

**Minutes of the Meeting to discuss operationalisation of PMKSY and review the action taken on the decisions made in the meetings of PMO, held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, to discuss effective implementation of PMKSY and follow up action on the decisions taken in PMO meeting. The list of participants who attended the meeting is annexed.

1. All concerned Ministries/Departments need to ensure that at least 42% of allocated amount under various components of PMKSY is released prioritizing the districts, blocks and activities with corresponding indication of likely irrigation potential to be created.
2. The action taken on decisions taken in the PM's meeting held on 8.6.2015 was reviewed. ICAR was assigned to take the study on existing and traditional cropping pattern in the context of optimal use of water resources within next 3 months i.e. before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. It was decided that ICAR shall provide the status report on the initiatives so far taken in this regard along with the details of the institutes involved in the study. The report should indicate summary of advisories to State Governments for each recommendation to facilitate its adaptation. An interim status report may be submitted within a week and final report may be completed as per the scheduled time line. (Action: ICAR)
3. In so far as, study on traditional water management systems in Marathawada regions, traditional Bawaries and Jal Mandir scheme, it was informed by Commissioner(PR), MoWR that the study has been completed and the report is being finalised which will be available very shortly. Secretary (A&C) desired that Central Ground Water Board may compile information on the impact of the Jal Mandir scheme, traditional water harvesting systems taken up by MoWR. This report will serve as a supplementary information to the study report on traditional water bodies. (Action: MoWR,RD&GR)
4. It was decided that letters to be written to District Magistrate/Local Bodies/Municipal Corporation/Corporation of 162 most vulnerable blocks notified by Central Ground Water Board for regulated use of

ground water and taking appropriate measures for ground water recharge and rain water harvesting.

5. The training programme for the first batch of IAS and IFS officers is scheduled on 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at National Water Academy, Pune for State of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa. It was suggested that this programme be inaugurated by Secretary, MoWR.(Action: MoWR,RD&GR /JS (Hort)
6. JS(RFS) explained that the allocation of Rs. 1800 crore available with Department of Agriculture & Cooperation's budget estimate has been done in the following manner after obtaining the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture:
  - (i) Micro irrigation - Rs. 1410 crore
  - (ii) Preparation of DIP - Rs. 30 crore,
  - (iii) Dist Level Extension Serrvice (ATMA) - Rs. 100crore and
  - (iv) Topping up of Material cost of MGNREGA works - Rs. 175 crore

The matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that Department of Rural Development will identify the blocks in which this amount will be used. It was also agreed that preference will be given by Department of Rural Development to water harvesting/water conservation works in most vulnerable blocks which are notified by Central Ground Water Board. However, Central Ground Water Board will exclude urban blocks and the blocks included in the notified list which have contaminated water. (Action: MoRD, CGWB)

7. It was also decided that DoRD may give priority to the over exploited blocks identified by CGWB for water conservation and ground water recharge works under MGNREGA. (Action: MoRD)
8. For promoting use of solar power for drip and sprinkler irrigation system it was informed by JS(Horticulture) that a meeting is being arranged on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at Pune to finalise the action plan with irrigation companies. Private companies engaged in solar technology and drip irrigation has been invited to this meeting. Secretary DAC suggested that atleast some demonstrative projects can be taken up by State Governments in State Farms managed by Agriculture/Horticulture Departments. KVKs may also consider installing solar based drip irrigation systems. It was also decided that States may also be advised to

use solar energy source for use of drip and sprinkler system and the projects to this effect may be taken up under RKVY. (Action: ICAR, JS(Hort), State Govt.).

9. Dr. E. Sampat Kumar. Member, Central Ground Water Board informed that 162 blocks have been notified as most vulnerable blocks. It was indicated that some of these blocks are located in urban areas and in some cases the blocks have been notified not due to scarcity of water but due to contamination of water. It was therefore decided that Central Ground Water Board will furnish to DAC by tomorrow a list of blocks located in rural areas after excluding urban blocks and blocks included in the list due to contamination of water. Central Ground Water Board shall send this list to Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Secretary, Department of Land Resources and Secretary, Department of Rural Development. (Action: CGWB)
10. If there are any guidelines issued by Central Ground Water Board for utilisation of water for these blocks, the same will be made available to Ministry of Water Resources, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources. It was decided that Central Ground Water Board should work out guidelines for use of underground water in these precariously placed blocks which have already been notified by them as most vulnerable notified blocks.(Action: CGWB)
11. Joint Secretary, Department of Land Resources, pointed out that IFD of their Department has raised certain objections about the funding pattern of PMKSY. It was clarified by JS(RFS) that it has been decided in the CCEA note that in 2015-16 the pattern of assistance will continue in accordance with the existing pattern of guidelines (Para 5.4 of the CCEA note and Para 8 of PMKSY Guidelines). It was resolved that the officers of Department of Land Resources will explain the situation to their Financial Advisor so that at least 42% of allocation are released by 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015. (Action: DoLR)
12. Joint Secretary (RFS) informed that as decided in the Senior Officers' meeting, out of total allocation of Rs. 1410 crores for micro irrigation as indicated in Para 6, Rs. 410 crores has to be provisioned for water conservation and harvesting for ground water recharge. There was a

consensus that there is a need to target the blocks notified as most vulnerable by Central Ground Water Board. It was therefore, unanimously decided that funds may be allocated to the blocks in the following manner:

- i) 60% weightage to 1071 over exploited blocks
- ii) 40% weightage of blocks notified as most vulnerable by Central Ground Water Board after excluding the urban blocks and the blocks notified due to contamination of water.

JS(LR) informed that watershed project is the most effective intervention for conservation and recharge of groundwater in these blocks. It was therefore, decided that DoLR will identify the projects in these blocks and DAC will release the funds (Rs.410 crores) to the State Governments on the recommendation of DoLR. A detailed proposal may be submitted by DoLR to DAC so that at least 42% of the allocated amount can be released before 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015. (Action: DoLR)

**List of participants**

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1.	Sh. Jalaj Srivastava, Addl. Secy.	DAC
2	Sh. Sanjeev Chopra, , Joint Secy.	DAC
3	Sh. R.B. Sinha, Joint Secy.	DAC
4	Sh. Sandeep Dave, Joint Secy.	Deptt. of Land Resources
5	Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, Joint Secy. MGNREGA	Deptt. of Rural Dev.,
6	Sh. Pradeep Kumar, Commissioner ( Projects)	Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR
7	Dr. E. Sampath Kumar, Member CGWB	Ministry of Water Resources
8	Dr. P.P. Biwas, Pr. Scientist (Soils)	ICAR/DARE
9	Sh. Jagdish Singh, DIG Forests	Deptt. of Land Resources
10	Sh. R.K. Tiwari, Senior Joint Commr.	Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR
11	Sh. S.K. Juneja, Scientist-D	CGWB
12	Shri B.Rath, Additional Commissioner	DAC