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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Land Resources

NBO Building, Nirman Bhawan,
New Delhi-110011


Dated: 01.01.2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary of important activities of Department of Land Resources during November, 2019 –reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Communication No.1/26/1/2018-Cab. dated 17.08.2018 and 11.10.2018 from Cabinet Secretariat on the above cited subject and to circulate herewith the copy of unclassified portion of the monthly summary of Department of Land Resources for the month of November, 2019.

Encl: As above


(Arjun Rana)

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To,

All Members of Council of Ministers

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1. Secretary to President of India, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi-110004
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4. Dy. Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi
5. All Secretaries, Govt. of India
6. The Director, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi- 110004.
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1. PS to Hon'ble MoRD
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Monthly Summary of principal activities and important decisions taken by the
Department of Land Resources during November, 2019

The Department in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) released fifth edition of Wastelands Atlas of India – 2019 on 04.11.2019. The Wastelands Atlas-2019 provides district and state wise distribution of different categories of wastelands area including mapping of about 12.08 Mha hitherto un-mapped area of Jammu & Kashmir.

2. Group of Ministers in its meeting held on 04.11.2019 considered the proposal contained in the Department's Cabinet Note dated 17.07.2019 'on moving official amendments in the Registration (Amendment) Bill 2013' and advised to have more consultation with stakeholders particularly on the proposed provisions relating to optional online registration. Subsequently the matter was discussed further with Inspectors General of Registration (IGRs) of some states and representatives from Ministry of Law and Justice, and Ministry of Electronics and Information and Technology in the meeting held on 22.11.2019.
3. A meeting of Group of Ministers (GOM) constituted by PMO was held on 04-11-2019 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Defence Minister for examining the Draft Model Agricultural Land Leasing Act 2016 prepared by NITI Aayog and recommending the way forward in the light of the necessity, practicality and the desirability of encouraging land leasing.
4. A Video Conference was held on 13.11.2019 with 13 States viz. Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Tamilnadu, Telangana and Uttarakhand to review implementation of WDC-PMKSY.
5. The World Bank undertook first preparatory mission with prospective partner states of Karnataka, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh from 21st November, 2019 onwards for the "Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development" (REWARD) project for extensive discussion with senior officials of the States. Followed up discussions with the World Bank Team and officers of Department of Land Resources were held at New Delhi.
6. DILRMP has been extended beyond 31st March, 2017 to till 31st March, 2020 with changed funding pattern from advance release to reimbursement. Some existing components were also not included in the revised guideline. An EFC proposal for restoring some components in the scheme and funding pattern to advance basis has been circulated to the concerned Ministries/Departments in the month of August, 2019. The comments/response received from Ministry of Finance, vide their OM No.09 (/04/PF-II/2008 (Vol.-II) dated 27.8.2019, was examined in the Department and Ministry of Finance, vide this Department's DO letter No.18014/02/2014-LRD (Pt.) dated 04.09.2019, has been requested to reconsider the proposal.