

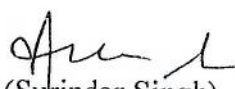
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Subject: - Minutes of the First Meeting of Empowered Committee on implementation of drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh

Minutes of the First Meeting of Empowered Committee on implementation of drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh, held on 1st Aug. 2013, at New Delhi under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Planning Commission, New Delhi are enclosed for necessary action.

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Subject: Minutes of the 1st Meeting of Empowered Committee on Special Package for implementing drought mitigation strategies in the Bundelkhand regions of Madhya Pradesh.

1. 1st Meeting of Empowered Committee for implementation of special package of drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand regions of Madhya Pradesh was held on 1.8.2013 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Planning Commission.

2. List of participants is enclosed at Annexure I.

3. The Secretary, Planning Commission in her initial remarks mentioned that the Government of India has approved the special package for the 12th Five Year Plan for implementing drought mitigation strategies in the Bundelkhand region. The regional packages are aimed at addressing problems of backwardness or a special localized problem with a view to meet the overall 12th Five-Year Plan objective of sustainability, inclusiveness and growth. Present Empowered Committee (Composition of the Committee is Annexure II) has been constituted vide Order No. M-13053/2/4/2013-MLP dated 8th May, 2013 with approval of the Government of India with the specific terms of reference as under:

- i. To approve projects under the Special Plan for Bihar, Special Plan for the KBK Districts of Odisha, Special Plan for West Bengal and Special Package for implementing Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh (Bundelkhand Package) under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF).
- ii. To monitor and review the programmes.
- iii. To have evaluations and mid-term appraisal conducted.
- iv. All other matters relating to the operations of the Special Plan for Bihar, Special Plan for the KBK Districts of Odisha, Special Plan for West Bengal and Special Package for implementing Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh (Bundelkhand Package) under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF).

4. The State Government can therefore draw projects within the available funds for approval by the Empowered Committee. The Secretary suggested to the State Government to identify resources being provided to the 6 districts of the Bundelkhand region from the various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes as well as the State schemes for having a comprehensive view of the efforts being made for development of the Bundelkhand region.

5. The Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh welcomed extension of the package during the 12th Five Year Plan to address the problems of the

backward Bundelkhand region and assured that the State will also continue to provide funds for development of the region. While investment in harnessing water resources would be a high priority in the next phase, the State will also give priority to supply of piped water in rural areas within the available funds.

6. An action taken report on the decisions taken in the last meeting of the Monitoring Committee held on 11.3.2013 under the chairmanship of Members Shri B.K. Chaturvedi and Dr. Mihir Shah was discussed. It was noted that while 1st installment of Rs. 12 crore for cattle induction programme has been released the 2nd installment of Rs.8 crore will be released on submission of the utilization certificate to the extent of 70% of the 1st installment. Similarly, for release of 61.50 crore for the activity of warehousing and marketing the Empowered Committee agreed to release the amount on recommendation by NRAA on the recently submitted utilization certificate by the State Government to the NRAA. Regarding the decision of the Monitoring Committee for convening the meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. Mihir Shah on providing irrigation water in 15 villages of Babina block it was noted that the meeting had been convened though the issue remained unresolved. It was felt that the Empowered Committee was not competent to take a decision in the matter.

7. The State Government made a detailed presentation on the performance of the Bundelkhand package in the State up to the end of 2012-13. While discussing the performance of the package it was noted that out of envisaged ACA of Rs.1953 crore the State has been released Rs. 1880 crore (96%). The representatives of the Government of Madhya Pradesh mentioned that it has utilized 78% of the released amount. Some of the salient achievements under the package so far has been creation of the additional irrigation for 1,34,352 hectares (in addition 59,535 hectare of irrigation facility has been created outside Bundelkhand region), construction of warehousing capacity of 6,41,800 MT at 94 cites, construction of 205 stop-dams, installation of 29,833 pump-sets, construction of 35,642 dugwells (with Narega funds), construction of 2277 khet-talabs (Narega), renovation and recharging of 2252 dugwells, completion of 873 water supply schemes (i.e. tube-wells and dugwells) out of the sanctioned 1287 schemes, establishment of 110 livestock development centers, supply of 1018 murra bulls and 2858 goats, establishment of three fodder bank godowns (at Ratona in District Sagar, Minora in Tikamgarh and Pawai in Panna), organization of 561 milk societies, purchase of 10 bulk milk coolers and up-gradation of a dairy plant.

8. The Empowered Committee suggested to ensure full utilization of the created to improve upon the warehousing capacity and development of a portal on Planning Commission's website with regular updates on the performance of the package. Such a portal should give district wise (if possible block wise) and Department wise mapping of the facilities / infrastructure created under the package). The NRAA was requested to send a representative visit a few rural water supply schemes and some of the warehousing sites and report on the actual functioning of these facilities.

9. While presenting the proposals for the phase 2 of the Bundelkhand package the State Chief Secretary mentioned that it had expected a much higher allocation than has been given to the State for the next four years. Thereafter, proposals for the phase II of the package were presented briefly by the State Government and the following suggestions on the proposals of the State Government were made by the Chair and the Members of the Empowered Committee on some of the specific proposals.

- a. Regarding rural water supply Secretary, Planning Commission suggested that the State should dovetail sanitation, water supply and nutrition interventions as three components go together to achieve best results to address the problem of nutrition and public health. Further, State should draw a comprehensive plan for providing rural water supply in the region by converging all resources from the center. This should reflect the resources being made available to the region under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme, bringing out how the ACA component under the package would supplement efforts under NRWDP. The objective of the ACA under all sectors/ components of Bundelkhand Package is to supplement/ complement the on-going efforts of the State and the Central programme and not replace them with ACA funds.
 - b. As regards proposals of the State Government relating to forestry sector, NRAA sought clarification for setting a smaller target although same amount of ACA as earlier has been proposed.
 - c. On horticulture proposals it was suggested that the State Government will need to synchronize development of cold chain and ripening chambers and other post-harvest facilities for post-harvest handling of the produce expected additional.
 - d. Regarding animal husbandry proposal of the State Government it was observed that the proposed location of Daria semen station should be considered from technical consideration; although location of any project is generally the prerogative of the State Government keeping equitable distribution in view.
 - e. On the fisheries proposals it was observed that funds from National Fisheries Development Board should be availed to supplement proposals made by the State Government.
10. The Chair made following suggestion for future implementation on the package.
- i. For the 12th Five Year Plan the total allocation of the State under Bundelkhand Package is Rs.1884.50 crore as Additional Central Assistance. This includes an amount of Rs.455.23 crore released during the 1st year of the 12th Five Year plan i.e. 2012-13 leaving a balance of Rs.1429.27 crore for the remaining 4 years of the 12th Plan. The amount available for 2013-14 is Rs.375 crore.

- ii. The State Government should identify the committed liability of ongoing projects to be met from Rs.1429.27 crore so as to work out the funds available for the fresh proposals during 12th Five Year Plan.
- iii. National Rainfed Area Authority will examine the proposals of the State Government to improve the technical input into the proposals and will also undertake ground level monitoring as it had done in the earlier phase of implementation of the package.
- iv. The State Government needs to work out a vision paper for the region bench marking the present status under different sectors in which the ACA would be utilized and the expected outcome at the end of the 12th Plan. It should clearly indicate the targeted deliverables with the ACA to achieve the major objective of the package i.e. drought mitigation. Such a paper/document should clearly indicate the milestone and expected outcomes so that on completion of projects it is possible to objectively assess the outcomes achieved with the Additional Central Assistance.
- v. The State Government should follow the cost and subsidy norms of the Central Government programmes/schemes in implementation of the package.
- vi. In implementation of the package it should be ensured that the standards/norms under different activities/ assets are not compromised and they meet the specifications laid down under the Central schemes.
- vii. For proper identification of the assets created under the Bundelkhand Package the State Governments may display signboards at the site where such assets are being created.
- viii. Proper documentation and GIS mapping of the projects and assets created under the package should be taken up.
- ix. A website depicting updated performance of the project will be hosted on the Planning Commission's website or which the State Governments will provide regular updates to the Planning Commission.
- x. It was decided that the State Government will prioritize the projects within the available resources and submit proposals to the Planning Commission and National Rainfed Area Authority. NRAA will consider their technical viability and ensure their meeting the norms and standards under the Central Programmes taking on board the comments of the Subject Matter Divisions of the Planning Commission. Thereafter these will be put up to the Empowered Committee for their final approval.

First Meeting of Empowered Committee on Implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh on 1st August, 2013 in the committee room no. 136, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Planning Commission

List of Participants

EMPOWERED COMMITTEE		
1.	Smt. Sindhushree Khullar, Secretary, Planning Commission	Chairperson
2.	Shri Parasuram, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Member
3.	Shri B. D. Virdi, Adviser, (MLP), Planning Commission	Member
4.	Shri T. K. Pandey, Adviser (SP-MP), Planning Commission	Member
5.	Dr. J. S. Samra, Chief Executive Officer, NRAA	Member
6.	Shri V. M. Jain, Director PF-I, Department of Expenditure	Member
7.	Shri Surinder Singh, Adviser, Agriculture	Member
8.	Dr. J. P. Mishra, Adviser, Agriculture	Member
PLANNING COMMISSION		
9.	Shri A. K. Jain, Adviser, (RD)	
10.	Ms. Sunita Sanghi, Adviser (LEM)	
11.	Ms. Indu Patnaik, Jt. Adviser (MLP)	
12.	Dr. M. Choudhury, Dy. Adviser, Agriculture	
13.	Shri Avinash Chander, Consultant, (MLP)	
14.	Ms. Deepa N. Mothghare, Economic Officer, Agriculture	
15.	Shri Kapil Kumar, DEO, Agriculture	
NATIONAL RAINFED AREA AUTHORITY		
16.	Shri K. B. Thampi, Technical Expert, Forestry,	
17.	Dr. K. S. Ramchandra, Technical Expert,	
GOVERNMENT OF MADHYA PRADESH		
18.	Shri Madan Mohan Upadhyay, Addl. Chief Secretary	
19.	Shri Ajita Bajpai Pande, Addl. Chief Secretary	
20.	Dr. Aruna Sharma, Addl. Chief Secretary, RD, P & SJ	
21.	Shri S. R. Mohanty, Pr. Secretary, Planning	
22.	Shri Rajkishor Swain, Pr. Secretary, Agriculture	
23.	Shri Basant Pratap Singh, Pr. Secretary, Forest	
24.	Shri R. S. Julaniya, Pr. Secretary, (WRD)	
25.	Shri S. K. Mishra, Secretary, PHED	
26.	Shri Rajendra Mishra, Pr. Adviser	
27.	Shri Anurag Shrivastav, Commissioner, Horticulture	
28.	Shri Shailendra Singh, Spl. Commissioner	
29.	Shri M. K. Tyagi, Adviser	
30.	Shri Sudha Chaudhary, MD, MPCDF	
31.	Shri N. P. Malvia, Chief General Manager, MP Jal Nigam, MARYADIR	
32.	Shri Ashok Barnwal, M. D. MARKFED	
33.	Dr. H. P. S. Bharea, M. D. MPLDC	
34.	Shri Rishiraj Sharma, Specialist (M & E), State Planning Commission	
35.	Shri R. S. Raghuwanshi, Specialist, State Planning Commission	
36.	Dr. D. N. Sharma, Director, Agriculture	
37.	Shri U. K. Purohit, Director, Fisheries	
38.	Dr. R. K. Rokde, Director, Animal Husbandry	
39.	Dr. Manish Singh, A. D. Animal Husbandry	
40.	Shri Prabhanshu Kamal	
41.	Shri Sudesh Kumar	