

Minutes of Meeting held on 18.03.2015 to discuss Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana(PMKSJ)

A meeting was held on 18th March, 2015 at Krishi Bhawan under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) to discuss implementation framework for operationalising PMKSJ. This meeting was held as a follow up of the meeting held on 12.3.2015. The minutes of this meeting was issued on 16th March, 2015. The meeting was attended by Secretaries of DoLR, DoRD, DARE and representatives from other concerned Ministries/Departments. The list of participants in the meeting is annexed:

Based on the discussions, following decisions were taken:

1. MoWR has suggested the following activities to be taken up under AIBP and PMKSJ:
 - Major and medium irrigation projects will be supported in the priority areas identified by State Governments under AIBP.
 - Activities of Jalgram including Solar panel on canals may also be taken up under AIBP and PMKSJ.
 - The surface minor irrigation schemes which are funded under AIBP for special areas of general category States and in all areas in special category States may be generalized.
 - Minor Irrigation schemes may be taken up of size ranging from 5 ha. to 2000 ha. under AIBP, preferably for creating community irrigation source. Uniform funding pattern for both AIBP and PMKSJ may be adopted.
 - Command Area development work may be prioritized in the blocks which are nearing saturation and also for distribution system in the blocks where water source is created but not being utilized to its fullest capacity.

- Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water bodies in the States including those associated with religious places and being used for irrigation may also be supported. Efforts to be made to concentrate these activities in the identified priority blocks of DoLR & DoRD.
2. Based on the exercise of dovetailing of the comprehensive development plans prepared by MoRD in the 2500 backward blocks with that of the IWMP watershed projects sanctioned, 1145 blocks have been identified in 25 States. These blocks need to be prioritized and activities may be taken up for 100% coverage by exploring all water harvesting options. All these structures so created may be geo-tagged. DAC may also focus in these blocks on micro irrigation and extension activities for improving irrigation efficiency. For this, the State Governments may be suitably advised.
 3. It was decided that MoWR will prioritize its major, minor irrigation projects and command area development in the blocks which can be saturated in a short period. Similarly, DoLR & DoRD may prioritize blocks in rainfed areas that can be saturated in a short span of time. MoWR may also supplement these rainfed blocks particularly for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) activities, tube wells & lift irrigation projects. DAC may also complement these blocks with micro irrigation and extension activities. Micro Irrigation activities will also be integrated in head reaches of existing commands where CAD has not been taken up.
 4. It was decided that Micro Irrigation activities which has been mostly addressing horticulture sector, needs to be extended to all crops, wherever saving of water and scope for productive enhancement exists. Priority will be given for using Micro

Irrigation (MI) component in rainfed blocks which are saturated through MGNREGS and watershed programmes. DAC may examine whether Horticulture Department will continue to be nodal department in State Governments for PMKSY schemes of DAC

5. PMKSY component of DAC may also support financing for development of comprehensive irrigation plans for the blocks/district/state based on the District/State agriculture plan. Besides, expenditure for extension activities, awareness campaign, training and skill development programmes to derive maximum outcome of the programme is to be met from PMKSY component of DAC.
6. DoLR, DoRD and MoWR may contribute specific inputs, if any, that need to be incorporated in the EFC Note within 3 days.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

List of participants in the meeting PMKSY held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) on 18th March, 2015 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

1. Shri Siraj Hussain, Secretary (A&C)
2. Smt. Vandana Jena, Secretary, DoLR
3. Shri. J.K. Mohapatra, Secretary, DoRD
4. Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR)
5. Shri Raghvendra Singh, Additional Secretary, DAC
6. Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary, DAC
7. Shri Sanjeev Gupta, JS(Extesion), DAC
8. Shri R. Subramanyam, Joint Secretary, MoRD
9. Shri Arunish Chawla, Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditure
10. Shri Sandeep Dave, JS(IWMP), DoLR
11. Shri R.B.Sinha, Joint Secretary (RFS), DAC
12. Shri Pradeep Kumar, Commissioner(SP), MoWR,RD&GR
13. Shri K.S. Srinivas, Director (Horticulture), DAC
14. Shri G. N. Sharma, Tech. Expert (MGNREGA), MoRD
15. Shri S.L.Jain, (Sen. Joint Comm.), MoWR,RD&GR
16. Shri B.Rath, AdC(RFS),DAC

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