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Minutes of Meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of WDC

PMKSY 2.0 held on 04.11.2025

Venue: Chief Secretary's Committee Room, Government Secretariat

Time: 12.30 PM

The meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of WDC-PMKSY 2.0 was convened under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. Jayathilak IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala. The list of participants who attended the meeting both in person and online is appended.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all members and participants to the meeting. He stated that the Committee would consider and approve the agenda items circulated in advance and invited the Chief Executive Officer, State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) and Director (Rural), LSGD to present the agenda points for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Approval of Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2025–26

Smt. Apurva Tripathi IAS, CEO, SLNA, informed that the first agenda item pertained to the approval of the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the Financial Year 2025–26 under WDC-PMKSY 2.0. She mentioned that, as per scheme guidelines, prior approval for the AAP had been obtained on file and submitted to the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Government of India, based on which funds were released. Ratification of the same by the SLSC was now sought. The CEO further elaborated that six projects under WDC-PMKSY 2.0 were being implemented across various districts during the last four years with a total project cost of 73.26 Cr in 26,163 Ha.

The Principal Secretary (Finance) sought clarification regarding possible overlap of watershed-related activities with those undertaken by the Forest Department. It was clarified that forest areas are excluded from the treatable areas under WDC-PMKSY 2.0.

The CEO reported that the current financial year marks the final year of implementation

under WDC–PMKSY 2.0, and the launch of WDC–PMKSY 3.0 is expected in the subsequent year. Till date, a total of ₹51.88 crore has been received, of which ₹49.54 crore (95.5%) has been expended. From 01.04.2025, the project has migrated to the SNA SPARSH mode of payment. However, certain treasury-related issues have temporarily affected fund flow.

District	Project Cost	AAP for 2025-26 (Rs. in lakhs)						Total
		NRM Works	Capacity Building	Production System	Monitoring & Evaluation	Consolidation	Others	
Thiruvannathapuram	1581.4	148.9	20.0	10.1	3.4	46.9	202.0	431.4
Idukki	1207.6	278.7	26.5	99.5	7.1	21.3	46.5	479.6
Palakkad	1567.4	297.4	30.4	120.9	47.0	25.0	60.9	581.7
Malappuram	1300.3	269.2	12.1	19.0	22.9	9.8	33.9	366.9
Kozhikkode	1107.1	240.3	26.0	52.4	22.1	33.2	114.8	488.8
Wayanad	561.7	269.3	8.5	2.9	3.1	3.5	12.0	299.3
Total	7325.6	1503.8	123.6	304.8	95.5	126.4	470.1	2647.6
Janbhagidari cup for 3 projects @ Rs. 20 lakhs								60.00
Preparation of Shelf of projects – Springshed Development								3.91
Grand Total								2711.48

The Chairman directed that expenditure be expedited so that the next tranche of funds can be claimed at the earliest. The CEO assured compliance and confirmed that the projects will be completed as scheduled. The Annual Action Plan for 2025–26, amounting to ₹2,711.48 lakh, was presented and discussed in detail. The Committee approved the AAP for an outlay of ₹2,711.48 lakh.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval for Preparation of Springshed Project Reports

The CEO explained that Agenda Items 2 and 3 were components of the AAP but required separate sanction, as the proposed funding would be met from Flexi Funds.

The Chairman sought clarification regarding the concept of Springshed Development. It was explained that a springshed is the geographical area or catchment that contributes groundwater to a spring through subsurface flow. The Additional Chief Secretary (Water Resources) enquired whether such activities would overlap with schemes implemented by the Ground Water Department. He clarified that springshed development involves recharge interventions across the entire catchment, both surface and subsurface, and it should not duplicate ongoing departmental schemes.

The CEO informed that, as per DoLR directions, a database of springs has been prepared through KSREC, and springsheds have been demarcated by the Department of Land Use. Tentative allocation for 100 springs has been provided by DoLR, and PPRs for 115 springs have been submitted. Further, since WDC–PMKSY activities are executed through convergence with related departments, duplication is avoided. All watershed management initiatives are coordinated by SLNA under the chairmanship of the Agricultural Production Commissioner, with representation from the Ground Water Department and CWRDM.

The Chairman instructed that utmost care be taken to avoid overlap and that more springs, including those not identified in the initial stage, be included in future planning. The Committee approved the utilization of ₹3.91 lakh from Flexi Funds under WDC–PMKSY 2.0 for the preparation of Springshed PPRs.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval for Conduct of Watershed Janbhagidari Cup

The CEO stated that the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, has introduced the Watershed Janbhagidari Cup to promote awareness and people's participation in watershed development. Three best-performing projects in Kerala are proposed to be recognized with an award of ₹20 lakh each, to be met from Flexi Funds under WDC–PMKSY 2.0.

The SLSC approved the utilization of ₹60 lakh from Flexi Funds for this purpose.

Conclusion

The Chairman appreciated the efforts of the SLNA and all implementing agencies in

effectively executing the programme and emphasized timely completion and submission of progress reports to the Government of India.

The meeting concluded at 12.50 PM with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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CHIEF SECRETARY

List of Participants

1. Biswanath Sinha IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources
2. Dr. B. Ashok IAS, Agricultural Production Commissioner & Principal Secretary and Chairman, SLNA, Kerala
3. Keshvendra Kumar IAS, Secretary, Finance Expenditure
4. Dr. Veena N. Muraleedharan, Special Secretary, P&ARD
5. Apurva Tripathi IAS, CEO, SLNA & Director (Rural) LSGD
6. Susan Gopi, Additional Secretary, Forest & Wild life Department
7. Binoy Tomy George, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department
8. C. Jayakumar, Representative of NGO, Thanal

Online participants

- 1.Siam Khan Muan Guite, Deputy Advisor, DoLR, GoI
- 2.Adarsh MS,Deputy Director,Beach Erosion Directorate ,CWC (Representative of DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry Jal Shakthi , GoI)
- 3.Dr.K.N.Anith ,Director of Research, Kerala Agricultural University
- 4.Er.Chitra.G , Krishi Vignana Kendra, Mithranikethan, Vellanad
- 5.Sujith.S.V ,Farmer Representative
- 6.Sushama.P.T,Farmer Representative