

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Abstract

Agriculture Department – Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) – Constitution of Single State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA)- Constituted - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (PLANNING-A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No: 1107/10/AD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14.6.2010.

Read:-1. Letter No: CSS (1) 2266/08 dated 6.9.08 and 26.9.08 from the Additional Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation Unit), Thiruvananthapuram.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 23.7.2008.

3. G.O. (MS) 258/2008/LSGD dated 19.9.2008.

4. G.O. (Rt) No. 2123/08/AD dated 11.11.2008.

ORDER

As per the letter read as 1st paper above the Additional Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation Unit) has requested to constitute a State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) as envisaged in the common guidelines of Government of India for Watershed Development Projects.

- 2. As per the Government Order read as 4th paper above, Agriculture Department in Government has constituted an SLNA for the XI Plan of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA).
- 3. As per the Government Order read as 3rd paper above, another SLNA was constituted by Local Self Government Department also. But the common guidelines from Government of India for Watershed development projects insist that there should be only one SLNA in a State on NWDPRA. Accordingly in a joint meeting taken by the LSGD and the Agriculture Department, it was decided as per the minutes read as 2nd paper above, to constitute a single SLNA in the State for NWDPRA, superseding the two Government Orders issued by the Local Self Government Department and the Agriculture Department read as 3rd and 4th papers respectively.
- 4. In the above circumstances, Government are pleased to constitute a single State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) on NWDPRA as per guidelines of Government of India with the following composition.

Agricultural Production Commissioner --- Chairperson
Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department - Co-chairperson
Additional Commissioner, RFS Division

of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture. - Member

Government of India

(Representative from Central Nodal Agency)

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Representative from National Rainfed Area Authority, Government of India - Member State Employment Guarantee Commissioner, NREGA Member Secretary, Agriculture Department - Member Secretary, Local Self Government Department Representative of Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) - Member Director, Ground Water Department, Kerala - Member Deputy General Manager, NABARD - Member Director of Agriculture - Member Director of Animal Husbandry - Member Director of Fisheries - Meinber Director of Dairy Department - Member Director of Panchayats - Member Commissioner of Rural Department - Member Chief Conservator of Forests - Member Director, Centre for Earth Science Studies - Member Executive Director, Central Water Resources Development & Management - Member Director, Soil Survey - Member Director, NREGS -- Member Director, Land Use Board - Member Representative of ISRO - Member Director of Mitranikethan - Member Additional Director of Agriculture (SC Unit) - Chief Executive Officer

- 5. The functions of the newly constituted SLNA will be as follows.
- 1. Co-ordinate the implementation of various watershed management programmes to avoid overlaps and ensure synergies .

2. To serve as a platform for exchanging experience and sharing good practices.

3. To develop appropriate watershed management related standards, techniques and practices as relevant to different eco-systems in Kerala.

4. To co-ordinate capacity - building activities in the sector.

5. To monitor and evaluate the implementation of different watershed management programmes in the State.

6. Sourcing of funds and operationalization of various watershed projects will be decided by the SLNA in compliance with the directions from Government of India The Local Self Government Department will utilize the funds provided by Ministry of

Rural Department including for setting up professional units. In the same way the Agriculture Department will utilize the funds provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

(By Order of the Governor) L.C. GOYAL, (Additional Chief Secretary & Agricultural Production Commissioner).

To

The Members concerned / The Departments concerned.
The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram/Commissioner of Rural Development.

The Accountant General (A&E / Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. SF/OC.

Forwarded/By Order,

Section Officer.