

Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Shri R.B. Sinha, Joint Secretary on 16.11.2015 at 1200 noon to discuss the template of District Irrigation Plan under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri R.B. Sinha, Joint Secretary on 16.11.2015 at 1200 noon in Room No. 142 A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss the template of District Irrigation Plan under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana. List of participants is annexed.

2. Welcoming the participants, the chairman briefed the participants about the need to expedite the finalization of District Irrigation Plans in order to ensure timely implementation of the scheme. Shri B. Rath informed the members that 153 officers, including 139 IAS/IFS officers, from various states, have been trained at 6 institutes of national repute for preparing DIPs. The chairman added that though officers in states have been trained for the purpose, many states have expressed need for a template for preparing DIPs and it is in this context, that DAC&FW has developed a draft template.

3. Thereafter, the draft template was taken up for discussion chapter by chapter. The chairman invited valuable suggestions/comments on each chapter/heading of the draft template. All the participants appreciated the draft brought out by DAC&FW. However, Dr. Ambrish Kumar and Ms. R. Kaur suggested that NRSA has developed "Bhuvan" software, the digital database could be utilized from this software for preparing DIPs and advocated involvement of representatives of NRSA in the process.

4. After detailed discussion, the following suggestions for improving draft template emerged:

- i. Wherever data has to be filled in the DIP, the probable sources of data may be specified in the template.
- ii. It may be specified in the template that block level data on various parameters may be used, wherever available.
- iii. All the possible activities to be covered under various components of the scheme may be listed out under the chapter on action plan under PMKSY.
- iv. NRSA may be involved in the process with a view to utilize "Bhuvan" software for preparation of DIPs.
- v. All the concerned ministries/departments shall convey their further inputs on the draft template, if any, by 17.11.2015.
- vi. The draft template would immediately be circulated to all the states after incorporating amendments/suggestions for obtaining their comments or moving forward on these lines to prepare DIP.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair

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1. Shri R.B. Sinha, Joint Secretary, DACFW
2. Ms. R. Kaur, Director, Water Technology Centre, IARI, Pusa, New Delhi.
3. Dr. Tamil Selvan, Additional Commissioner (Horticulture), DACFW.
4. Shri B. Rath, Additional Commissioner (RFS), DACFW.
5. Dr. Ambrish Kumar, Principal Scientist, IISWC, Dehradun.
6. Shri Balewshwar Thakur, Senior Joint Commissioner, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Shri R.K. Tewari, Senior Joint Commissioner, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Shri B. Koti Reddy, Scientist D, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.
9. Dr. Siddayya, Head CWLR, NIRD & PR, Hyderabad.
10. Shri J.R. Boro, Senior Joint Commissioner, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
11. Dr. Ranu Rani Sethi, Senior Scientist, Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar.
12. Shri Pradeep Srivastava, Under Secretary, DACFW
13. Ms. Saba Issaq, Consultant (NMSA), DACFW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.