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To,

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO),
SLNA for WDC-PMKSY in States
(Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka,
Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland
Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal)

Subject: Minutes of the Video Conference held on 17.06.2020 with State Level Nodal Agencies (SLNAs) to review the implementation of watershed projects under WDC-PMKSY - regd.

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting held through Video Conference on 17.06.2020 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (WM), Department of Land Resources with State Level Nodal Agencies (SLNAs) to review the implementation of watershed projects under WDC-PMKSY in the States for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



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PPS to Secretary, Department of Land Resources, New Delhi

Minutes of the Video Conference (VC) held on 17th June, 2020 through Webex Meeting Pro App to review the implementation of Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY)

A Video Conference (VC) to review implementation of WDC-PMKSY in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal was held on 17.06.2020 under the Chairmanship of joint Secretary (WM) through use of Webex Meeting Pro App. The Programme Officers of DoLR, the Chief Executive Officers/ Officials of States participated in the Video Conference. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

The agenda for the Video Conference was as follows:

1. Review on Action taken on last Video Conference held on 27.05.2020
2. Review of Physical Progress:
 - a. Output-outcome targets and achievement for Q1 (FY 2020-21)
 - b. Status of completion of projects
 - c. End-line Evaluation Reports of completed projects
3. Review of Financial Progress:
 - a. Status of submission of proposal for release of 1st installment during FY2020-21
 - b. Review of Central / State share positions
 - c. Expenditure in Q1
 - d. Status of PFMS: updation & confirmation on using State link code.
4. Reporting of Expenditure incurred under Batch III projects

The State-wise actionable points as emerged during the review are as under:

Assam

Officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- Out of 83 projects of Batch-III, 64 no. of projects completed. Out of 64 completed projects, 24 already reported and rest will be reported within next week.
- Process of engagement of third party evaluator for End-line evaluation of Batch-III projects will be taken up in August, 2020 after the completion of the projects.
- Proposal for release of Central share will be submitted by 3rd week of June, 2020.

⇒ JS (WM) advised SLNA to initiate the process of engagement of third party for Batch-III now only as it is a time taking process. Updation of financial progress on PFMS is a must as it is basic criterion for consideration of proposal for release of Central assistance to State.

Sikkim

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA attended the meeting and informed following:

- Due to delay in official procedure, payment towards liabilities due for Batch-I and Batch-II projects have got delayed and requested for additional time.

⇒ Joint Secretary (WM) advised the state to submit all long overdue completion reports by 27th June, 2020.

Uttar Pradesh

Chief Executive Officer along with the other officials of SLNA attended the meeting and informed following:

- Rs. 90.00 crore as unspent balance has been mopped up and the department is working out exact unspent amount to be refunded to DoLR.
- 60% of the MIS data has been updated till now and rest will be updated within next 15 days.
- Audit of the scheme will be completed within one month.

⇒ Director (WM) requested that End line Evaluation Reports for completed 66 Batch-I and 183 Batch-II projects may be submitted immediately besides ensuring due refund of unspent balance.

Tripura

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA attended the meeting and informed following:

- AAP 2020-21 along with copy of approval the Chairman, SLSC for release of Central Share has already been submitted to DoLR.
- Rs 45.03 crore has been received against the Batch-III projects; of which an expenditure of Rs. 43.93 crore has already been incurred and Rs. 1.10 crore only is available as unspent balance.
- Out of 11 projects completion of 9 projects of Batch-III would be submitted by 25th June, 2020.

Kerala

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA attended the meeting and informed following:

- Completion report of all 15 projects of Batch-III will be submitted by 25th June, 2020.
- End-line evaluation reports of Batch III project is in progress and would be submitted by 31.08.2020.
- All Central share and State share pending with State Govt. is likely to get released within a month.
- Proposal worth Rs 154.79 crore for release of Central share would be submitted by next month.
- PFMS updation is in progress and it is expected to be complete by 22.06.2020.
- Bank has been requested for closing of one of the two accounts of PFMS. On formal closing necessary correction in PFMS will be made.

Tamil Nadu

Officials of SLNA attended the meeting and informed following:

- Completion report of Batch-IV (32 projects) would be submitted by 25th June, 2020.
 - Completion report of Batch-V (39 projects) and Batch-VI (31 projects) would be submitted by August, 2020.
- ⇒ Joint Secretary (WM) advised the State to try submitting completion reports of Batch-V and Batch-VI projects as it will provide support for initiation of new generation of watershed projects.

Nagaland

Addl. CEO, SLNA along with other officials of SLNA attended the meeting and informed following:

- Proposal for release of 1st installment has been submitted to DoLR.
 - Registration on all levels under PFMS has been completed but State Government is yet to credit funds through PFMS.
- ⇒ Joint Secretary (WM) reiterated that the PFMS is very crucial issue and Government of India is very particular about it. Any release of Central share will only be considered based on the PFMS.
- ⇒ Director (WM) pointed out that MIS data was not updated by SLNA. With regard to release of 1st installment of Central share, as it is the final release and State is not implementing PFMS, they should submit Audit Report for FY2019-20.

Karnataka

Officials of SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- Proposal for release of first installment of Central share may not be required as the unspent balance is sufficient to meet the requirement of implementation of projects during FY2020-21.
 - The PFMS has been updated substantially during last 15 days and the balance updation of PFMS and MIS will be completed within June-2020
 - Administrative completion report of 120 projects (81 of Batch-III and 39 of Batch-IV) submitted to DoLR. Out of 120 projects, End-line evaluation report of 20 projects will be submitted by June end, that of 60 projects by July, and for remaining projects, these reports will be submitted by August, 2020.
- ⇒ Joint Secretary (WM) requested the State to submit completion of remaining 35 projects of Batch-III by 1st week of July, 2020.

Arunachal Pradesh

Add. CEO, SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- State has prepared Annual Action Plan of Rs. 146.70 crore for FY2020-21 and meeting of SLSC for approval of the same will be held shortly.
 - Completion reports of Batch-I is being submitted in prescribed format.
 - There is need of Rs. 2.22 crore of funds for End-line evaluation of Batch-II and Batch-III projects. State Govt. is not sanctioning funds for these projects.
 - PFMS is being implemented upto Watershed Committee level.
 - Rs. 69.41 crore is available as latest unspent balance.
- ⇒ Joint Secretary (WM) mentioned that since Batch-II and Batch-III projects have already completed 7 years of life span, Government of India account for these projects stand closed. He further suggested that whatever little amount is required for completion of these projects, State Government may be requested for the same. State should submit completion reports and End-line evaluation reports of Batch-II and Batch-III projects without any further delay.
- ⇒ Director (WM) pointed out that in spite of several reminders, State has not submitted Action Taken Report on field visit undertaken by Additional Secretary (LR).

Meghalaya

Officers of the SLNA attended the meeting but could not interact due to audio problem.

- ⇒ Director (WM) informed that SLNA needs to confirm receipt of Central share released during FY2019-20 and corresponding State share from State Government. Accordingly the State should submit completion reports for entire batch III projects.

Mizoram

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA along with other Officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed that they are trying to submit completion and End-line evaluation reports of Batch-III projects within June, 2020.

Bihar

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA along with other Officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- Out of 40 projects of Batch-III, completion report of 19 projects has been submitted to DoLR, 6 nos. of projects will be completed by 30th June, 2020 and rest 15 will be completed by 31st July, 2020.
- ⇒ Joint Secretary (WM) requested the State to submit all completion reports of Batch-III projects within mid of July, 2020.

Manipur

Chief Executive Officer along with the other officials of SLNA attended the meeting and informed following:

- Out of 27 projects of Batch-II, 5 projects were earlier completed and now remaining 22 projects have also been completed. The reports will be submitted to DoLR soon.
- SLNA is trying to complete all 33 projects of Batch-III by August, 2020.

West Bengal

Chief Executive Officer along with the other officials of SLNA attended the meeting and informed following:

- Out of 77 Batch-III projects, 32 projects have been completed and file is under process for taking approval of competent authority before sending to DoLR. End line Evaluation Reports for these projects will also be submitted by June, 2020.
- Implementation of Batch-IV projects is in full swing.
- There is requirement of Rs. 19.00 crore of total funds during FY2020-21.

⇒ Joint Secretary (WM) requested the State to submit these reports also share some success stories and best practices under the scheme.

Joint Secretary (WM) thanked all the SLNAs for their participation and summed up the meeting with following remarks:

- The States need to furnish progress reports on the Output-outcome six physical indicators **on monthly basis**.
- As Q1 of FY 2020-21 is getting over now, States need to send Physical (output-outcome) and financial progress within the 1st week of the following month.
- States to focus on IEC component and publish best practices and success stories being undertaken in the scheme
- State need to comply with joint D.O. addressed by four GOI Secretaries suggesting convergence of project activities for water harvesting keeping ensuing monsoon in view.
- All states to work aggressively and submit completion of all due projects as early as possible.
- The End-line Evaluation Reports of completed projects should also be submitted simultaneously strictly as per the template given by DoLR.
- States should try completing the ongoing projects of Batch-V & Batch-VI projects by March, 2021.
- States have to submit complete proposal for release of 1st installment during current FY so that DoLR could be in position of releasing the funds in the 1st Quarter (ending June, 2020).
- Advised States to seriously focus on maximizing convergence with other similar schemes for assuring maximum benefits to people in the watershed areas.

- Stressed the need for speedy utilization of funds, submission of administrative completion reports and End Line Evaluation Reports for Batch-I, II, III and IV projects.
- A statement on fund allocated for Batch III and its expenditure need to be submitted.
- State should restrict the expenditure on administrative head within the 10% limits of total expenditure.
- State should ensure implementation of PFMS at all levels and the States should have only one bank account with State scheme code which should be linked with Central scheme code on PFMS.

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

Annexure

List of Officers from Department of Land Resources and SLNAs participated in the Video Conference held on 17.06.2020

A. The following were present on behalf of DoLR:

1. ShriUmakant, JS (WM)
2. Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Director (WM)
3. ShriManoj Kumar Gaour, Research Investigator

B. CEOs and representatives of the following SLNAs participated in the Video Conference:

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