Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)

Minutes of Ninth SLNA Meeting held on 07/04/2015
At South Conference Hall, Government Secretariat

The meeting started at 11.00 AM. The meeting was chaired by Sri. Subrath Biswas IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner & Chairman of SLNA. Sri. James Varghese, IAS, Principle Secretary to Government, LSGD & Vice Chairman of SLNA was also present. The list of participants is furnished as annexure.

Sri. K. V. Mohankumar IAS, Commissioner for Rural Development & CEO, SLNA welcomed the participants and made introductory remarks and briefly appraised the status of IWMP in Kerala.

Subsequently the Agenda Items were discussed.

1: Confirmation of the minutes of SLNA meeting on 23/02/2015

The minutes of the SLNA meeting held on 23/02/2015 is confirmed as no comments have been made on it.

II Action taken report on the decisions of SLNA meeting held on 23/02/2015

The committee discussed the action taken on the decisions taken on the SLNA meeting on 23/02/2015 and approved it.

III Status of Implementation:

The committee reviewed the progress of implementation. SLNA has placed on record its appreciation on the commendable performance in IWMP implementation in 2014-15. The CEO, SLNA informed that shortage of funds adversely affects the momentum of implementation.

Resolution No 1: The committee resolved to examine the possibility of availing unutilised Plan Funds in Block Panchayats for the payment of pending bills under IWMP, on the condition that Plan Funds should be recouped as and when IWMP fund is released. The CEO, SLNA is entrusted to place proposal to Government with actual requirements. (Action: CEO, SLNA)
Resolution No.2: The slow progress in achievement under production system in the ongoing IWMP Projects is noticed and observed that the reason is lack of coordination between other development departments like Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries etc. The CEO, SLNA is instructed to submit a proposal to APC for stream lining the issues pertaining to this subject (Action: CEO, SLNA).

Resolution No.3: It is also suggested to motivate the officials of line departments, especially Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Dairy Development, Soil Conservation etc. to actively associate with the implementation of IWMP. The Heads of departments are directed to issue necessary instructions in this regard and submit report to SLNA (Action: Director, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Soil Survey & Soil Conservation).

IV PPR: Sanction for Watershed Development Projects of Batch VII for the year 2015-16:

Resolution No.4: As the Bharathapuzha renovation projects is a milestone in IWMP-Kerala, it is resolved to seek opinion from experts in the field on Watershed Management, revival of dying rivers etc while preparing PPR & DPR. Expert NGOs in the field may also be consulted. Indicated output shall be mentioned in the PPR.

Resolution No.05: It is resolved to utilise data available with Irrigation Department prepared as part of DSS for preparation of DPR & PPR.

Resolution No.06: It is resolved to dovetail all the available funds with RIDF, Rural Development, Agriculture, Panchayaths etc for Bharathapuzha River Basin Rejuvenation Project.

Resolution No.07: The Chief, Agriculture, State Planning Board is entrusted to coordinate all the line departments so as to pool data available with various agencies for the preparation of DPR & PPR.
Resolution No.08: For finalisation of PPR of 2015-16 concentrating on the revival of Bharathapuzha River Basin, it is resolved to schedule next SLNA meeting on 28/04/2015.

V Implementation Strategy for Revival of Bharathapuzha River Basin

Resolution No.09: It is resolved to entrust CEO, SLNA to submit implementation strategy for Revival of Bharathapuzha River Basin to Prl. Secretary, LSGD.

Resolution No.10: It is resolved to entrust Prl. Secretary, LSGD to conduct a meeting with all stake holders for implementation of the Project of Revival of Bharathapuzha River Basin and to constitute a team of all concerned for implementation.

VI Approval of Detailed Project Reports Submitted by WCDCS

Resolution No.11: The DPRs of Kasargode (Batch IV), Wandur, Thrithala, Irikkur (Batch V) & Koippuram (Batch VI) were approved.

The TSO of Project in Mavelikkara block under Batch V, SS & SC department had agreed to submit the DPR by 25th April 2015 and Project Director, Kottayam had agreed to submit the DPR of Erattupetta Block by March 31st. Chairman agreed to this proposal.

Resolution No.12: It is resolved to fix the last date for submission of pending DPRs of batch IV viz projects in Chittur & Kalpatta Block on 31-5-2015.

Resolution No.13: It is resolved to ensure participation of all members of Technical Scrutinizing Committee for scrutinizing DPRs.

VII Public Finance Management System:

Resolution No.14: It is resolved to implement PFMS in IWMP projects of Kerala. A team of selected officials handling PFMS in SLNA, WCDC, & PIA are directed to visit Orissa for hands on training in PFMS.

VIII Revising Salary & other benefits of contract staff in SLNA

Deferred, since the availability of funds from Gol is not confirmed.

IX Establishing a GIS Lab and posting GIS Experts in SLNA

Deferred, since the availability of funds from Gol is not confirmed.
X Re appropriation of Administrative cost of Programme Fund for Payment of salary & allowances of SLNA & WCDC staff

Resolution No:15. It is resolved to utilise Administrative portion of Programme Fund for meeting salary & allowances of SLNA & WCDC staff subject to the condition that it should be recouped when the Funds received from GoI.

XI Changing funding pattern of Central State share- additional requirement of state share

Resolution No: 16: It is resolved to wait for finalisation of central state ratio.

XII Utilisation of Funds under CB & IEC

Resolution No.17: The committee discussed the proposal by Magic Academy, and the proposal is agreed upon. Chairman also suggested to explore possibilities for utilising the existing facilities with SS & SC department, CCDU, Suchithwa Mission etc for IEC activities.

XIII : Appointment of MEL & D Agency

Resolution no.18 : Chairman entrusted CEO, SLNA to look in to the matter and initiate action for engaging third party independent agency for MEL & D for IWMP Projects in Kerala.

Chief Executive Officer, SLNA

Agriculture Production Commissioner