

**Proceedings of The 4th State Level Nodal Agency
Meeting Held On 22/07/2010 Under
The Chairmanship Of Additional Chief Secretary And
Development Commissioner**

List of Members Present: Annexed

Commissioner, WDD welcomed the chairman and the members of the SLNA to the meeting.

Agenda-4.1

The SLNA confirmed the proceedings of the third SLNA meeting held on 22/2/2010.

Agenda -4.2

Compliance on the decisions of the third SLNA Meeting held on 22/2/2010.

The SLNA noted the compliance to the previous meeting and made the following observations.

1. With regard to supply of cadastral maps

- SLNA desired to issues circular to all DWDOs to utilise the thematic maps in locating water harvesting structures under "Jalasiri" and "MNREGA" as a convergence programme under IWMP.

2. Impact studies have indicated changes in the cropping pattern, cropping density, non arable lands are being brought under cultivation etc., It is necessary to ensure that these change gets reflected in the RTCs.

Discussing on the recordings of changes in land use, the SLNA decided the following.

- The DWDOs to write directly to the Village Accountants/Revenue Inspectors, the changes that have occurred in the land use pattern after the watershed treatment, giving the survey number wise details about changes in crops cultivated, wasteland brought under cultivation, an

additional area coming under irrigation etc., brought about by watershed treatment.

- Satellite imagery should be used to identify the changes that have occurred and communicate the same to the revenue department giving survey number wise details.
- The above changes may also be sent to "Bhoomi Project" for entering in the RTC's.
- SLNA also suggested making a presentation of the outcomes as per evaluation reports before the SLNA with regard to actual increase in ground water level, erosion status, wasteland improvement, crop yields etc., in treated watersheds over controlled plots.
- Dr K S Ramachandra NRAA appreciated Georeferencing of structures/works using coordinates for the works undertaken as entry point activities in the state. He congratulated the efforts and stated that Karnataka is the "first state" in the country to do so.

Agenda - 4.3

4.3.1 Progress of ADP schemes during 2009-10 and May-2010.

The SLNA reviewed and noted the progress made in the DPAP, DDP and IWDP and also suggested

- i) Take prompt action to claim pending installments from central government.
- ii) Present the actual outcomes extracted from evaluation studies in the next SLNA meeting.

4.3.2 Progress of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas and River Valley Project.

- The SLNA reviewed and noted the progress made in the NWDPR and RVP and suggested to complete treatment works within in the available time frame striking convergence with MNREGA for deficit funds.

4.3.3 Review of progress under IWMP projects for the year 2009-10 and 2010-11.

- The SLNA reviewed and noted the progress made so far. It was suggested that sub-committees may be formed at the state level to bring interdepartmental coordination. The committees so formed should deliberate on crop production, integrated farming systems, livelihood support etc.,
- Similarly the SLNA suggested to set targets for important expected outcome like recharging of ground water, crop yield, crop diversification etc., for this purpose concerned departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Mines and Geology, Central Ground Water Board to be involved at district level.
- To bring in proper coordination it is suggested to consider enlisting the support of relevant departments at district level for instructions, monitoring of works undertaken by Watershed Development Department. Further it was specifically suggested to utilise the services of DCF's of social forestry for inspection of forestry works carried out by Watershed Development Department.

4.3.4 Annual Programme NWDPR and RVP for 2010-11.

- The SLNA reviewed and approved the annual programme in NWDPR and RVP for the year 2010-11.

NWDPR.

- SLNA approved annual programme to treat an area 10907 ha. with an outlay of 1250.00 lakhs in the ongoing 34 sub watersheds in 2010-11 utilising grants under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).

RVP.

- SLNA approved annual programme to treat an area 21660 ha. with an outlay of 1250.00 lakhs in the ongoing 79 sub watersheds in 2010-11 utilising grants under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).
- It was brought to the notice of SLNA that GOI is giving only part requirement under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and suggesting that balance to be incurred from other schemes like RKVY.
- After discussion, SLNA suggested that the districts to prepare action plans for balance of fund requirement under MNREGA and submit plans to Gram Panchayat's for approval and also write to CEO's of ZP and EO's of TP.

Agenda -4.4

Deployment of NGOs.

- The SLNA noted the procedure followed in the selection of NGOs for institution and capacity building, supporting bench mark survey, DPR, netplanning preparation etc.,
- Dr K S Ramachandra, NRAA appreciated the involvement of NGO's in capacity building phase. But felt that a large number of NGO's are difficult to manage in the long run. The CEO SLNA pointed out that the capacity of selected NGO's to take up works in more than one watershed is also limited and it has to be tested for at least one year.
- SLNA approved the list of NGOs and entrustment of watersheds with the permission to replace NGO's if they do not report or found unsuitable at any stage.

Agenda-4.5

Capacity Building: Training Action Plan for 2010-11

- It was explained to SLNA that the GTZ has provided services of capacity building expert who is located in Watershed Development Department to provide assistance in capacity building.

- It was informed that the department has already formed a consortium of institutions to support capacity building activity and is in the process of signing MoU with these institutions. The SLNA approved the training action plan for 2010-11.

Agenda -4.6

Establishment of model watersheds and installation of weather monitoring stations in 26 Districts.

- The provision made for installation of silt and run off monitoring stations, hydrological studies, establishment of automatic rain gauge stations etc., in the identified model watershed at the rate of one per district (26 districts) was explained to the SLNA. The Department of Land Resources has made a provision of Rs. 4.00 lakh per district.
- It was brought to the notice of the SLNA that Watershed Development Department had two rounds of discussions with Scientists of Agriculture Universities and Central Soil Conservation Training Institute, Bellary, wherein it was decided to follow the guidelines issued under River Valley Project as the equipments are affordable and easy to maintain. Further, the cost has been worked out per station and the requirement of fund is higher than the allocated Rs.4.00 lakh per district.
- It was also explained that since the department do not have expert and dedicated staff, to undertake observations and recording the data etc., the involvement of University Scientist is very essential. It was also brought to the notice of the SLNA that this issue was raised in the DoLR on 24/06/2010.
- After detailed deliberation the SLNA approved the proposal for installation of various equipments/instruments and also to engage the University Scientists and other personnel in the selected 26 watersheds by utilising the funds provided under the administrative cost of project funds.

Agenda -4.7

Operationalisation of Common Guidelines -2008.

- The SLNA after detailed discussion approved the proposal of interpreting para 32 and 44 of Common Guidelines 2008 for implementation as follows.
- **Para 32:** District level Committee with CEO, ZP as Chairman and line department officers as members to approve the perspective plan, DPR, net plan, annual action plan etc., at district level in the first instance. However the DPR should be placed before the DPC in the following meeting for discussion.
- **Para 44:** Since Karnataka has a well established panchayatraj system, the SLNA approved to form the Watershed Committee as part / sub committee of Grama Panchayat with Grama Panchayat President as President of Watershed Committee. The SLNA also decided that there is no need for registration under Societies Registration Act 1960.

Agenda -4.8

Utilizations under "Administrative cost".

- The SLNA after detailed discussion approved the proposal of utilising the allocation as administrative cost for the following purposes.

Items expenses that can be met out under Administrative Cost of IWMP	
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1	Advertisement and expression of Interest cost
2	Purchase of vehicles in the beginning
3	Fuel expenses /vehicle hiring
4	Outsourcing of ministerial and D-Group employees
5	Stationery including computer peripherals
6	Office telephone/internet charges
7	Restructurings and refurbishing of office space

8	Mobile charges (commissioner, director, sector heads and Upto AO level at Head office + DWDO's and sectoral heads at district level + WDT members and AA's at Taluk level)
9	Salary for NGO and WC secretary
10	AMC for computer, scientific and other office equipments.
11	Outsourcing of consultancy to CA for maintenance of IWMP accounts and preparation of ASA and UCs
12	Photography, audiography and videography as per item no 4,5,6,7 and 8 of GOI NO Kru.tho.E/130/Kru Pa Va 98 dated: 21.4.21001
13	Participation in exhibitions (Taluk, District, State level)
14	Establishment of model watersheds (maintenance and data collection)
15	Over head charges for NGOs
16	Printing charges
17	Electricity, water and cleaning charges
18	Fixed TA for WDT Members
19	TA for outsourced technical staff as prescribed by GOI
20	Purchase of furniture's ,almaras,racks
21	Purchase of books, magazines, publications and news papers etc.,
22	Printing and publishing departmental hand books, publications, posters, guidelines etc.,
23	Insurance of scientific, fragile equipments and other instruments
24	Purchase of charts and maps
25	Purchase of computers and its softwares
26	Development of softwares
27	Law charges
28	Laboratory charges
29	Hiring consultants on finance and accounts matter and CAs
30	Tea and refreshment charges at meetings and conference
31	Miscellaneous expenditures including cloths, door curtains, rat traps, office cleaning items and washing of cloths, door curtains etc.,

- It is also gave its concurrence to utilise administrative cost appropriately for running the programme smoothly.

Agenda -4.9

Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Documentation (M,E,L and D).

- SLNA noted the action taken to invite for identifying the agency/agencies. The SLNA suggested to have a panel of agencies instead of only one agency.

Agenda -4.10

Advance payments to universities to procure grafts and seedlings of horticultural plants.

- The SLNA approved the proposal of involving Universities and other Public Institutions in production of horticultural seedlings and grafts, since they have technical manpower and infrastructure. Suggested that all the Universities/Public Institutions may be involved for the purpose. SLNA gave the approval to remit 50 percent of the cost of seedling/graft in advance to Universities/ Public Institutions who come forward to take up production.

Agenda -4.11

Reorganization of staffing structure.

- SLNA suggested to write letter to Secretary Revenue Department who is entrusted with the responsibility of creating posts in the new district of Yadgir to create posts of Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) and Assistant Director of Horticulture (ADH) for DWDOs office of Yadgir district.

Agenda -4.12

4.12.1 Redesignating commissioner, WDD as Exofficio Secretary to Government.

- After the detailed discussion, SLNA felt that instead of re designating, Commissioner, Watershed Development Department as “Ex-officio Secretary to Government” the department may submit proposal to government, for delegation of additional financial and administrative powers.

4.12.2 Redesignating, Administrative Officer WDD as Under Secretary to Government.

- The SLNA decided to drop the subject in view of the above.

Agenda -4.13

Projects sanctioned during 2010-11.

- The SLNA was apprised of the clearance by the Steering Committee, DoLR of 127 projects covering an area of about 5.46 lakhs ha. in 27 districts. The projected financial outlay is to the tune of 705.13 crores.
- The SLNA noted the above.
- The SLNA discussed regarding the utilising the service of NGOs and authorised the Principal Secretary, Agriculture to take a decision regarding entrustment of watersheds to NGOs as per the merit list prepared by the department.

Agenda -4.14

The following subjects were discussed with permission of Chair.

- SLNA gave permission to open bank accounts to operate IWMP funds

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Sd/-

Chairman, State Level Nodal Agency &
Additional Chief Secretary and
Development Commissioner
Government of Karnataka.

List of members present

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10. Representative for Vice chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore
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