

Minutes of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (AC&FW) on 8th November, 2016 in Room No.138, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to review the status of Micro Irrigation component under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and to have overview of implementation by Micro Irrigation System suppliers.

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (AC &FW) on 8th November, 2016 in Room No. 138, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to review the progress of implementation and bottlenecks faced by Micro Irrigation system suppliers under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) along with other issues related to the scheme. The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary, MoA & FW, Joint Secretary & Mission Director (RFS), DAC & FW, Additional Commissioner (RFS), DAC & FW and representatives from Micro Irrigation companies. The list of participants is annexed.

1. Micro Irrigation industry made a presentation on various aspects of PMKSY- MI component wherein they have highlighted 9 points for consideration. During the presentation a status paper developed by Irrigation Association of India (IAI) in coordination with FICCI and Grant Thornton India was shared to the chair, which was released recently.

(Action: DAC& FW)

2. Representative from MI Industry suggested that higher state share need to be discouraged under the scheme as the technology is well established now in the country by the farmers/growers and moreover enhanced/additional state funds are not giving any benefit w.r.t area coverage towards the untapped/estimated potential. The chairman suggested to issue a communication to the Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries of such states in this regard.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

3. It was observed that states namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Telangana have made the implementation process and issue of work orders very effective due to their robust IT facilities and dedicated institutional set up for scheme implementation. The chairman suggested to have details of such procedures and advise other states to develop such mechanism for effective implementation. A communication need be sent to all states/scheme implementing agencies in this regard.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

4. Delayed issue of GOs by the states was highlighted as a major impediment for fund utilization released by the central government. The same need be taken up for redressal by communicating to the state administration by MoA.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

5. Representative of industries informed that due to unavailability of matching State Share, delays in executing the work orders have been faced by them. They suggested to adopt the model of RBI's- Mutual Guarantee Fund (MGF) for this programme. Besides, it was suggested to rope in Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) for implementation of micro irrigation scheme.

(Action: IAI; JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

6. A proposal to develop a new matrix/ committee in the State level committee of PMKSY with representatives from NCPAH and Ministry of Agriculture was made for effective implementation of the programme . It was informed that there is already an inter departmental working group established at State level for scrutinising the proposals and coordination among different implementing agencies / departments . State Governments may be requested to accommodate representative of NCPAH in the said committee

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

7. The issue of allocation vis.a.vis utilization of current financial year was also raised It was informed that this issue has already been examined in the department & reallocation of fund based on the performance/feedback from States has already been a carried out.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

8. Chairman suggested that apart from horticulture/water guzzling crops emphasis need also be given to cereals/pulses and other suitable crops under the scope of micro irrigation technology to increase the penetration/adoption under the scheme. DIPs under the scheme need to be continuously monitored for its effective implementation and timely interactions with stakeholders need to be made in this regard.

(Action: DAC, MoA& FW; NCPAH)

9. Procedural guidelines for DBT implementation at state level need to be provided for its effective implementation by MoA. It was decided to implement Aadhar linked beneficiary information for installation of micro irrigation system. However, it was felt that before initiating the cash transfer has DBT mechanism proper clarity and functional issues need to be taken care, so that the implementation is not aggravated.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

10. Short film/documentaries/ success stories need to be developed by the industry which may be telecasted on national news channels for creating awareness of Micro irrigation scheme.

(Action: MI Industry)

11. Based upon the outlines of NITI Aayog a criteria/matrix need be developed for awarding the best performing states for encouraging the other states.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

12. Under the new GST regime the industry suggested that Micro Irrigation need to be kept under the lowest or zero rated slab for ease of doing business and provide affordable and pragmatic options to the farmers under the scheme. The existing GST slabs need be reviewed and draft note to be submitted.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

13. The issue of utilization of Liquid fertilizers through micro irrigation i.e. Fertigation, has not been up to the expected level, was also discussed. It was felt efforts should be made in this regard to make farmers use more liquid fertilizers, so that the fertilizer use efficiency increases. A detailed assessment on use of liquid fertilisers, availability, cost and its effect on use through Micro Irrigation systems need be made on priority. A report in this regard to be prepared and submitted to the division for further action.

(Action: NCPAH, FAI, IAI, MI Industry)

14. An advisory to be issued to all Sugarcane producing states in line with Maharashtra, to adopt micro irrigation for water saving in Sugarcane crop.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

15. For effective monitoring and redressal of ground level bottlenecks and for the implementation, it is desirable to have Mid-term review meeting with implementing states.

(Action: JS (RFS), DAC & FW)

16. It was discussed that before the finalization of guidelines of Micro Irrigation, a meeting should be held to take inputs/feedback of stakeholders of the scheme i.e. MI Suppliers, NCPAH, Implementation agencies and DAC & FW. It was suggested to hold the meeting tentatively on 20th of December, 2016, Tuesday at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

(Action: NCPAH, IAI, MI Industry, DAC & FW)

Annexure
List of the participants:

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S.N.	Name	Designation	Organisation
1	Sh S.K. Pattanayak	Secretary (AC&FW)	Chairman
2	Sh Jalaj Srivastava	Additional Secretary	MoA & FW
3	Sh RB Sinha	Joint Secretary	MoA & FW
4	Sh B Rath	Additional Commissioner	MoA & FW
5	Sh M.S. Mruthyunjay	Managing Director	Sujay Irrigations Pvt Ltd
6	Sh Pravin Kr. Lath	Managing Director	Nimbus Pipes Limited
7	Sh K. Radhakrishna	Managing Director	Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited
8	Sh Shrikant Goenka	Managing Director	Premier Irrigation Adritech Ltd
9	Sh K.K. Sinha	Corporate Advisor	Premier Irrigation Adritech Ltd
10	Sh S. Makhija	Strategic Advisor	Jain Irrigation System Ltd.
11	Sh Rajeev Ranjan	Partner	B-R Irrigation System
12	Sh Ravi Seth	Sr. Manager - Project Sales	EPC Industries Limited - A Mahindra Group Company
13	Sh Pathan Haiyumkhan	Consultant	PMKSY, MoA
14	Sh Anil Kaushal	V.P.-Marketing	Automat Industries PVT. LTD.
15	Sh Randhir Chauhan	Managing Director	Netafim Irrigation India
16	Sh Anand Zambre	Executive Director	NCPAH, MoA &FW
17	Sh Naresh Modi	Project Director	NCPAH, MoA &FW
18	Sh Rohit Lall	Joint Project Director	NCPAH, MoA &FW
19	Smt Praveen Ratra	Administration incharge	NCPAH, MoA &FW