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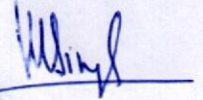
The Chief Executive Officer (CEO),
SLNA for WDC-PMKSY in States
(Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka,
Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland
Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal)

Subject: Minutes of the Video Conference held on 06.09.2019 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 06.09.2019 under the Chairpersonship 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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4. Dr. T. Ravishankar, Group Head (LRUMG), RSAA, NRSC, Hyderabad

Copy for kind information:

PPS to Secretary, Department of Land Resources, New Delhi

Minutes of the meeting to review the implementation of WDC-PMKSY held on 06th September, 2019 through Video Conference (VC) at Committee Room, Department of Land Resources, NBO Building, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

A Video Conference (VC) was held on 06.09.2019 to review implementation of WDC-PMKSY in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (WM) at NBO Building, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. The Chief Executive Officers / Officials of States (except Arunachal Pradesh), Officer of National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad and Officers / Officials of Department of Land Resources participated in the Video Conference. The list of participants is at **Annexure -I**.

The agenda for the Video Conference was as follows:

- i. Action Taken Report on actionable points of previous Video Conferences.
- ii. Status on convening of SLSC meeting of 2019-20 and timeline for submission of proposal for release of 1st / 2nd installment of project funds.
- iii. Status on completion of Batch I, II & III projects and projects likely to be completed during 2019-20.
- iv. Status on submission of End-line evaluation reports of completed projects.
- v. Expenditure incurred under WDC-PMKSY during 2018-19 & 2019-20 and Unspent balance available.
- vi. Status on convergence with other schemes and expenditure incurred through convergence.
- vii. Furnishing of information on achievements against output-outcome monitoring indicators and updation of physical progress on IWMP-MIS.
- viii. Implementation of Srishti & Drishti and status of study of the impact reports of watershed projects available at Bhuvan portal for analyzing, ground-truthing and timely corrective action suggested / taken.
- ix. Status on implementation of PFMS.
- x. Submission of Action Plan for completion of projects within the stipulated time frame and also year-wise fund requirements during the remaining period of operation of project, for the better monitoring of projects.
- xi. Progress on Jal Shakti Abhiyan.
- xii. Any other issue with the permission of Chair.

Joint Secretary (WM), Department of Land Resources, welcomed the participants and gave an overview of the major issues in operation of the scheme. He thanked all the States for their contribution under Jal Shakti Abhiyan by timely online reporting of various activities taken up for conservation of rainwater. He also informed the States regarding extension of project period for Batch-III projects (sanctioned in 2011-12) upto 31.03.2020. States were requested to expedite implementation by utilization of available funds and minimize the unspent balance. He also stressed upon States to furnish due completion reports of projects.

The States were informed that to address various issues being faced by them in implementation of PFMS, three workshops are being organized at New Delhi, Guwahati and Hyderabad tentatively from mid-September onwards. The Neeranchal States were also requested to show their earnestness and readiness in taking up of the proposed new Neeranchal scheme.

The meeting deliberated on each agenda item in detail. The action taken an actionable point of previous VCs held on 28.05.2019 and 04.6.2019 were discussed and present status of the same are given at Annexure - II. The details of discussions and decisions taken in respect of each State are as under:

NRSC

NRSC briefed about present position of Geo tags and online monitoring on Bhuvan portal:

- Arunachal Pradesh has very tough terrain; shape files are very large in size. Only 2 shape files could be uploaded on Bhuvan Portal and only 250 geo-tags. All geo-tags require moderation. NRSC is facing difficulty contacting SLNA, Arunachal Pradesh due to its difficult terrain and also sometime SLNA is not responding.
- Nagaland has now uploaded enough geo-tags and the data is available in summarized report on outcomes. It will be uploaded soon on Bhuvan Portal.
- Assam is picking-up the pace of uploading the geo-tags and summary reports will be available soon.
- Meghalaya has to still submit 50% of the shape files.
- New version 2.7 of the Drishti app has been developed and it will be launched within one week. States have to switch over to latest version in which transactions are more secured.
- Kerala has corrected mismatch in year of project sanctioned and uploaded on Bhuvan portal and provided the all the shape files. Performance of Kerala is good and on an average there are about 110 geo-tags per projects.
- Tamil Nadu has uploaded about 68,000 geo-tags. On an average about 254 geo-tags per project has been uploaded by Tamil Nadu.
- In respect of Uttar Pradesh & Bihar, average geo-tagging per project is very less (66 & 42 respectively). Both states need to improve the same. CEO, SLNA Uttar Pradesh has ensured that within 15 days they will improve geo-tagging upto 200 per project.

CEO, SLNA Bihar has ensured that they will prepare time schedule and all the geo-tagging will be improved.

- CEO, SLNA Bihar raised the issue that the option of moderation of geo-tags is available to CEO, SLNA, it should be made available to District also. NRSC cleared that after login SLNA could see number of geo-tags collected and moderate it, but at district level, geo-tags could only be seen, not moderated. Joint Secretary (WM) suggested that States should contact NRSC more frequently and get clarification. States may visit NRSC for clearing their queries and doubts. This will give an permanent solution to the issue.
- West Bengal needs to improve the progress on geo-tagging which at present is low, at an average of 36 per project. Progress of providing the shape files of Batch IV and V is also not satisfactory.
- Out of 10 projects of Batch-I in Tripura, Impact report of 4 projects have been uploaded on Bhuvan Portal. As per the impact reports in these projects areas, wasteland has reduced, water harvesting structures has increased. CEO, SLNA Tripura thanked the NRSC and requested to upload the remaining impact reports. NRSC asked Tripura State to indicate the emergence of irrigation impacts, which in turn will help in locating these activities in those particular project areas
- On uploading of geo-tagging and other activities on Bhuvan Portal, performance of Karnataka is extremely good. Their average geo-tags per project is more than 230.
- It is expected that per project there should be at least 200 geo-tags for generation of summary reports.

Assam

CEO, SLNA along with other Officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- All the 86 projects of Batch-II (2010-11) have been completed. DoLR has been informed about it vide their letter 04.09.2019. End-line evaluation reports are under preparation for which third party evaluation have already been entrusted and reports will be submitted by 30th September, 2019.
- All the 83 projects of Batch-III (2011-12) would be completed by March, 2020.
- Central share amounting to Rs. 38.67 crore released by DoLR in the month of June, 2019 has been received by State Government, but yet to be released by State Government to SLNA. However, they informed that it will be released soon.
- Excluding Central share released by DoLR in June, 2019, As on 01.08.2019, Rs. 14.72 crore is available to SLNA as unspent balance.

- All transactions upto Watershed Committee are being carried out through PFMS only since 2015-16.
- Proposal for release of 2nd installment will be submitted by 3rd week of October, 2019.

Sr. Technical Director (NIC) pointed out that all the States were requested to upload backlog data since 2014-15 regarding information on output outcome indicator, but Assam has not updated the same for the FY2014-15 to FY2017-18. There is a gap on expenditure reported on Utilization Certificates submitted to DoLR and expenditure reported on MIS. SLNA Assam assured that within two months data on MIS will be updated.

Joint Secretary (WM) requested the SLNA to reduce the unspent balance expedite the submission of End-line evaluation reports of completed projects of Batch-II. State was advised to review the expenditure under Administrative head periodically and take all necessary measures to restrict the expenditure under administrative head within the prescribed limit of 10% of actual expenditure of scheme in the State.

Bihar

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

- The meeting of SLSC has been conducted and Annual Action Plan for FY2019-20 includes requirement for Batch-III and Batch-IV projects.
- Batch-III could be completed only upto March 2020 and Batch-IV projects will enter into Consolidation Phase by March 2020.
- State is trying to increasing geo-tagging on Bhuvan Portal.

Sr. Technical Director (NIC) mentioned that SLNA has not started entry of output outcome indicator information on MIS, however expenditure is being reported on MIS.

State was requested to prepare action plan for completion of Batch-III projects and furnish to DoLR immediately.

Karnataka

Director and other officials of SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- Out of 116 Batch-III sanctioned projects, 52 have been completed and their administrative completion reports will be submitted to DoLR by 15th September, 2019.
- Unspent balance of Rs. 72.75 Crore is available as on 31.08.2019.

- The programme is being converged with MGNREGA within and outside the project area. During 2019-20 an amount of Rs. 110.25 crore has been utilized and it has generated 37.80 lakh man-days of employment.
- Achievement against output-outcome monitoring indicators and updation of physical progress on IWMP-MIS has been completed from 2014-15 to 2019-20 (for the 1st quarter)

State was advised to prepare plan for completion of Batch-III & IV projects and submit it the DoLR.

Kerala

Addl. Development Commissioner along with the other officials of SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- End-line evaluation reports of all 26 projects of Batch-II have been submitted to DoLR.
- Some delays had occurred in the completion of Batch-III projects due to the recurring flood situations in the State. Batch-III projects would be completed by March 2020 without any additional requirement of fund.
- The unspent balance of Rs. 26.28 crore as on 01.04.2019 has now been reduced to Rs. 11.58 crore as on 31.08.2019.
- Action is being initiated to extend the PFMS transactions up to beneficiary level.

Director (WM) requested the State to furnish reply of all the observations noted on proposal for release of 1st installment of Central share during FY2019-20. State assured that reply will be submitted by within next two days.

Manipur

CEO SLNA along with the other officials attended the meeting and informed the following:

- Unspent balance as on 01.04.2019 was Rs. 22.30 crore which has now reduced to Rs. 16.12 crore as on 31.08.2019. Latest Utilization certificates will be submitted shortly.
- SLSC meeting was conducted on 22.08.2019 and minutes of the meeting along with proposal for release of 1st installment has been submitted to DoLR.
- Completion report of 5 projects of Batch-II will be submitted shortly.

Director (WM) requested the State to submit completion report of all the projects of Batch-II at the earliest and to strictly follow the 10% limit of administrative expenses.

Sr. Technical Director (NIC) informed that output outcome indicator from FY2017-18 has been updated on MIS but previous financial year data has been not uploaded.

Meghalaya

CEO along with other officers of the SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- Unspent balance of Rs. 11.44 Crore is available as on 31.03.2019.
- Rs. 2.21 crore is required for completion of Batch-III projects.
- Completion of 4 to 5 projects of Batch-III would be submitted by 15th September, 2019.
- SLNA has sent all the shape files of the project area to the North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC).
- SLSC meeting for approval of Annual Action Plan is yet to be conducted.
- Out of 18 projects of Batch-I and out of 29 projects of Batch-II, end-line evaluation report of 11 and 13 respectively have been submitted to DoLR.

Joint Secretary (WM) cleared that *inter-se* distribution should not be treated as a limitation. It could be changed/ modified if States legitimately demand funds.

Sr. Technical Director (NIC) has mentioned that since last 3 months, 11 districts and 44 PIAs have not logged in on the MIS. In this situation MIS could not be updated.

Mizoram

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

- Batch-I completion of projects have already been submitted. The completion report of Batch-II projects would be submitted within few days.
- Batch-III projects are on the verge of completion, preparation for exit protocol and withdrawal phase has been started.
- SLSC meeting was held on 16.04.2019 and approved the AAP for FY2019-20 amounting to Rs. 32.40 crore. Proposal for release of 1st installment would be submitted soon.

- Rs. 94.70 lakh was incurred as convergence with other scheme during FY2018-19 (upto 31.01.2019)

Sikkim

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

- There is Nil unspent balance is available under the scheme.
- There is immediate need of Rs. 4.92 crore for completion of Batch-I projects and Rs. 14.03 crore for completion of Batch-II projects.
- SLSC was conducted on 20.05.2019 and proposal for release of 1st installment has been submitted.
- Due to unavailability of funds Batch-I and Batch-II projects could not be completed and after receiving fund the project will be completed during FY2019-20.
- PFMS is being implemented upto Watershed Committee level.

Nagaland

State programme coordinator, SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- End-line evaluation of Batches I & II was taken up by NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.) and reports of 4 projects under Batches-I & II have been submitted to DoLR.
- Batch-III projects have been completed and completion report alongwith format will be submitted by 15th September, 2019.
- Proposal for release of 2nd installment would be submitted by end of September, 2019.
- Registration of all levels under PFMS has been completed but State Government is yet to credit funds through PFMS.

Sr. Technical Director (NIC) pointed out that output-outcome indicators for FY2019-20 have not been updated on MIS. There exists mismatch in expenditure updated on MIS and reported in UC which should be looked on priority.

Tamil Nadu

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

- End-line evaluation reports of 12 projects of Batch-I have been submitted to DoLR; remaining will be submitted by March 2020.

- For End-line evaluation of Batch-II projects, tender has been approved to TNAU and impact evaluation will be completed by March,2020.
- Work phase of all 56 projects of Batch-III has been completed, consolidation phase would also be completed by March, 2020.
- Rs. 76.94 crore is available as unspent balance as on 31.08.2019.
- Central assistance during FY2019-20 is not required.
- All transactions up to watershed committee are being carried out through PFMS only.

Tripura

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

- Batch-I and Batch-II projects have been completed and End-line evaluation reports have been submitted.
- Batch-III projects would be completed by December, 2019.
- Rs. 7.38 crore is available as unspent balance as on 01.09.2019.
- Proposal for release of 2nd installment would be submitted by December, 2019.
- During FY2019-20 Rs. 32.10 lakh has been incurred through convergence.
- All financial transactions upto Watershed Committee level is being done through PFMS only since 2014.

Uttar Pradesh

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

- Completion report of 163 projects of Batch-II would be submitted within 15 days.
- For the audit of the scheme, audit work by the auditors is in progress.
- MIS co-ordinator is not in place which caused problem in updation of MIS but the same will be appointed shortly.

Sr. Technical Director (NIC) pointed out that output-outcome indicator information has not been updated by SLNA on MIS and 49 districts have not logged in on MIS since last 3 months.

West Bengal

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

- State is left with an unspent balance of Rs. 8.00 crore only, as on 06.09.2019.

- No works could be done during enforcement of Model Code of Conduct of General Election 2019 in the period of March to May, 2019. Further after consideration of the approval for the revision of the project area in the 40th Steering Committee meeting, the DPR of the remaining part of Batch IV is under preparation and works shall be undertaken in the coming months. Therefore, State requested to consider extension of the project period of Batch-IV upto March, 2021.
- State requested to have the data editing option in MIS at SLNA level for editing the data submitted at the PIA level.
- The Bhuvan portal has not been working properly for the last six months, therefore State could not upload the photos on the portal. However, all the photographs have been stored in CDs.
- The SLNA and NRSC should be in touch and get resolved the issue.

Joint Secretary (WM) informed that the request for extension of Batch IV project period has come from West Bengal only. However, at present, there is no proposal for extension of the project period. He suggested that States should made efforts to complete all projects within the prescribed time limits.

Sr. Technical Director (NIC) informed that a secondary password is also available with the SLNAs. With this password, SLNA can open the PIA data and approve / edit the data, as is required. State was requested to upload the output outcome indicator data on MIS, pertaining to FY2019-20 and previous years also.

In his concluding remarks, Director (WM) thanked all the SLNAs for their participation. He stressed the need for speedy utilization of available funds and submission of administrative completion reports for Batch-I, II and III projects. The States were also requested to furnish the progress reports on the Output-outcome (six) indicators on monthly basis. He also requested the States to maximize convergence with other schemes for completion of projects and requested them to ensure implementation of PFMS at all levels and update MIS. States were advised to restrict the administrative expenditure within the permissible limits of 10% of the total expenditure. Further, States were also asked to prepare a plan for completion of Batch-III, IV, V and VI projects and submit all pending UCs/ reports in respect of pre-IWMP projects.

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

List of Officers from Department of Land Resources, National Remote Sensing Center, Hyderabad and SLNAs participated in the Video Conference held on 06.09.2019

A. The following were present on behalf of DoLR:

1. Shri Umakant, Joint Secretary (WM) : In the chair
2. Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Director (WM)
3. Shri Naveen Agarwal, Sr. Technical Director, NIC
4. Mrs. Shanoo Bhatt, Technical Officer
5. Shri Manoj Kumar Gaour, Research Investigator

B. Scientist of National Remote Sensing Center, Hyderabad

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

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

Annexure II

**ATR on the actionable points emerging out from previous Meetings/ VCs and their Present Status
furnished by the States**

Sr. No.	State	Actionable Point	Action Taken Report
Video Conference held on 10.06.2019			
1	Arunachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial issue of database out of 156 sanctioned projects shape file was provided for 2 only. State has ensured that all shape files will be provided by August 2019. Administrative completion report in respect of all 13 projects of Batch-III will be submitted shortly. SLNA has not updated output-outcome indicators on MIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has informed that they have written a letter to Project Directors for submits Geo-tagging and save file of all projects latest by 31st August, 2019 to submit to NRSC. Consolidation Phase completed final evaluation report sent shortly Yet to update information on MIS
2	Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has uploaded 40 extra shape file and ensure that shortcoming related to geo-tagging will be resolved within one month. 86 projects of Batch-II will be completed by 30th June 2019. Works phase of 83 projects of Batch-III would be completed by 31st December, 2019 SLNA ensure that within one month MIS data will be reconciled and updated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yet to be resolved All the 86 projects of Batch-II (2010-11) have been completed. DoLR has been informed about it vide their letter 04.09.2019. All 83 projects will be completed by 31.03.2019 SLNA has informed that reconciliation of MIS data have been completed and physical and financial data are being uploaded on monthly basis.
3	Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has ensured that all the assets created under Batch-I and Batch-II projects which have been completed, will be uploaded on the Bhuvan Portal within 1 or 2 weeks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On uploading of geo-tagging and other activities on Bhuvan Portal, performance of Karnataka is extremely good. However, uploading of all the Batch-I & Batch-II assets information on Bhuvan portal is yet to be received from SLNA
4	Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was mismatch in year of project sanctioned and uploaded on Bhuvan portal. State has ensured to complete the works within 2 weeks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has informed that corrections are made and the corrected data was furnished to NRSC on 14.06.2019.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-line evaluation report of all completed of Batch-II would be submitted by end of June 2019. All projects of Batch-III alongwith End-line evaluation reports will be completed by next 2 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-line evaluation reports submitted to DoLR. SLNA has informed that some delays had occurred in the completion of Batch-III projects due to the recurring flood situations in the State. Batch-III projects would be completed by March 2020 without any additional requirement of fund.
5	Manipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that all issue relating to geo-tagging with moderation will be resolve within two months. 27 projects of Batch-II have been completed, 14 projects, out of 33 projects will be completed by this month and remaining 19 projects will be completed by December, 2019. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 623 geo-tags yet to be moderated 5 project of Batch-II reported administrative completed
6	Meghalaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No single shape file was provided; SLNA was to provide same within 2 weeks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO, SLNA vide letter dated 29.08.2019 has informed that SLNA has sent shape files to NESAC. 39 shape files is reflecting on Bhuvan Portal
7	Mizoram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative completion report of Batch-II projects will be submitted by the August, 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has informed that they are compiling completion reports and will submit to DoLR in few days.
8	Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works phase of Batch-III has been completed and projects will be completed by 31.08.2019. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has informed that consolidation phase would be completed by March, 2020
9	Tripura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative completion report of 11 projects of Batch-III would be submitted by end of December, 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has informed that Batch-III projects would be completed by December, 2019
10	Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has not shown any significant development on geo-tagging since last one year- SLNA ensure that all the issues related to geo-tags will be sorted out within 2 months. The State was unspent balance of Rs. 179.85 crore as on 31.03.2019 and intimated that they have prepared a work plan and all the funds would be exhausted within 6 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLNA has informed that progress are under process. Corrective action shall be taken shortly. <p>SLNA has informed that Rs. 179.85 crore was unspent balance as on 31.03.2019 after payment of committed expenditure balance amount will be send to DoLR as per financial rules.</p>

Video Conference held on 28.05.2019

11	West Bengal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submission of AAP and proposal for release of 1st Installment of Funds• Preparation and presentation of success stories / Documentary films on impacts of watershed development and assessment of water table	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State has furnished the release proposal and 1st Installment of Central Share released on 18.09.2019• Initiative of documentary films for impact study and assessment of people's response covering success stories in different agro climatic zones has been taken up for Batch III projects. Initiative of collection of water level data for different projects under Batch III has been taken up and has been made mandatory filed in closure protocol documentation.
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