

Minutes of Meeting on 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana' on 08.06.2015 at 11.30 am.

Hon'ble Prime Minister took a meeting on 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana' (PMKSY) on 8th June, 2015 at 11.30 am. The list of participants is annexed.

Secretary DAC made a presentation on the PMKSY. Following decisions were taken:

1. All Ministries/departments/agencies/research and financial institutions engaged in creation/use/recycling/potential recycling of water should be brought on a common platform so that a comprehensive and holistic view of the entire 'water cycle' may be taken. Technical, financial and human resources in this sector, including those under the university system should be leveraged to ensure that each drop of water is put to the best possible use.
2. MoWR, MoLR and MoRD to submit a list of consultants who had been engaged in project advisory or implementation, and the fee structure within a week.
3. Agriculture Ministry should get a quick study done on the existing and traditional cropping patterns in the country, especially in the context of optimal use of water resources.
4. Water management systems in Marathwada region in medieval period, traditional Baolis (water bodies) in and around Amarkantak, Jal Mandir scheme of Gujarat should be studied by Water Resources Ministry.
5. Urban Development Ministry to examine the incorporation of compulsory water harvesting structures in building regulations.
6. Jal Sanchay and Jal Sinchan must have the widest possible public participation, as well the best technology interface.

7. Each district should have a comprehensive water management plan, incorporating all uses of water - drinking water & other domestic user, irrigation and industry, besides looking at all existing and potential water resources.

8. IAS and IFS (Forest) service officers of the three junior most batches may be assigned a district each for preparation of the District Irrigation plan. They should spend at least one month in the district, interact with all stakeholders and prepare a document which could be used as the primary source. Likewise State civil and forest officer trainees may also be associated with the above task in consultation with State Governments. All the information so collected should be integrated on a digital platform using the available resources with DST and DAC.

9. With regard to hill regions, a plan to strengthen and develop water storage structures in natural formations should be developed. These water bodies could also be used for livelihood activities, besides arresting water and soil erosion.

10. MNREGA funds should address water harvesting structures. Challenge of anticipated drought like conditions should be leveraged as an opportunity to build as many water harvesting structures as required in a mission mode.

11. Drip and sprinkler irrigation systems should be integrated with solar power.

12. Micro irrigation companies will have to play an important role in strengthening and promoting precision farming. Ministries must work to create a facilitative ecosystem.

13. While there are no tailor made solutions for any region/crop, priority may be accorded to areas under acute stress, or with clear potential bringing sugarcane cultivation under precision farming, and shifting from rice to maize in Punjab.

14. Steps should be taken to harvest low hanging fruits. For example, enhancing capacity of existing reservoirs, bridging the gap between potential created and potential utilized, restoration of inlet, outlet and distribution channels etc. could be taken up on priority basis.

Meeting to be chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister
on 08.06.2015 at 11.30 am at R. No. 54, South Block

List of Participants

1. Ms. Uma Bharati, Minister of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
2. Shri Chaudhary Birender Singh, Minister of Rural Development
3. Mr. Sanjeev Balyan, Minister of State (Agriculture)
4. Shri Ajit Kumar Seth, Cabinet Secretary
5. Shri P.K. Sinha, OSD, Cabinet Secretariat
6. Smt. Sindushree Khullar, CEO, Niti Aayog
7. Shri Ratan P. Watal, Secretary, Department of Expenditure
8. Shri Siraj Hussain, Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
9. Shri Shashi Shekhar, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
10. Ms. Vandana Kumari Jena, Secretary, Department of Land Resources
11. Shri J. K. Mohapatra, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
12. Dr. Amarjit Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
13. Shri R.B. Sinha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
14. Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

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15. Shri Nripendra Misra, Principal Secretary to PM
16. Dr. P.K. Mishra, Addl. Principal Secretary to PM
17. Shri T.V. Somanathan, Joint Secretary to PM
18. Shri Anurag Jain, Joint Secretary to PM
19. Smt. Debashree Mukherjee, Joint Secretary to PM
20. Shri Mayur Maheshwari, Deputy Secretary