

Minutes of the Inter Ministerial Meeting held on 23rd June, 2015 to discuss the PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana) on 8th June, 2015.

1. This deliberation was held as follow up on point-wise decisions taken in the Hon. PM's meeting held on 8th June. The list of participants in annexed.
2. As regards comprehensive and holistic development in the perspective of the entire water cycle, DoLR informed that the watershed development programme was based on complete hydrologic cycle of a watershed, and similar concept could be followed in irrigated areas. Ministry of Water resources should take the leadership in comprehensive planning, ensuring that technical, financial and human resources including those of research scholars were leveraged in the best possible manner.
3. It was decided that MoWR, DoLR, MoRD and DAC will submit within next week a list of water sector Consultants engaged in project advisory and implementation services by them. This list is also to be submitted by concerned Ministries to PMO directly.
4. ICAR was requested to take up a quick study on existing and traditional cropping pattern in the country for optimal use of water resources. This study should be completed within period of one month.
5. As no representative from urban development was present in the meeting, it was decided that UD ministry would be again requested to examine compulsory provision of water harvesting infrastructure in building regulations.
6. As regards Jal Sanchay and Jal Sinchan schemes, maximum emphasis has been given in the proposed guidelines of PMKSY for training, skill development, awareness campaign, documentation, publication, short film, use of IEC technologies etc.
7. District Irrigation Plan was the corner stone of PMKSY and in the comprehensive plan development, all usages of water including drinking and domestic use, industry etc. would be considered.
8. In so far as training of 750 odd IAS and IFS officers is concerned, DoPT would be asked to coordinate. It was decided that the second batch will be covered under the training programme for preparation of DIP in 1st phase. The course content and training programme will be developed in consultation with ICAR institutes: Indian Institute of

Water Management, Bhubaneswar, CRIDA, Hyderabad, Central Soil And Water Conservation Research and Training Institute, Dehradun, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, and National Water Development Agency (NWDA) of MoWR. The frame work/content of the training programme will be finalized within a weeks' time in consultation with above agencies by JS (MIDH). ICAR institute will also prepare a draft DIP based on which a uniform template would be developed

9. The training programme is being tentatively scheduled from mid-August till end of September, 2015. DoPT and MoEF/State Govt. will be requested to place the officers in the district for one month tentatively during November/December, 2015.
10. As regard to water storage structure in hilly regions and water bodies for livelihood activities including erosion control, this aspect is being addressed under the watershed component of PMKSY.
11. In so far as using MGNREGA fund for meeting the challenges of anticipated drought-like situation, MoRD has prepared detailed action plan targeting construction of 15 lakh water harvesting structures.
12. Integration of solar energy for drip and sprinkler irrigation system has been emphasized in the PMKSY. Micro irrigation companies would be sensitized through a National level workshop to play a greater role in extending precision farming. Private Companies can be encouraged to take up commodity based, phase-wise initiative like partnership with sugar companies, cotton-based companies in the 1st phase. A seminar could be organized to bring various stakeholders on the common platform.
13. In so far as diversion to maize from rice in Punjab, D/o Food may be approached to provide the conceptual framework.
14. Ministry of Water Resource will prepare an action plan to address harvesting of low hanging fruits i.e. immediate restoration reservoir storage capacity, command area works for availing the benefit of potential created etc.

The Meeting ends with a vote of thanks to the chair.

List of participants:

1. Secretary(A&C), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
2. Secretary , Rural Development
3. Secretary, Department of Agriculture Research and Education
4. Additional Secretary(JS), Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation
5. Joint Secretary (MIDH), Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation
6. Sh. R. Subrahmnayam, Joint Secretary, MGNREGA
7. Sh. Sandeep Dave, Joint Secretary, DoLR
8. Sh. Anil Sant, Join Secretary, MoEF&CC
9. Dr. S.K. Chaudhary, ADG, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
10. Sh. Asholi Chalai, Director, DoPT
11. Sh. G. Ghose, DDG, NIC
12. Dr. M. Prithviraj, Scientist, DST
13. Sh. Pradeep Kumar, Commissioner(P), MoWR
14. Sh. B. Rath, ADC, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation