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Government of India
Planning Commission
(Agriculture Division)

Yojna Bhawan,
Sansad Marg, New Delhi

Dated :
25.08.2010

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Constitution of an Advisory Committee on implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand region.

It has been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority to constitute an Advisory Committee on Special Package for Drought Mitigation of the Bundelkhand regions of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The Composition of the Advisory Committee is as follows :

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2. Specific Terms of Reference assigned to the Advisory committee are :
 - 2.1 Advising on requirements of Bundelkhand region;
 - 2.2 Suggesting future strategy for development of Bundelkhand region;
 - 2.3 Giving suggestions on Bundelkhand Package ; and
 - 2.4 Advising on need for new schemes for development of Bundelkhand region.
3. The Advisory Committee may co-opt/invite any other official/non-official expert/representative of any organization as member (s)/Special invitee, if required and may devise its own procedures for conducting its business including meetings.
4. The expenditure of the official Members on TA/DA in connection with the meeting of the Advisory Committee will be borne by the Ministry/Department/State Government to which they belong. In case of Member of Parliament, the TA/DA in connection with attending the meeting will be borne by the Planning Commission as per their entitlement. In case of non-officials, the TA/DA will be borne by the Planning Commission as admissible to the class-I officers of the Government of India.
5. Shri Surinder Singh, Adviser (Agriculture Division), Room No. 466, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, will be the nodal officer in Planning Commission for this group for all further communication . (Tel.No. 011-23096758, e-mail : surinder-pc@nic.in.

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Dated : 28th Septabmer, 2010

Subject : Minutes of the First Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand Region on 8th September, 2010.

Please find enclosed minutes of the First Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand Region hold under the Chairmanship of Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on 8th September, 2010 in Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi for information and further necessary action.

Hindi version will follow shortly.

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- 6- Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh Pradesh, Bhopal.
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**Planning Commission
(National Rainfed Area Authority)**

Subject : Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Advisory Committee on Implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand region held on 8th September, 2010.

The First meeting of the Advisory Committee on Implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand region was held on 8th September, 2010 at Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi. The list of participants is enclosed at Annexure - 1. Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chairman of the Advisory Committee while welcoming the participants to the meeting informed that constituting the Advisory Committee in such special packages is a new initiative taken by the Honorable Prime Minister informed that this Committee provides the required platform/forum for members from both Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh for putting forth their valuable suggestions for overall development of Bundelkhand and the Honorable P.M.would be appraised of these suggestions. It was emphasized that the Advisory Committee is not a decision making body and its role is to oversee whether the activities of the special package are being implemented in right earnestness as per the suggestions made.

2. Shri. V.Narayanasamy, Minister of State for Planning and Parliamentary Affairs, Planning Commission while welcoming all the Members expressed the view that inputs from the members specially the member of parliament nominated from U.P. and M.P. States who have vast knowledge of the ground situation of the region would be of much use for developing a holistic strategy for Bundelkhand region.

3. De.J.S.Samra, CEO, NRAA made a brief presentation on the innovative activities and some out of box solution in different sectors being implemented under the special drought mitigation package and also the financial and physical progress achieved till date. The presentation was followed by suggestions from members of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh on specific activities of the package and interventions by Members of Planning Commission.

4. Shri. Ganshyam Anuragi, Member of Parliament, Jalaun, U.P. put forth the following suggestions/views.

- i. Need for deep tube wells in the region based on requirement and feasibility for ensuring enhanced irrigation facility.
- ii. Inclusion of drinking water supply scheme in the package on priority and substantial enhancement of the present proposed allocation of Rs. 100.00 crore for this activity.
- iii. New Pump canal systems wherever water is available in the rivers.
- iv. Deepening and lining of canals up to the tail end.
- v. For creating employment opportunities in the region greater emphasis non-farm and other subsidiary activities like weaving, toy making, glass vesicle making, stone sculpture etc. was argued.
- vi. Inter linking of Ken-Betwa rivers and deepening of existing water bodies.

- vii. Construction of Dam on Panchnada. River.
 - viii. Need for providing subsidy to farmers on seed, fertilizer and irrigation for enhancing the crop production.
 - ix. Wherever new schemes are formulated for the region the views of the Members of parliament of the region have to be essentially taken.
 - x. Creation of cold storage facility for storing of produce is essential.
 - xi. Primary to university level education and big power projects were suggested for overall development of the region.
5. Shri Vijay Bahadur Singh, Member of Parliament, Hamirpur, U.P. put forth the following suggestions/views.
- i. The Package should have encompassed activities for holistic development nor restricting to only mitigation majors. The views of MP's should have been taken at the planning state itself.
 - ii. Out of Rs. 3506 crore allotted to Uttar Pradesh the additionality as ACA is only Rs. 1596 crore and considering the development deficit of Bundelkhand and its difficult geographical conditions the allocation is very meager.
 - iii. No firm commitment from concerned Central Ministries has been made till date for providing funds from centrally sponsored scheme component as additionality in Bundelkhand region.
 - iv. The special dispensation for drought prone areas under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) needs to be extended to all blocks of the region nor restricting to only DPAP blocks.
 - v. Considering acute drinking water scarcity in Bundelkhand and also following the guidelines of Article 21 of the Constitution of India, high priority is needed to address this issue with higher budgetary outlay.
 - vi. Cultivation of citrus crop like kinnow and Orange with drip irrigation has ample scope in Bundelkhand area. The activities should not be limited for promoting fruit crops like Ber Bale and Ambla as suggested in the package. In the forest activity treatment of higher reaches would provide greater benefits. Monitoring of Plantation on realistic terms is called for.
6. Shri R.K.Singh Patel, Member of Parliament, Banda, Uttar Pradesh put forth the following suggestions views.
- i. Considering the purpose of the package in providing immediate relief provision for drinking water should have been accorded top priority. Installation of large number of hand pumps through out the region for providing safe drinking water should be initiated immediately.
 - ii. In un-irrigation villages provision of deep tube-wells is to be made.
 - iii. Construction of blast dug-wells of 15 meters depth as envisaged in the package is not suited for the region and investment made may go waste. Deep blast dug-wells of 30-35 meters depth and 10 meters diameter are ideally suited in hard rock area of Bundelkhand and such wells be construction in large numbers. In Tarai region deep tube-wells may be taken up.
 - iv. Lift irrigation should be given much importance in the package and repair of lift canal and minors needs to be done. Canal from 0 to atleast 5 KM length has to be of lined for avoiding seepage losses.

- v. Even though farmers are being provided subsidy for private tube-well, the high cost of energisation of these wells prevents harnessing of investments. Provision for power supply under the RGGVY scheme has to be extended to the framers constructing private tube-wells.
7. Shri Pradeep Kumar Jain "Aditya" Minister of State Rural Development and Member of Parliament, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh put forth the following suggestion/ views.
- i. The backwardness and slow development of Bundelkhand region could mainly be ascribed to lack of awareness, high corruption and lack of transparency leading to improper implementation of Government schemes.
 - ii. The scope of the package in its present form is restricted which needs to be enlarged for addressing other related issues pertinent to holistic development of Bundelkhand.
 - iii. Planning Commission may advise other Ministries like Health, Education, Power, Industries etc. for giving greater focus to development of Bundelkhand region. Revival Plant suti cotton mill at Jhansi milk processing at Sagar, Terrycloth Industry in Ranipur, Pan related business in Mahoba could provide much needed employment opportunities in the region.
 - iv. Onetime settlement of loan to farmers in Bundelkhand is essential as a relief major and for enhancing fresh credit facility, The Scheduled Banks should come forward for opening more branches in the region.
 - v. A separate unit of Central Ground Water Board may be set up in Bundelkhand regio which can cater to all 13 districts. Considering scarcity of water in Bundelkhand Mentha cultivation which is a water guzzling crop should be totally banned.
 - vi. The activity of meat processing plant approved in the package may be replaced with additional dairy activities.
 - vii. For addressing the issue o water availability for irrigation in Babina block provision for deep tube-wells and lift irrigation may be included in the package.
 - viii. Considering the backwardness of Bundelkhand region and poor economic status of faormers there is a need for relaxation in guidelines of flagship schemes like RGGVY, PMGSY etc. in Bundelkhand regio.
8. Dr.Virendra Kumar, Member of Praliament, Tikamgarh, Madhaya pradesh put forth the following suggestion/ views.
- i. Bundelkhand region which has been experienceing frequent drought like situation for the jast one decade and also considering its back wardnes special dispensation is called for over all development of the region.
 - ii. The region had been famous for large number of traditional water bodies, Chandela and Bundela tanks. These traditional water bodies (Talabs) have to be revived on priority for ensuring adequate water availability.
 - iii. Most of the land in the region is going dry and being converted to ravines (Birs). Urgent measures are needed to stop the ravine formation.
 - iv. Marketing infrastructure development is essential and creation of warehouses for storing fertilizers and seeds may be constructed. The distance between mandies is too long and farmers are constrained to sale their produce to middle men at lower price.

- v. Allocation for stop dams (Rs.120.00 crore) may be enhanced to atleast Rs.600.00 crore.
 - vi. Present timeframe for implementation of all activities envisaged in the package is too short and the package may continue during 12th Plan period also.
 - vii. Bundelkhand region has a large source of minerals which ha not been tapped so far. A central team may be deputed for mineral mapping of the region.
 - viii. Even though an allocation of R.20 crore for Agriculture College in Tikamgarh has been indicated the source of funds is not specified.
 - ix. The Commissioning of Lalitpur-Singrauli Railway line will provide requisite development opportunities in the region.
9. Sri Jeetendra Singh Bundela, Member of Parliament, Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh put forth the following suggestions/views.
- i. Inter linking of Ken-Betwa rivers is the only long term solution for addressing the perpetual scarcity of water and overall development of the region. This National Project has to be given highest priority.
 - ii. Construction of Right Bank Canal of Beriyapur Project.
 - iii. Inclusion of 18 new irrigation proposals in the package.
 - iv. The National Highway No.NH 76 and 86 should pass via Khajuraho as this would provide impetus to tourism. However, some might have to be relaxed.
 - v. One Research Institute for medicinal and herbal plants need to be set up in the region.
10. Shri Bhoopendra Singh, Member of Parliament, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh put forth the following suggestions/views.
- i. Bina Nadi Pariyojana which has the potential of irrigating 1.00 lakh hectares and also generate 78 MW of power may be included in the package.
 - ii. Presently no agro-based industry exists in Bundelkhand . Considerable scope exists for establishing agro-based industry for processing Tomato, Potato, Amla, Chillies etc.
 - iii. Dairy Industry need to be expanded further in the region for providing livelihood opportunities. Similarly, Bidi Industry needs to be promoted.

- iv. Converting Sagar University into Central University has restricted opportunity of admission to students of Bundelkhand region due to open competition. A state level University is needed for catering exclusively to Bundelkhand region.
 - v. Construction of Airport at Sagar would provide easy connectivity and would help Tourism Industry.
11. Shri Ashok Argal, Member of Parliament, Bhind, Madhya Pradesh requested that the full amount allocated for Rajghat Project may be released at the earliest. Construction of stop dams in the course of Sindh river will create additional irrigation potential. A request for Railway stoppage at Datia was made.
 12. Shri Shivraj Singh, Lodhi, Member of Parliament, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh while concurring with the views put forth by other member suggested for comprehensive Railway networking in Bundelkhand region. The mining of minerals has considerable potential in the region.
 13. Shri B.K. Chaturvedi, Member (Agriculture), Planning Commission informed the members that establishment of various infrastructural and development initiatives like Mega Power Plant, Central agricultural University, AIIMS-like Institute, Central School, Sainik Schools and Ken-Betwa link Project in Bundelkhand region is being addressed by concerned Central Ministries and progress of these activities are being monitored directly by the prime Minister's office.
 14. It was decided to hold the meeting of the Advisory Committee at quarterly intervals. The next meeting may be held in Madhya Pradesh at an early date wherein senior officials of both the states would also be invited for chalking out a focused and specific strategy for overall development of Bundelkhand region.
 15. In his concluding remarks the Chairman emphasized that overall holistic development of Bundelkhand region is a slow and continuous process and both the states have also to take necessary initiative in this regard. The Central Government can provide the add-ons where-ever needed. He further informed that through the present package efforts are being made to address the medium term measures needed for mitigation of frequent drought like situation which occur in the region.
 16. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

List of participants in the 1st meeting of an Advisory Committee of implementation of Drought Mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region held under the Chairmanship of Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on 8th September, 2010. in Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.

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