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Government of India

Ministry of Rural Development

Department of Land Resources

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Dated April 11, 2017

To,

The Chairman,
All SLNA (except Goa),
(as per list).

**Subject: Qualitative and Timely / Early Completion of Watershed
Development Projects**

- Strengthening of Monitoring Mechanisms
- Reporting Status on Completed Projects

Reference: D.O. No.Z-11011/10/2016-PPC (Pt) dated 02.02.2017

Sir,

A kind reference is invited to the letter in reference (copy enclosed) on qualitative and timely completion of 8214 projects sanctioned during 2009-10 to 2014-15 under the Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). 1324 projects were sanctioned in 2009-10. The upper ceiling of 7 years for these projects is expected to end during the various months of 2016-17, depending upon the corresponding month of sanction / initiation. Also some of the 1865 and 1898 projects sanctioned during 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively are likely to be in Consolidation & Withdrawal Phase.

2 It is imperative that continuous priority is given to getting the projects completed in a qualitative and time bound manner, at the earliest possible and exceptional exceptions excepted, positively within the upper limit of 7

years. It is expected that relevant administrative, financial and technical rules have been followed and completion of each and every component as approved in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and expenditure as envisaged in para 67 of the Guidelines is ensured by resorting to optimum use of available budgetary support and other resources from the pertinent Central and State schemes that are feasible and appropriate to be implemented in the watershed development projects and fit into the schematic design with emphasis on convergence and prioritization of projects / project activities as discussed in the Conference of Chief Executive Officers of State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) held on 6-7 January 2017.

3 In order to expedite completion of projects State Government was also requested (vide letter in reference) *inter alia* that projects sanctioned in the later years in the period 2009-10 to 2014-15 where steps have not been initiated to prepare the DPRs may be kept at a lower priority or even kept in abeyance for the present; projects in which DPRs have not been finalized and works / activities have not been initiated in the field may be accorded lower priority; and projects indicating sub-optimal outcomes may be reviewed for deciding on the appropriateness and quantum of further spendings including option of foreclosure as per the rules and with competent approval (without compromising on the productive use and sustainability of the monies already spent) in order to ensure consolidation of gains derived from funds already utilized.

4 While ensuring timely completion remains in focus, continuous efforts also need to be made towards strengthening institutional structure and monitoring mechanisms at all levels. Quantitative and qualitative assessment of work and addressing the shortcomings as evidenced *inter alia* through the dedicated geo-spatial portal (SRISHTI) & the related mobile app (DRISTHI) as well as other monitoring mechanism are needed. SLNAs need to ensure that geo-coded & time-stamped photographs of all assets created are uploaded to monitor the progress. Arrangements may please be made to inform percentage of assets with geo-coded & time-stamped photographs uploaded in relation to the assets planned for implementation as on 18.4.2017. In addition the effective use of IWMP-MIS and third-party monitoring at all levels need immediate attention to reflect / assess the