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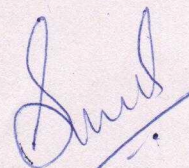
The Mission Directors - States/Implementing agencies
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,
Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh

Subject: Minutes of the review meeting of Per Drop More Crop (Micro Irrigation)-PMKSY held on 16th October, 2017 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sir/ Mam,

This has reference to the review meeting for the implementation of Per Drop More Crop (Micro Irrigation)-PMKSY which was held on 16-10-2017 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NRM/RFS) in Room No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. A copy of the minutes of the review meeting is enclosed for appropriate action.

Encl. as above



(Sowmya Srikanth)
Under Secretary (MI)

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1. PS to JS (NRM/RFS)
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Minutes of review Meeting on Per Drop More Crop component of PMKSY for 2017-18

With a view to review the progress of the implementation of 'Per Drop More Crop' component of PMKSY for the year 2017-18 and discussion on issues in implementation, a review meeting with 7 state implementing agencies was held on 16th October, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NRM/RFS) at Room No. 142, at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. List of the officers attended the meeting is at Annexure-I.

At the beginning of the meeting a brief presentation was made by ADC (RFS) on following agenda points:

- Availability of unspent balance
- Target Vs Achievement of States
- Plan of Action for achieving the target
- Direct benefit transfer (DBT) on boarding
- Additional fund requirement

Major points/ issues discussed in the review meeting are as under:

- State-wise review was made on the above agenda points. States namely Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh participated in the review meeting.
- It was informed to all the States that Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is to be implemented by December 2017; hence States need to speed up the DBT implementation process. It was also informed to all the States that PFMS platform also need to be made use from 2017-18.
- State implementing agencies informed that 18% GST on Micro Irrigation system has adversely affected the implementation of the programme and requested to lower down the GST tax slab for Micro Irrigation system so as to timely achieve the targets.
- Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat explained a financial model to minimize the effects of GST, which was discussed in detail and other States were requested to study this model for operationalizing in their States if possible.
- JS (RFS) advised Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh to plan training programmes for integration of MIS with the help of Computer programmers of DAC&FW at the earliest.

- It was suggested to all the states to Geo-tag the assets created under the scheme through BHUVAN-PDMC application. In case of states using their own application, it was informed that the information of geo-tagging be provided to DAC&FW regularly with the help of NRSC, Hyderabad for its access in the PDMC platform.
- The States were advised to speed up the implementation process and submit the Utilisation Certificates as early as possible for the release of Second instalment of funds under Per Drop More Crop as the release of fund in the last quarter is restricted to only 1/3rd of the budgeted amount.
- States were asked to suggest any policy changes required to encourage the coverage of Micro Irrigation which can be initiated by Govt. of India and State Govt. for promotion of Micro Irrigation.
- In the operational guidelines of Per Drop More Crop (Micro Irrigation) one suggestion was received by the States to provide the flexibility for portable sprinkler & Rain gun. It was decided that the same may be accommodated in the guidelines by adding a note as follows "The State may choose any dimension of pipe depending on local requirements adopting corresponding cost norm on pro rata basis subject to the upper financial limit prescribed in the Guidelines for specific farm size."
- It was pointed out that many states are not making proportionate matching State share, treating the training and management/ Administration cost as 100% funding from Govt. of India. In fact any component/ interventions of the scheme are liable to be shared by Centre & State as per prescribed funding pattern. Accordingly States were directed to make appropriate provision for proportionate matching share against allocation/ release of Central share.
- States were advised to assess the actual requirement of fund for the remaining period of financial year based on the farmers' registration and availability of State share. The projected fund requirement indicating either reduced demand or, additional demand be intimated immediately supported with a timeline for achieving the target.
- Andhra Pradesh indicated inclination for additional funds of around 25 crore and Maharashtra demanded around Rs. 60 crore for 2017-18.

State Specific Discussion:

1) Andhra Pradesh:

- State has informed that it has utilized an amount of Rs. 61.89 crore till date and Rs. 161.49 crore is available with them. JS (RFS) suggested the State to expedite the pace of implementation and utilize the remaining fund so as to facilitate processing release of Second instalment of fund.
- Government of Andhra Pradesh emphasised on tail end lift irrigation system to be integrated with Micro Irrigation. It was observed by the Commissioner that support for connectivity from source to sump is not provisioned in the operational guidelines. ADC (RFS) suggested that such projects may be supported as integrated projects under Per Drop More Crop component of PMKSY accessing resources from both Other Interventions & Micro Irrigation.
- JS (RFS) informed that for such integrated projects, an Action Plan may be prepared and it should be approved by Chief Secretary of the State.
- It was informed that integration of state MIS with PMKSY portal has been completed.

2) Madhya Pradesh:

- State has utilized an amount of Rs. 43.99 crore till date and Rs. 118.64 crore is still available with them.
- JS (RFS) suggested the State to expedite the pace of implementation and utilize the remaining fund so as to facilitate processing release of Second instalment of fund.
- State has informed that they would utilize the available fund by November, 2017 and would be in a position to assess the revised target with shortfall or any additional requirement by the end of November, 2017.
- It was informed that integration of state MIS with PMKSY portal has been completed.

3) Uttar Pradesh:

- The progress of State in the current year is very slow, only 2026 ha has been covered against the target of 40152 ha and only Rs. 42 lakh has been utilized so far.
- It was informed that registration for around 66000 farmers covering about 60000 ha of land under Micro Irrigation has been received.

- It was assured that the available funds would be utilized by 15th of November, 2017.
- Agri dept of the State requested to share copies of all communications related to PMKSY- Other Interventions to facilitate monitoring and coordination as the State nodal department.

4) Tamil Nadu:

- It was informed that an amount of Rs. 27 crore has been utilized so far and the remaining amount of Rs. 167 crore would be utilized by the end of November, 2017.
- It was informed that about 30000 no. of work orders have already been issued.
- Negotiation with Micro Irrigation companies to reduce the price of MI equipments is going on to neutralize the subsumed excise duty under GST.
- It was informed that funds released in current year under SC & ST category remained unutilized to the tune of Rs. 14 crore due to non availability of SC/ST category beneficiaries. So it was suggested to give detailed proposal for adjusting the available resources against the category-wise fund requirement during second instalment release.
- Integration of State MIS with PMKSY portal is yet to be made functional. It was requested to make it operationalise by mid of November, 2017.

5) Karnataka:

- It was informed that they have utilized an amount of Rs. 121.50 crore till date and Rs. 71.99 crore is available with them which will be utilized by the end of the October, 2017.
- It was informed that funds released in current year under SC & ST category remained unutilized due to non availability of SC/ST category beneficiaries. So it was suggested to give detailed proposal for adjusting the available resources against the category-wise fund requirement during second instalment release.
- State representatives assured that available funds would be utilized by the end of October, 2017.
- It was informed that the Crop code for various crops needs to be standardized all over the country for the purpose of uniformity. Programmers were directed to solve this issue at the earliest.

- Integration of State MIS with PMKSY portal is yet to be made functional. It was requested to make it operationalise by mid of November, 2017.

6) Telangana:

- An amount of Rs. 45.85 crore has been utilized so far and the remaining amount of Rs. 92.20 crore would be utilized shortly.
- It was informed that the State is following the AP model for minimizing the effect of GST on farmers. State to bear 5% of GST on behalf of farmers and remaining 13% shall be borne by the farmers.
- State requested for allowing installation of Micro Irrigation in block plantation of Palmera crop. It was suggested that as per Guidelines there is no such restriction and SLSC is empowered to approve any action plan in the interest of State.

7) Maharashtra:

- An amount of Rs. 128 crore has been utilized and the remaining amount of Rs. 84 shall be utilized by end of October, 2017.
- Issue of surrendered amount on account of SC & ST unutilized amount and non receipt of communication of AG to GoI on this matter was raised, as it creates problem at the time of fund release. The issue was discussed in SLSC too. State representatives was instructed to send the relevant communications related to surrender of Rs. 40.12 crore and Rs. 45.21 crore from State AG to GoI.
- The issue of discontinuation of subsidy on Sugarcane for selected irrigation project commands was taken up during the discussion. JS(RFS) sought clarification from the State whether the same would apply for the subsidy given by Govt. of India. It was clarified by the State representative that the notification regarding the discontinuation of subsidy on Sugarcane was applicable only to the State govt. However, the State would convey the detailed factual position shortly.
- It was requested to submit the revised Action plan for additional fund requirements with the approval of Chief Secretary.

List of Participants

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