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Minutes of the First meeting of the National Executive Committee of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) held on 29th September 2015 in NITI Aayog under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog

The First meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was held on 29th September 2015 in NITI Aayog under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog. List of participants is annexed.

Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog initiated the proceedings of the meeting emphasizing upon the importance of the programme and stressed to prioritize the implementation of the projects to get the maximum return per rupee invested. He desired to include Dr. Ramesh Chand, Member (Agriculture), NITI Aayog in the NEC to take advantage of his vast experience in agriculture and related activities. The House agreed to this.

In the beginning, a presentation was made by Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) on the status of implementation of the programme. The major highlights of the presentation were as under:

- a. The challenges/issues being faced in the irrigation sector are substantial area under rain-fed condition, gap between irrigation potential created and utilized, over exploitation of ground water, poor water use efficiency, improper crop alignment etc.
- b. The approach and strategy of PMKSY is increase in irrigation coverage, enhancement in use of augmented resources by bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and utilized, improvement/strengthening of water distribution network, enhancement of water use efficiency, sustainable & efficient management of water resources etc.
- c. The CCEA approved implementation of PMKSY in its meeting held on 1st July, 2015. Guidelines for the approved programme were issued by the DAC&FW on 30th July, 2015 with the approval of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister.
- d. Notifications regarding constitution of both National Steering Committee and National Executive Committee of PMKSY have been issued.
- e. The website 'www.pmksy.gov.in' with static features has been made operational from 13th August, 2015.
- f. Training to All India Service Officers (IAS and IFS) for preparation of District Irrigation Plans has already commenced and is expected to be completed by 16th October, 2015.
- g. The status of release of fund under various components of PMKSY was appraised. DAC&FW has taken the initiatives to converge resources for implementation of water harvesting and conservation activities for drought proofing and ground water recharge in the frequently drought affected districts and over exploited/notified blocks/talukas identified by Central

Ground Water Board(CGWB). Rs. 175 crore has been released for supplementing material component of MGNREGA in 150 most vulnerable blocks/talukas identified by CGWB and Rs.410 crores have been allocated to States for drought proofing and ground water recharge through watershed development programmes of DoLR of which 60% has already been released.

- h. The targets for 2015-16 under PMKSY were also presented which include preparation of 100 District Irrigation Plans, coverage of 1.2 lakh ha under AIBP, 0.3 lakh ha under Surface Minor Irrigation, 2.0 lakh ha under CAD&WM, 0.3 lakh ha under Minor Irrigation (Ground Water), 0.2 lakh ha under irrigation through RRR of water bodies, 5 lakh ha under Precision Irrigation and 4.4 lakh ha under Protective Irrigation (Watershed Projects).

2. Secretary, DAC&FW mentioned that there is an urgent need to modify the guidelines of AIBP so that the amount available with the Ministry of Water Resources is urgently sanctioned to projects which are nearing completion.

It was also pointed out that from 2015-16, Central Government contribution is only 50%. Therefore, every project may not be required to seek the concurrence of Central Water Commission.

3. Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh pointed out that the State Government has been facing enormous difficulty in getting funds released under AIBP even for projects in which the State Government has spent the money out of its own budgetary resources. He requested to modify the operational guidelines of AIBP urgently to address the problem of delay in release of funds under AIBP and PMKSY (*Har Khet Ko Pani*).

4. The Secretary, DoLR raised the issue of restricted administrative expenses upto 5% under PMKSY which is not adequate to meet the expenses of SLNA already functional in the States. He wanted this to be restored at 10%.

5. Commissioner, Water Resources, MoWR pointed out that a liability of about Rs. 97,000 crore has been created under AIBP against the projects which are already sanctioned. But the current year allocation is only Rs. 1000 crore. He mentioned that 46 projects have been selected out of 149 projects in 16 states. He informed that Rs.415crore has been released to State Governments under AIBP and Rs. 362crore under PMKSY (*Har Khet Ko Pani*).

6. Principal Secretary (Water Resources), Madhya Pradesh stated to give priority to projects which could be completed with less allocation of funds. He pointed out that 20 out of 46 prioritized projects can be completed with an investment of Rs. 800 crore. Chairman directed that a note may be submitted to NITI Aayog by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

7. The Principal Secretary, Water Resources, Madhya Pradesh pointed out that within the allocated budget of Rs. 1000 crore for *Har Khet Ko Pani* and Rs. 1000 crore for AIBP, a number of projects can be completed in 2015-16 and

2016-17. However, due to the procedure followed by CWC, such a prioritization has not been possible.

Chairman decided that Member, NITI Aayog may review this matter with the Ministry of Water Resources and decide the procedure to be followed by MoWR for selecting the projects for which money will be released.

8. Secretary, DoLR mentioned that projects amounting to Rs. 51000 crore has been sanctioned out of which Rs. 11032 crore has been released so far. Earlier the projects were funded to the extent of 90% by the Government of India but from this year, the Government of India funding is restricted to 50%. He requested that in order to complete the already sanctioned projects, requisite allocation may be provided by the Ministry of Finance in the budget.

9. The following decisions were taken in the meeting:-

a. Dr. Ramesh Chand, Member (Agriculture), NITI Aayog may be included in the National Executive Committee (NEC) of PMKSY as a member.

(Action: DAC&FW)

b. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Member (Agriculture), NITI Aayog may be constituted to develop a roadmap for PMKSY. The DAC&FW, in consultation with Member (Agriculture), NITI Aayog, will finalize the constitution of this committee within a week. A mechanism to bring all Ministries/Departments, agencies, research institutions including those under University system and financial institutions engaged in the water sector on a common platform for sustainable development of water resources may also be indicated in the road map.

(Action: DAC&FW)

c. The condition of release of funds not exceeding 60 % of the allocated amount under IWMP as first installment may be relaxed for the current year and the funds may also be released to the left-out States. This is required as working season has started from October and timely release of funds may lead to effective implementation of the programme.

Action: DoLR

d. Suitable modification in operational guidelines of AIBP need to be made to provide larger flexibility to States for sanction of projects to ensure faster implementation of the irrigation projects. The practice of approval of individual projects at GOI/CWC level may be done away and the SLSC be empowered to approve projects emanated from DIPs identifying the gaps and the requirement. Representation of regional office of CWC may be ensured in the SLSC meeting. The changes/modifications to this effect need to be carried out immediately with the approval of Hon'ble Union Water Resources Minister.

Action: MoWR, RD&GR

e. Allowing engagement of contractors and use of machineries for which funds from PMKSY may be used to supplement the material component of

MGNREGS works was in-principle supported. However, it was decided to place the issue before the National Steering Committee of PMKSY for advice. Any such change may also require change in the Act (MGNREGA).

Action: MoRD and DAC&FW

- f. The Committee under the Chairmanship of Member, NITI Aayog may formulate a policy for release of funds by the MoWR. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh may also be consulted for this. The Committee may study how the projects can be sanctioned at the State level without referring them to CWC for case by case approval. The Committee may examine how technical conditions of CWC may be obtained at the State level itself. The committee may also examine how the procedures of consulting CWC may be simplified.

Action: MoWR, RD&GR

- g. The role of National Rainfed Area Authority was discussed in the meeting. There was an overwhelming consensus in the meeting for dis-continuation of the National Rainfed Area Authority. Therefore, it was decided that the National Rainfed Area Authority may be disbanded with the approval of competent authority.

Action: DAC&FW

- h. The Committee noted the request of DoLR for raising the limit of administrative expenses from 5% to 10%. It was decided that a fresh proposal may be submitted by DoLR to DAC&FW and the same may be finalized with the approval of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister.

Action: DoLR& DAC&FW

- i. The State Level Sanctioning Committee may be authorized to approve projects under different components of PMKSY including that of Ministry of Water Resources for the ongoing major and medium irrigation projects except those of inter-State in nature. For the remaining components like PMKSY (*Har khet ko pani*), PMKSY(per drop more crop) and PMKSY(Watershed), the allocation need to be conveyed to the States well in advance to prepare the annual action plan based on approved DIP/SIP.

Action: implementing Ministries/Departments

- j. The suggestion for simplifying the process of developing district irrigation plan was accepted. These plans need to be developed following intensive participatory consultation process and not of mandatory procedures requiring approval at block/intermediate level or Zila Parisad level. Specific suggestions to this effect will be sent by the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh which will be taken up by DAC&FW to accommodate changes in guideline with the approval of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister.

Action: DAC&FW and GoMP

Annexure

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC) OF PRADHAN MANTRI KRISHI SINCHAYEE YOJANA (PMKSY) HELD ON 29.9.2015 AT 4.00 PM IN NITI AAYOG UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF VICE CHAIRMAN, NITI AAYOG

Sl.No.	Name and Designation	Organisation
1.	Dr. Arvind Panagariya, Vice Chairman	NITI Aayog - In Chair
2.	Dr. Ramesh Chand, Member	NITI Aayog
3.	Ms. Sindhushree Khullar, CEO	NITI Aayog
4.	Shri Siraj Hussian, Secretary	Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
5.	Shri S.M.Vijayanand, Secretary	Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001
6.	Shri Vijay Shankar Madan, Secretary	Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001
7.	Shri Anthony De Sa, Chief Secretary	Government of Madhya Pradesh Mantralaya, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal-462004
8.	Sri Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
9.	Shri Jalaj Srivastava, Additional Secretary	Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001
10.	Dr. Alok K. Sikka, DDG(NRM)	Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), Division of Natural Resource Management, Krishi Anusandhan Bhawan-II, New Delhi-110012
11.	Shri D.K.Jain, Addl.Chief Secretary(Agriculture & Marketing)	Govt. of Maharashtra, Agriculture Department, R.No. 509, Annex Bldg. Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032
12.	Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, Principal Secretary Agriculture	Agriculture Department , Uttar Pradesh
13.	Shri Radheyshyam Julaniya, Principal	Water Resources Department,

	Secretary	Madhya Pradesh, Data Centre Campus, SWARA Bhavan (Behind Kolar Guest House), Link Road, Bhopal, Pin code-462003, M.P.
14.	Dr. Rajesh Rajora, Principal Secretary	Department of Agriculture, Horticulture & Food Processing, Government of Madhya Pradesh
15.	Shri Arunish Chawla, Joint Secretary	Department of Expenditure
16.	Dr. Sandeep Dave, Joint Secretary	Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001
17.	Shri Prabhat Kumar Sarangi, Joint Secretary	Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001
18.	Shri R.B.Sinha, Joint Secretary	Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Krishi Bhawan, , Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi
19.	Ms. Shubha Thakur, Joint Secretary	Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
20.	Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Joint Secretary	Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
21.	Shri Pradeep Kumar, Commissioner(SPR)	Ministry of Water Resource, Rural Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
22.	Shri Vipin Kumar, Resident Commissioner	Bihar
23.	Shri Jitendra Kumar, Adviser	NITI Aayog
24.	Dr. J.P. Mishra, Adviser	NITI Aayog
25.	Shri Alok Kumar, Adviser	NITI Aayog
26.	Ms. Alka Tiwari, Adviser	NITI Aayog
27.	Ms. Sunita Sanghi, Adviser	NITI Aayog
28.	Shri Shailendra Kumar	
29.	Shri Ananda Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, SLNA	Tamil Nadu
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39.	Shri Khurshid Ali Khadri, Asstt. Secretary	NITI Aayog