

Minutes of the review meeting chaired by Secretary, Water Resources at Jalavigjan Bhavan on 17.06.2016 with regard to PMKSY

The meeting commenced by 11.00 AM.

After a brief introduction by the Secretary, the Nodal Officers of five districts were requested to present the status of preparation of DIPs in particular to irrigation. The officials from agriculture (PPM Cell) were also present.

Accordingly, Executive Engineers of M.I Division, Thiruvananthapuram, Palaghat, Kannur, Wayanad and kasargod made the presentations.

During presentation, several queries and apprehensions were raised by Secretary in particular to source of data, calculation of water availability in each district, water requirement for different users including agriculture, area under cultivation, justification for pre and post benefits due to irrigation etc.

Even though the Executive Engineer's submitted clarifications to the queries, the Secretary opined that the DIP and the projects proposed will be thoroughly scrutinized at different levels including CWC and MoWR, GR & RD. As such, the necessity of the works proposed under PMKSY will have to be justified for which the apprehensions and queries raised above will have to be addressed.

After the presentation of five districts, a general discussion was also held. Agriculture (PPM Cell) informed that a meeting with regard to PMKSY will be held on next week at New Delhi before which DIP of Thiruvananthapuram District will have to be uploaded. Hence, it was decided that DIP of Thiruvananthapuram District will be finalized before 24.06.2016 and all other districts by end of June 2016.

In addition to the above, the following decisions were made.

- a) Justification to be provided for the works proposed in DIP by clearly indicating the relationship between water availability and crop water requirement.



- b) Pre - intervention and post- intervention maps on watershed for the action plan shall be prepared clearly highlighting the increase in irrigation potential (including both consolidation and new potential) and the crop production. It should also specify the type of crop.
- c) Priority should be given to already existing schemes which are irrigated partially than to those which are un-irrigated.
- d) It shall be ensured that the DIP's contain crop-wise data ie, pre- intervention and post-intervention.
- e) Those projects that have been included in the Action Plan for 2016-17 under "RRR" which do not satisfy the guidelines issued by GoI may be proposed in other components which come under "Surface Minor Irrigation" or "Ground Water Development".
- f) Works proposed under "Ground Water Development" and "Surface Minor irrigation" shall adhere to the guidelines already issued. There shall be no duplication of works proposed in the said two components.
- g) Each work proposed shall be geo-tagged.
- h) The source of data used for preparing DIP's shall be clearly mentioned. The authenticity of the data shall also be verified.
- I) It has been noticed that co-ordination among various departments in certain districts is not satisfactory. In such cases, the nodal officer from the Irrigation Department of the concerned district shall take over the role of Principal Agricultural Officer in co-ordinating future activities so as to complete the DIPs on time. A direction in this regard shall be issued by Agri (PPM Cell) to concerned officials of agriculture department.
- J) An exclusive Cell to deal all the works pertaining to PMKSY shall be formed in the office of Chief Engineer (I&A) for which necessary proposal shall be forwarded to Government. The proposal shall specifically mention duties assigned to each member of the cell.