be done shortly. Tamil Nadu is in all its readiness to take up the new generation of watershed projects under WDC-PMKSY2.0. An area of 7,19,179 ha of wasteland have been delineated. Draft PPR for new generation of projects have been prepared for 31 districts and the remaining 6 districts will be completed by the end of July, 2021. Study on the assessment of Springshed development in Tamil Nadu has been entrusted to third party ITCOT consultancy and the study has proposed Springshed in 360 micro watersheds of Didigul districts and 75 micro watershed of Krishangiri districts and it has been planned to prepared separate project proposal for Springshed development. 	
Bihar	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batch-IV projects along with End-line evaluation report have been completed. 9 projects of Batch-IV has been completed and rest 15 projects will be completed by September, 2021. Bank account of SNA as per new Guidelines of PFMS will be opened shortly. Preparation of PPR for projects under WDC-PMKSY2.0 has been started. Unspent balance available is Rs. 13.36 crore. Audit of the FY2020-21 is in progress. All the 59 projects which were transferred to State are still pending for implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State needs to prioritize areas for implementation under WDC-PMKSY2.0 and prepare PPRs. State needs to expedite completion of balance project of Batch-IV. State needs to update facts and figures on MIS

West Bengal	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of 77 projects of Batch-III, 54 has been completed and 23 are in consolidation phase. End-line evaluation of 62 projects has been done and report for 44 projects received. • Batch-IV projects will be completed by 30.09.2021 • 5.35 lakh ha area has been identified for implementation. 105 number of projects each having 4000 to 5000 ha area have been identified. • Requested to revised higher remuneration for manpower as it is difficult to get manpower at the existing remuneration. • ASA for FY2020-21 will be submitted by September, 2021. • Due to very small amount of revolving fund the sustainability of the SHG enterprises are facing problems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of 23 balance projects of Batch-III has to be submitted at the earliest along with End-line evaluation reports of 77 projects of batch III. • State needs to identify areas and prepare PPRs for WDC 2.0. As cost norms etc are under the process of approval, the same may be incorporated in PPR in due course.
Jharkhand	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two accounts are available under WDC-PMKSY at State level. Out of which one account opened for Institutional funds has been closed. • SLNA has already in touch and discussed with Bank authorities for implementation of PFMS in State. • State has prioritized and prepared 38 PPRs for WDC-PMKSY 2.0 for about 13 lakh ha of area. • SLNA has faced shortage of staff at all levels. But they assured to solve and select staff timely. • Unspent balance of Rs. 127.31 crore is available as on 01.04.2021. The audit of the year FY2020-21 is under progress. • Regarding huge unspent balance, State assured and try best for utilization of unspent balance within extended period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State should submit End line Evaluation Reports for 45 Batch III. • State should try strengthening of SLNA for smooth implementation of WDC-PMKSY 2.0. • Expedite utilization of unspent balance with in extended project period. • State should prioritize areas and prepare draft PPR for projects to be taken up under WDC-PMKSY 2.0. • Multiple accounts in SLNA should be closed forthwith.

Goa	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.09 lakh ha area has been identified for projects under WDC-PMKSY2.0. • PPR for 16 projects covering about 60,000 ha is ready and will be submitted shortly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLNA needs to work on PFMS new procedure right from the beginning. The role of professional expert for PFMS may be considered. • SLNA needs to be strengthened. • PPRs for the WDC 2.0 should be kept ready.
Meghalaya	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no ongoing project in the State. • Rs. 2.57 crore is available as unspent balance and same will be refunded to DoLR in ratio of Central and State share. • 1.00 lakh ha area has been identified for new generation watershed projects • End-line Evaluation Reports for 14 Batch-III projects are to be submitted. • State has been implementing the Springshed development programme and has already treated 386 Springshed. In addition to this, mapping of 1000 Springshed projects is complete and the State is ready to take up them in the upcoming Springshed development programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State has to submit PDF file of End-line evaluation reports of all completed projects. • State should share success stories and experience of Springshed development with DoLR.
Arunachal Pradesh	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per PFMS Rs. 8.32 crore is available as unspent balance. • There is sufficient staff for new generation of watershed projects. • Completion of 32 projects of Batch-II and 28 projects of Batch-IV is due. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State has to submit completion of reports of all 32 projects of Batch-III and balance 28 project of Batch-IV immediately. • State should gear up its mechanism and chalk out timelines for utilizing the available funds for completion of all pending projects. • State should utilize the services of people who have reverted to their native places from metros during this corona pandemic and

	<p>complete all pending projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDC-PMKSY 2.0 is to be implemented as per the new guidelines which are expected to be finalized shortly. Identification of areas for new projects and preparation of PPRs for them may be taken up to save on time. • Should prepare for implementing PFMS as per the latest guidelines.
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On reviewing the progress of implementation of WDC-PMKSY in the above States, Joint Secretary (WM) requested all States to comply with their commitments within the extended time line upto September 2021. He also informed that the WDC-PMKSY should continue as WDC-PMKSY 2.0 in a different format for which the proposal is under consideration of GoI. Till the time DoLR gets approval for sanctioning of the new projects, States should prepare themselves in all respect by building their capacities. They should be ready to implement new projects with zeal & interest in a more aggressive and effective manner. States should prepare their PPRs based on the quantum of rainfed/degraded land available with them for development. This will save on their time as the DoLR is expecting to roll out WDC-PMKSY 2.0 shortly. He thanked all the SLNAs for their participation and sought support of States for success of WDC-PMKSY2.0.

The Video Conference ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Officers from Department of Land Resources and SLNAs participated in the Meeting held on 02.07.2021

A. The following were present on behalf of DoLR:

1. Shri Umakant, Joint Secretary (WM) – **In Chair**
2. Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Director (WM)
3. Shri Arvind Kumar, Director (WM)
4. Shri Niraj Kumar, Dy. Secretary (IFD)
5. Mrs. Shanoo Bhatt, Technical Officer (WM)
6. Shri Pradeep Kumar, Technical Officer (WM)
7. Shri Manoj Kumar Gaour, Research Investigator (WM)

B. Chief Executive Officers/ Officials of the SLNA of following States participated in the Video Conference:

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Goa
5. Jharkhand
6. Kerala
7. Manipur
8. Meghalaya
9. Mizoram
10. Nagaland
11. Sikkim
12. Tamil Nadu
13. Tripura
14. West Bengal