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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Land Resources

6th Floor, 11th Block, CGO Complex,
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Dated: 21.02.2020

To

The Chairman,
SLNA for WDC-PMKSY (in all States)
and Nodal Agencies (in UT of J &K & Ladakh)

Subject: Operational Guidelines for utilization of Watershed Development Fund (WDF) under WDC-PMKSY / erstwhile IWMP -reg.

Sir / Madam,

Please refer to this Department's letter No. H-11016/15/2010-PPC dated 20.05.2019 on the subject mentioned above (**copy enclosed**). It is expected that you might have prepared a framework of the guidelines on utilization of the Watershed Development Funds (WDF) for post-project maintenance of assets created under WDC-PMKSY scheme.

2. The States which are lagging behind are again advised to formulate the guidelines on WDF utilization and circulate them to all concerned officials including watershed committees for necessary compliance. States are also advised to explore ways to undertake post-project maintenance of the assets created under WDC-PMKSY projects through convergence with MGNREGS and other relevant schemes. The provision may suitably be incorporated in the WDF Guidelines.

3. A status report in this regard may please be sent for this office records.

Yours faithfully,



(Umakant)

Joint Secretary (WM)

Encl: As above.

Copy to : CEO, SLNA for WDC-PMKSY (in all States) and Nodal Agencies (in UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh).

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- Ref: (i) D.O No.Z-11011/10/2016-PPC (Pt.) dated 02.02.17 addressed to Chief Secretary
(ii) Letter No.Z-11011/10/2016-PPC (Pt.) dated 11.04.2017 addressed to Chairman, SLNA

Sir / Madam,

Kindly refer to the letters on the subject mentioned above vide which the Department had attracted your attention towards qualitative and timely execution of Watershed Development Projects with (i) optimal utilization of available budgetary support; (ii) convergence with relevant Central and State schemes; and (iii) prioritization of projects / project activities. The States were also advised to identify and implement suitable Central and State Schemes which could fit into the schematic design and mechanism for converging their implementation in the watershed areas. In spite of these advisories, the desired outcomes of convergence could not be fully achieved so far barring in a few States.

2 It is worthwhile to mention that while States are expressing their concerns over paucity of funds for proper implementation of projects leading to delays/non-completion of projects, our records show a huge unspent balances lying with the States. This affects timely release of budgetary allocation under WDC-PMKSY to States adversely.

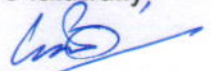
3 Further, the projects sanctioned during 2009-10 and 2010-11 were due for completion in March, 2017 and 2018 respectively. However, the completion reports in respect of these projects are yet to be received from quite a few States. Moreover, despite of extension of project period for the Batch III projects for one year i.e. till March, 2020, many of these are still reported to be in works phase by many States. Such a discouraging scenario reflects badly on the part of performance of the WDC-PMKSY at national level.

4 Under the prevailing situation, States are requested to expedite utilization of available funds with them, ensure maximum convergence with suitable Central and

State Governments' schemes and achieve the target of timely completion of all projects.

5 Further, as per the Completion and Closure protocol of WDC-PMKSY it is mandatory to get submitted third party end-line evaluation reports of all completed projects to DoLR on time. In spite of repeated reminders from DoLR, so far the end-line reports for only 1409 projects have been received against the completion of 3076 projects till date. You are, therefore, requested to look into the matter personally and expedite evaluation of completed projects and submission of end-line evaluation reports in respect of all completed projects by March, 2020 positively.

Yours faithfully,



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