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<u>ORDER</u>

In suppression of this Department's Order of even no. dated 23.07.2009, 30.12.2009 and 24.03.2011, the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) Ministry of Rural Development hereby constitutes a Steering Committee for administering the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)-Watershed Development (erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)) at the Ministry level with the following composition:

1.	Secretary, Department of Land Resources	Chairperson
2.	Additional Secretary, Department of Land Resources	Member
3.	Joint Secretary (WM), Department of Land Resources	Member
4.	Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Rural Development	Member
5.	Director (WM), Department of Land Resources	Member
6.	Assistant Commissioner (WM), Department of Land Resources	Member
7.	Representative of the Ministry of Science and Technology	Member
8.	Representative of the Department of Drinking Water Supply	Member
9.	Representative of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare	Member
10.	Representative of the Department of Rural Development	Member
11.	Representative of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation	Member
12.	Representative of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Member
13.	Representative of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog	Member
14.	Representative of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, Ministry of Rural Development	Member
15.	Representative of the D/o Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries	Member
16.	Representative of the D/o Agricultural Research & Education	Member
17.	Representative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	Member
18.	Representative of the Central Ground Water Board	Member
19.	Representative of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)	Member
20.	Representative of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Member

21.	Representatives of the organizations in Space Technology (NRSA, ISRO, FSI)	Member
22.	Representatives of three States (by rotation)	Member
23.	Representatives of three organizations in the field of watershed management (ICRISAT, CRIDA, MANAGE etc.)	Member
24.	Representative of the National Informatics Centre (NIC)	Member
25.	Three to five experts in the field of watershed management (to be nominated by the chairperson)	Member
26.	Representatives of three reputed NGOs (to be nominated by the chairperson)	Member
27.	Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Watershed Management), Department of Land Resources	Member - convenor

2. A representative of the NRAA will be included as a Special Invitee for policy matters. The Steering Committee will be free to invite representatives from any other organizations/institutions as Additional Special Invitees for special purposes, as and when required.

3. The Steering Committee will perform the functions given below:-

- a. Facilitate allocation of the budgetary outlay for the projects among the States keeping in view the criteria as specified in the Guidelines.
- b. Interact with State and District Level Agencies, facilitate and ensure smooth flow of funds to the Watershed cum Data Cell in ZPs/DRDAs as per the fund flow norms as well as recommendations from the State Level Nodal Agencies.
- c. Actively support capacity building programmes at all levels.
- d. Strongly support, augment and initiate Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities with modern IT inputs.
- e. Ensure close monitoring through on-line systems.
- f. Establish suitable systems for field visits, monitoring, social audits and impact assessment through interaction with state and district level agencies for effective implementation of the projects at ground level.
- g. Prepare a panel of evaluators or evaluation agencies and undertake evaluation studies, impact assessment studies and such other evaluation tasks as deemed fit from time to time.
- h. Support as well as facilitate participation in national, regional and international conferences, seminars and workshops, study tours, research field studies and information sharing.

- i. Act as an effective coordinating mechanism between all bodies, organizations, agencies, departments, Ministries etc. which are involved in watershed programs.
- j. Undertake all such activities which are useful for overall and all-round development of rainfed areas in the country.
- k. Support and facilitate agencies under various government projects including National Rural Livelihoods Mission for livelihood development in project areas.
- 1. Comprehensive monitoring of watershed development projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.
- 4. In addition, the following tasks shall also be performed by the Steering Committee.
 - i. To sign MoU with SLNA in accordance with para 23 of the Guidelines.
 - ii. Appraisal of perspective and strategic plans submitted by the State Level Nodal Agency.
 - iii. Establish Ministry level data cell and connect it online with State Level Data Cell.
 - iv. Review of existing staff and infrastructure already available for assessing actual fund requirement for SLNAs and State Level Data Cells.
 - v. To evolve guidelines for evaluations for three phases of the project.
 - vi. Approve a list of independent institutions for capacity building of the stakeholders in the States and workout the overall capacity building strategy.
 - vii. To decide the amount of revolving fund to be provided to Self Help Groups constituted under the programme.
 - viii. To consider foreclosure of the project if the project work does not start within 3 months of the receipt of 1st instalment by Watershed cum Data Cell of ZPs/DRDA and to initiate steps for the suo-moto foreclosure of projects as specified in para 78 & 79 of the Common Guidelines, 2008.
 - ix. Any other function as assigned by the Department of Land Resources.

The Steering Committee will be free to form subcommittees from within its composition to perform specific functions out of those listed above.

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