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The Chief Secretaries of all States (except Goa).

Subject: Qualitative and timely execution of watershed development projects – Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) - regarding.

Sir / Madam,

1. Under the Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), 8214 projects covering an area of 39.07 million hectare are being implemented in the States. The projects are being implemented by the respective State Department / Agencies as per the concerned State Government’s technical, administrative and financial rules and in accordance with the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects.

2. The projects have to be qualitatively executed, within the normative / planned time-period. With a view to ensuring this, it is important for the implementing department / agencies to adhere to the following:

(i) It is imperative that the planning for the integrated development of the watershed areas by the Project Implementing Agencies & Watershed Development Teams is professionally undertaken and the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are holistically and aptly prepared.

(ii) As such, the role of the agency engaged for the purpose of preparation of DPRs is very important. It has to be ensured that the selection of the agencies for preparation of the DPRs is done in accordance with the laid down procedures and rules and without any irregularity etc.

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(iii) It has also to be ensured that the agencies having the essential qualification and capabilities for preparing DPRs of the requisite standards and quality alone are selected. It has to be further ensured that funds for preparation of the DPRS are utilized in a cost-effective manner.

(iv) It is necessary that the DPRs are made available in the public domain in an appropriate way.

(v) There has to be general awareness about the works envisaged to be undertaken, their implementation and completion.

3. It is requested that suitable instructions on the above lines may kindly be issued to the State Department / Agencies implementing watershed development projects in your State.

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