

## **Minutes of the VC held by Dr.V.K. Baby.IAS, Special Secretary, LSGD on 10.04.2017 at 11.am**

The VC started at 11.am. K.Shoukathali Additional Development Commissioner welcomed the participants. At the very outset, the Secretary, LSGD remarked that the importance of water security is prime in time and the water conservation programmes to be carried out in an earnest effort by all those who involve in implementation of the schemes especially MGNREGS/IWMP (MKSY-WDC). The shortage of fund in PMKSY-WDC needs to be filled with MGNREGA resources which are open-ended. So the major source of resources to be converged is through MGNREGS. **He made a vision for five years i.e.**

### **Anticipated Budget Resources:**

1. Rs.7000-9000 Crores from MGNREGS for water conservation activities.
2. Rs.200-300 Crores from PMKSY-WDC.
3. Rs.3000-4000 Crores, under the plan fund allocation of PRIs.
4. Rs 1000 – 1500 Crores may be available from Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Soil Conservation, Water Resources etc
5. Rs.15000 Crores as household investment- individual beneficiaries' contributions in their own field

Thus the overall envelop for water security and watershed would be to the tune of around Rs. 20000 - Rs. 25000 Crores. Now this is a great opportunity to ensure water security for Kerala, provided there is scientific and productive use of resources and effective convergence. The success depend on RD officials to bring about the much needed co-ordination and leadership.

With the above said resources a **Watershed Master Plan** has to be prepared for implementation under **Haritha Kerala Mission – Watershed Management**. The Government will issue necessary enabling GOs for the smooth implementation as well as to sort out the issues during the course of implementation. He had also stressed the need of involvement of District Collectors and District Panchayat and LSGI leadership in this movement and make water conservation as every body's business. Rural Development Department should take the lead role in this.

Then the following instructions were given.

1. All districts are instructed to prepare a detailed convergence action plan for the year 2017-18 and also they should prepare a prioritized action plan for implementation during April-May.
2. Based on the action plan furnish weekly progress report.
3. Review the progress of work at Grama Panchayat level on all Mondays at fortnightly interval.
4. Geo-tag all the activities.

5. Ensure the involvement of District Collector and District Panchayat in planning and implementation of **District Water Security Plan**.
6. Monitor the outcomes based on specified indicators for each of the activities and the outcomes are critical to be measured and monitored.
7. All the activities should be properly documented.
8. Location specific initiatives can be taken up in Alappuzha , Palakkad and other water stressed areas, with the technical support from competent agencies.
9. Each district has to furnish 3 innovative practices undertaken in their districts to SLNA
10. Best practices done in any districts is to be documented and furnish to SLNA
11. Make the implementation of Haritha Keralam-Watershed as a mass movement with the involvement of PRIs, school children, NGOs, cultural organisations and community as a whole.
12. The performance of WDT has to be monitored based on a fortnightly work plan.
13. There shall be effective mechanism for trouble shooting to sort out field issued at GP/Block/ District and State levels
14. Pending Liability should be done calculated on the basis of
  - a. Completed works
  - b. Ongoing and expected to be completed in 3 months.

The VC concluded at 2.00pm

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Special Secretary, LSGD

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