

Minutes of the State Level Consultation Meeting on Convergence of PMKSY (Watershed) with Mahatma Gandhi NREGS held on 9/6/2016 at 2.30pm in the Chamber of Commissioner for Rural Development.

The meeting started at 2.30pm with Commissioner for Rural Development in the Chair. The Addl. Development Commissioner & A.O, SLNA had briefed about the activities done so far for effecting convergence with MGNREGS. He stated that instructions were issued for preparing block level convergence plan based on the DPR of PMKSY & AAP of the MGNREGS. Convergence shall be ensured for not only with NRM component, but also with other components like Production System, Livelihood, CB etc. The JPC, Alappuzha had presented various initiatives taken in the district for preparing Block level Convergence Plan. The convergence plan prepared by Bharanikkavu Block had been presented in the meeting. Observing these things and after detailed deliberations, the Commissioner had issued the following directions:-

1. The Batch II projects of IWMP need be closed by March, 2017. Considering the shortage of funds all the possible NRM works in Champakulam project should be converged with MGNREGS.
2. As far as possible, all the watershed works may be implemented by using the MGNREGS workers, for which Muster rolls shall be issued. The MGNREGS mission shall work out the details for issuing muster rolls for watershed works.
3. For stream bank protection vettiver, screw pine etc. can be planted. Coconut seedlings may be planted in canal sides of tourism spots. Fruit bearing trees like mango, jackfruit etc. can also be considered.
4. In places like Kuttanad, silos for storage of paddy may be constructed. Public utility structures like anganwadis, play grounds, crematoriums etc. can also be created under MGNREGS.
5. In areas where there is acute shortage of fresh water, farm ponds/water harvesting structures may be constructed.
6. Well recharging can also be taken up as an effective method of water recharging.
7. Possibility of manufacturing bricks from rice husk ash may be explored. Raw material is available in plenty at Kaladi and nearby places.
8. Convergence possibility with sericulture activities may also be considered.
9. Block level Convergence Plan may be finalised only after consultation with the elected representatives.
10. Shortly after the successful launching of the convergence plan, the Alappuzha model can be replicated in other districts also.

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Commissioner for Rural Development

Approved for Issue



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