

**Minutes of the Meeting with States to review the implementation of WDC-PMKSY held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 through Video Conference (VC) at Committee Room, Department of Land Resources (DoLR), NBO Building, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.**

A Video Conference (VC) to review implementation of WDC-PMKSY in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal was held on 16.01.2020 under the Chairpersonship of Additional Secretary (LR) at NBO Building, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. The Programme Officers of DoLR, the Secretaries/Chief Executive Officers/ Officials of States participated in the Video Conference. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

The agenda for the Video Conference was as follows:

- i. Status of submission of release proposals to DoLR for release of Central share during 2019-20.
- ii. Status of Expenditure incurred and Unspent balance available under WDC-PMKSY during 2019-20.
- iii. Status of convergence with other schemes and expenditure incurred through convergence.
- iv. Status of completion of Batch I, II & III projects.
- v. Submission of End Line Evaluation reports of Batch-I and Batch-II projects.
- vi. Furnishing of information on achievements against Output-Outcome monitoring indicators on monthly basis and updation of physical progress on IWMP-MIS.
- vii. Furnishing year-wise information on Output-Outcome indicator w.e.f.2014-15.
- viii. Implementation of PFMS.
- ix. Any other issue with the permission of Chair.

Addl. Secretary, DoLR welcomed the participants and gave an overview of the major issues around which the VC was going to be focused. The meeting deliberated on each agenda item in detail and also discussed the major issues faced by the States in the implementation of the programme. Further, Addl. Secretary (LR), stated that the main purpose of VC is to gear up the States for quick & effective utilization of available funds and submission of proposal's for release of funds. In this context, he mentioned that due to sluggish pace of expenditure & huge unspent balance with the States, DoLR has been unable to release the funds to the States. AS (LR) also informed the States regarding the approval for

continuation of Scheme beyond March 2020. The details of discussion and the information shared and decisions arrived at in respect of each State are as under:

### **Andhra Pradesh**

Joint Commissioner, SLNA along with other officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- Central share amounting to Rs. 116.50 crore released by DoLR in two installments (Rs.70.05 crore as 1<sup>st</sup> installment + Rs.46.45 crore as 2<sup>nd</sup> installment) during current FY.
- As on 31.12.2019, Rs. 107.29 crore of expenditure has been incurred and Rs. 79.98 crore is available with SLNA as unspent balance.
- State assured that all the 102 projects of Batch-III (2011-12) would be completed by March, 2020 and End Line Evaluation Report for these projects will be submitted by May 2020.
- Complete migration from EFMS to PFMS shall be completed by March 2020.

⇒ State is advised for revision of Annual Action Plan for FY 2019-20 including fund requirement of Batch-III projects in the light of extension of project period upto March 2020.

⇒ AS (LR) indicated timeline for revision of AAP for 2019-20 by 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. Accordingly, DoLR made provision of Rs.30 crore additional fund to Andhra Pradesh for release on revision of AAP 2019-20.

⇒ Scientist (TE) also advised to submission of completion reports for Batch-III and Batch-IV projects at the earliest as there is no possibility for extension of project period beyond March 2020.

⇒ Scientist (TE) advised SLNA to submit a justification/ detailed note along with details of funds released and expenditure incurred in respect of Ananthapuram -26 Batch-II projects.

### **Bihar**

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA along with other officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed the following:

- Out of Central share of Rs.51.27 crore released by DoLR, only Rs. 29.32 crore released by Govt. of Bihar to SLNA and informed that the balance amount is expected to be released by the end of January, 2020.

- The completion report for Batch-III projects will be submitted by 31.03.2020.
- Regarding NIL convergence reported by the State, CEO clarified that Rs.80 crore has been utilized through convergence with PDMC, State Plan and other schemes during last two years. Under convergence, mango plants have also been planted in about 150 acre in Banka district of Bihar. However, these were not reported properly and he assured to rectify the same.
- As on 31.12.2019, Rs. 94.23 crore is available with SLNA as unspent balance.

⇒ AS (LR) advised to expedite the expenditure and submit release proposal for release of second installment by first week of February 2020. He also requested to furnish the report on the convergence done and some success stories of convergence activities with National Horticulture Mission in Bihar.

⇒ Further, State was advised to ensure women employment, livelihood, pisciculture and livestock etc. in addition to water conservation activities under WDC-PMKSY.

⇒ JS (WM) advised to submission of completion reports for Batch-III and Batch-IV projects at the earliest as there is no possibility for extension of project period.

⇒ An amount of Rs. 44 crore provisions is kept for Bihar for release as 2<sup>nd</sup> installment on submission of proposal by State.

### **Chhattisgarh**

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA along with other officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed that,

- Unspent balance of Rs.22.34 crore is available as on 14.01.2020 and full amount will be utilized by 31.01.2020.
- State assured to submit proposal for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of Central funds by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.
- The Completion report for Batch-III & Batch-IV projects will be submitted by end of March 2020 and also assured that the End-line Evaluation reports in respect of these projects will be submitted by May 2020.

⇒ AS(LR) spoken with Finance Secretary, Chhattisgarh over phone regarding early transfer of Central & State share to SLNA and he agreed for the same.

⇒ SLNA was requested to speed up pace of expenditure under the scheme and submit 2<sup>nd</sup> installment release proposal as promised.

⇒ An amount of Rs. 25 crore provisions is kept for Chhattisgarh for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment on submission of proposal by State as promised.

## **Gujarat**

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA along with other officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed that,

- Unspent balance of Rs.132.60 crore is available as on 31.12.2019.
- The End Line Evaluation Reports for Batch-I and Batch-II projects will be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 positively.
- All accounts on PFMS should be updated by 31.01.2020.

⇒ State is requested to close /remove non-functional Accounts from PFMS immediately and transfer the funds through single account system on PFMS.

⇒ CEO assured to submit Action Taken Report on suggestions regarding PFMS by AS&FA at Regional Review Meeting at Udaipur.

⇒ State also requested to check the “nil” achievement reported under the indicator of ‘area of culturable wasteland treated’ in the output outcome achievement report.

⇒ SLNA was requested to speed up pace of expenditure under the scheme & complete Batch-III & IV projects and submit 2<sup>nd</sup> installment release proposal at an early date. Addl. Secretary (DoLR) advised State to try to claim Rs.100 crore as 2<sup>nd</sup> installment during 2019-20.

⇒ State should make all out efforts to improve expenditure under convergence as it is not satisfactory at present.

## **Himachal Pradesh**

Project Director (RD), along with other officers from SLNA attended the meeting and informed that,

- Rs.53 crore is available with Himachal Pradesh as unspent balance.
- No dedicated manpower is available at district and project level. However, a review in the State is going to be taken for rationalization of staff.
- Given the present situation, there is least possibility of claiming funds during 2019-20.

⇒ State was advised to take necessary steps for submission of administrative completion reports for Batch-I and Batch-II projects.

⇒ State was also advised to restrict the expenditure on administrative head within the prescribed limits of 10% of total expenditure as State has already incurred more than 10% of funds on this head. Further, it was pointed out that since, the average expenditure incurred on the projects has been very low over the last three years which has resulted in excess administrative expenditure in the State.

⇒ State has also to take effective steps for completion of Batch III & IV projects and submission of completion report of the same as per the timeline set for these projects .

### **Maharashtra**

Additional CEO along with the other officers of SLNA attended the meeting and informed that

- As on 10.01.2020, Rs.386.41 crore is available with State as unspent balance.
- Rs.116.94 crore only has been utilized under the scheme during current FY.
- As per latest information furnished by State, Rs.501.96 crore is available as unspent balance (more than AAP of Rs. 490.38 crore for 2019-20) as on 01.04.2019. Earlier the unspent amount of Rs. 412 crore was reported by SLNA.
- State also informed that Rs.1162 crore has been utilized upto December 2019 through convergence in the State mainly through Jalyukt Shivar Abhiyan.

⇒ State was advised for submission of End line Evaluation Report for all Batch-I and II completed projects immediately as these reports are long overdue.

⇒ AS (LR) expressed dis-satisfaction over the pace of utilization of funds in Maharashtra.

⇒ Scientist (TE) asked State to furnish year-wise expenditure and expenditure on administrative head within a week period. State should restrict the expenditure on administrative head within the 10% limit of total expenditure.

### **Odisha**

CEO along with the other officers of SLNA attended the meeting and informed that;

- Unspent balance of Rs.78.50 crore is available as on 31.12.2019.
- The administrative completion reports for Batch-III shall be submitted by 31.03.2020 and completion reports for Batch-IV projects will be submitted by 15.04.2020.
- Proposal for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment will be submitted by 31.01.2020.
- Rs.92.29 crore has been utilized during the current FY through convergence.
- The funds has been transferred upto WC level through PFMS under the scheme .

⇒ AS (LR) advised State officials to expedite utilization of available funds and submit the proposal for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment at the earliest.

⇒ DoLR made a provision of Rs. 45 crore to Odisha for release as 2<sup>nd</sup> installment on submission of proposal as promised by State.

## **Rajasthan**

CEO, SLNA along with the other officers of SLNA attended the meeting and informed that;

- Unspent balance of Rs.152.13 crore is available as on 31.12.2019.
- The administrative completion reports for Batch-III and Batch-IV projects will be submitted by 31.03.2020.
- Rs. 100 crore will be utilized through convergence by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 through Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojana (RJSY).
- Proposal for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment will be submitted by 31.01.2020.
- The funds have been transferred up to WC level through PFMS under the scheme.

⇒ AS (LR) advised State officials to enhance the pace of utilization of funds for timely completion of Batch-III & IV projects and submit the proposal for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment as promise by State.

⇒ DoLR made a provision of Rs. 210 crore for Rajasthan for release as 2<sup>nd</sup> installment on submission of proposal as promised by State. More funds can be provided, if State is able to spend available funds at the earliest.

⇒ Scientist (TE) advised State to furnish the corrected figures of expenditure incurred through convergence, immediately.

## **Uttar Pradesh**

Chief Executive Officer along with the other officers of SLNA attended the meeting;

- It was observed that unspent balance of Rs. 107.62 crore available with SLNA which needs to be returned to DoLR immediately. DO letter from Secretary (LR) to Chief Secretary, Government of UP has already been issued on 04.10.2019 in this regard.

⇒ State was asked to submit the End line Evaluation Reports for completed 66 Batch-I and 183 Batch-II projects immediately.

## **West Bengal**

Chief Executive Officer along with the other officers of SLNA attended the meeting and informed that;

- 77 Batch-III projects will be completed by March 2020 and End line Evaluation Report for these projects will be submitted by June, 2020.

- Regarding the transferred projects, State informed that SLSC has decided that the individual work components of these projects shall be taken up by the respective department.
  - Rs. 15 crore has been utilized through convergence in Batch-IV projects and some convergence has also been done in Batch-III projects. The State assured to compile the information on activities and expenditure incurred through convergence & furnishes the report on the same to DoLR.
- ⇒ State was informed that there is no possibility for extension of project period for Batch-IV and requested to expedite implementation and complete projects as per sanctioned project period.

### **Manipur and Tripura :**

No representative from Manipur and Tripura attended the VC.

A letter should be issued to CEO, SLNA of these States from JS(WM) with the direction that it should not be repeated in future.

In concluding remarks, AS(LR) thanked all the SLNAs for their participation. He also advised States to seriously focus on maximizing convergence with other similar schemes for assuring maximum benefits to the people in the watershed areas by completion of projects. The main motive of the implementation of the scheme should be enhancing the household income in the project areas. He stressed the need for speedy utilization of funds, submission of administrative completion reports and End Line Evaluation Reports for Batch-I, II and III projects. The States were also requested to furnish Quarterly progress reports on the six output-outcome indicators on monthly basis. State should ensure to implement PFMS at all levels. Further, States were asked to submit all pending UCs / reports in respect of pre-IWMP projects. In view of the extension of the scheme upto March, 2021 and approval for the launch of new generation watershed projects, AS(LR) advised States to continue the existing institutional setup under the scheme or with State resources so that expertise gained by the official/staff through implementation of WDC-PMKSY is gainfully utilized in the new generation watershed projects.

JS (WM) also advised States regarding convening of CEO conference on 23.01.2019 for discussion as proposed revision of Guidelines and new Watershed scheme. All the States are requested to send their list of participants for this meeting.

The Video Conference ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## Annexure

### List of Officers from Department of Land Resources and SLNAs participated in the Video Conference held on 16.01.2020

A. The following were present on behalf of DoLR:

1. Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Addl. Secretary (LR)
2. Shri Umakant, JS (WM)
3. Dr. C.P. Reddy, Scientist (TE)
4. Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Director (WM)
5. Shri Niraj Kumar, Deputy Secretary (IFD)
6. Shri Naveen Agarwal, Sr. Technical Director, NIC
7. Mrs. Shanoo Bhatt, Technical Officer
8. Shri Pradeep Kumar, Technical Officer
9. Shri Manoj Kumar Gaour, Research Investigator

B. CEOs and representatives of the following SLNAs participated in the Video Conference:

1. Andhra Pradesh,
2. Bihar
3. Chhattisgarh,
4. Gujarat,
5. Himachal Pradesh,
6. Maharashtra,
7. Odisha
8. Rajasthan
9. Uttar Pradesh
10. West Bengal
11. Manipur (**Absent**)
12. Tripura (**Absent**)



