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New Delhi, the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

**Subject: - Subject: Review of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the minutes (Doc. No.44/2015-CA.IV) of the meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) held under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, on the subject mentioned above, for information and necessary action. Action taken on the recommendations of the CoS may kindly be uploaded on e-SamikSha web portal.

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Secretary, D/o Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries [w.r.t. para 10(iv) of the minutes]  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF SECRETARIES

Document No. 44/2015-CA.IV

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VENUE: Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan

DATE OF MEETING: FRIDAY, the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Shri P.K. Sinha, Cabinet Secretary  
Shri S.K. Srivastava, Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat  
Shri Ratan P. Watal, Finance Secretary and Secretary, D/o Expenditure  
Shri Siraj Hussain, Secretary, D/o Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
Shri Shashi Shekhar, Secretary, M/o Water Resources, RD & GR  
Shri V.S. Madan, Secretary, D/o Land Resources  
Shri J.K. Mohapatra, Secretary, D/o Rural Development  
Shri Alok Kumar, Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog  
Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat  
Shri R.B. Sinha, Joint Secretary, D/o Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
Ms. S. Ahladini Panda, Director, Cabinet Secretariat

**Subject: - Review of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.**

A meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) was held under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 18.09.2015 at 6.30 p.m. in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, to consider the Note received from D/o Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) vide their O.M. No. 19-5/2015-RFS-III dated 14.09.2015 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. DAC&FW gave a brief overview of the scheme. It was brought out that the scheme has been approved with an outlay of Rs.50,000 crore (central share) for a period of 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20. In the Budget 2015-16, budget lines of PMKSY has been made in three Ministries/Departments viz. DAC&FW: Rs. 1800 crore, D/o Land Resources: Rs. 1500 crore and M/o Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR,RD&GR): Rs. 2000 crore. The principle objectives inter-alia include extending coverage of physical access of water to every field; improving water use efficiency – on farm, in field channels and in distribution systems; integrated development of rain fed areas and recharge of aquifers; extension services for water harvesting, water management and crop alignment. The scheme envisages preparation of District Irrigation Plans based on assessment of water potential at district level from all sources, analysis of cropping pattern and leveraging public and private investments to enhance production and productivity.

3. The governance structure for the PMKSY scheme has a National Steering Committee at the apex level under the Prime Minister to provide policy direction, a National Executive Committee under the Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog to oversee implementation and a State Level Sanctioning Committee under Chief Secretary to give strategic direction and approve

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District Irrigation Plans. It was informed that the National Steering Committee has been constituted on 03.09.2015 and the National Executive Committee has been notified on 06.08.2015.

4. As regards the achievements so far, DAC&FW informed that the Operational Guidelines have been issued on 30.07.2015. An amount of Rs.415 crore under AIBP and Rs. 900 crore under PMKSY (Watershed) has been released. Several inter-ministerial meetings under the chairmanship of Secretary (AC&FW) have been held to discuss modalities of fund allocation & releases. Regarding digital portal and monitoring system, a Management Information System for capturing information of various Departments of PMKSY has been firmed up and programming is under process. A schedule of training programmes for preparation of District Irrigation Plan has been prepared. The first such programme for AIS Officers (IAS & IFS) was held in August, 2015.

5. The challenges regarding implementation of the Scheme were discussed. It was brought out that there are pending liabilities of approved watershed projects under Integrated Watershed Management Programmes (IWMP) of DoLR. The average time required for completion of a watershed project is 7 years. There are about 3124 projects which are nearing completion. In view of the limited resources, it was agreed that projects need to be prioritized and such prioritization and selection of works should be done by the States from the projects that are at advanced stages of implementation. DoLR may issue guidelines in this regard. Similarly, priority may also be given to proper management of traditional water bodies. DoLR was asked to ensure that monitoring of projects is carried out by an Inter-Ministerial Committee at the Central level with representatives from DAC&FW, D/o Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, D/o Rural Development, D/o Agricultural Research & Education and other Ministries/Departments concerned with livelihood to ensure timely completion of works. DoLR also stated that in the context of seasonal nature of work for watershed projects and to improve pace of implementation, the guidelines which indicate the release of 60% of funds as a first installment should not mean 60% of the budget funds, but 60% of requirements for ongoing projects in the States annual action plans. DoLR was asked to get this issue sorted out with D/o Expenditure (DoE).

6. Regarding Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) projects of MoWR,RD&GR, it was informed that Rs. 1000 crore has been allocated to the Ministry in 2015-16. MoWR,RD&GR informed that the committed liabilities of irrigation projects under AIBP are about Rs. 92,500 crore. Of the 146 projects, about 46 can be completed within two years subject to availability of funds. If sufficient funds are not provided under AIBP, it would slow down the pace of completion of projects leading to time and cost over runs. MoWR,RD&GR was asked to prioritize the projects given the limited availability of resources. It was observed that the Ministry is making use of space technology extensively to monitor the projects and assess fund requirements. As regards the funds of Rs. 1000 crore provided separately under PMKSY, MoWR,RD&GR informed that priority was being given to command area development projects in drought prone areas under this component to bridge the gap between irrigation potential and its utilization.

7. It was observed that since more than 50% of the works under MGNREGA are water conservation works, there is a need for greater convergence between MGNREGA and water conservation and watershed development programmes of MoWR,RD&GR and DoLR under the aegis of District Irrigation Plans to optimize utilization of resources. Further, DoLR was asked to co-opt M/o Panchayati Raj also for convergence of watershed programmes in view

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of the greater devolution of funds by the 14th Finance Commission to the Gram Panchayats. DAC&FW was asked to prepare year-wise, District-wise and State-wise physical plans for the five years in consultation with DoLR and MoWR, RD&GR.

8. DAC&FW stated that of the budget allocation of Rs. 1800 crore under PMKSY, they have earmarked Rs. 1000 crore for drip irrigation in water stressed areas of States such as Maharashtra and Gujarat. Rs.400 crore has been allocated to DoLR for drought proofing works in about 1200 blocks. Further, Rs. 175 crore has been allocated for DoRD for adding to the material components for MGNREGA works and Rs. 185 crore for extension activities.

9. Regarding funding for PMKSY especially the completion of ongoing AIBP projects, it was felt that in view of the limited budgetary resources, there is need to explore alternate sources of funding including under the PPP model, States must also ensure that they contribute timely by way of their share to this Scheme. DoE suggested that the feasibility of leveraging funds from the National Infrastructure Fund might also be explored. The concerned Ministries will examine the issue in consultation with DoE.

10. After detailed deliberations, the CoS recommended that:

- (i) DoLR will coordinate with DoRD and MoPR for convergence of scheme and utilization of funds under MGNREGA and other funds for watershed development programmes. The problem in the release of funds may be sorted out in consultation with DoE to optimize the pace of implementation of projects.
- (ii) MoWR, RD&GR will coordinate with DoRD for taking up water conservation works in drought prone areas, particularly in the Southern region.
- (iii) DoLR and MoWR, RD&GR will issue appropriate guidelines to the States for selection and prioritization of watershed development and irrigation projects to be taken up by them.
- (iv) DoLR will set up an inter-Ministerial mechanism at the Centre for comprehensive monitoring of watershed development projects with representatives from DAC&FW, D/o Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, D/o Rural Development, D/o Agricultural Research & Education and other Ministries/Departments concerned with livelihood.
- (v) DAC&FW will prepare year-wise, District-wise and State-wise physical plans, for the period 2015-16 to 2019-20 for the PMKSY scheme in coordination with DoLR and MoWR, RD&GR.
- (vi) DAC&FW, DoLR and MoWR, RD&GR will explore the alternative funding mechanism especially for completion of ongoing AIBP projects in consultation with D/o Expenditure.

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