

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the State Level Steering Committee on
'Implementation of Integrated Surface Water Management through
Rejuvenation of 20 Tanks and 32 Village Ponds' under
National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change
held on 27.11.2017 in the Chamber of the Chief Secretary**

The Member Secretary welcomed the participants.

The list of officers attended the meeting is enclosed as Annexure.

The Director, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, briefed about the background of the project and the funds received from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC).

The objectives, present status of the works carried out, expenditure incurred etc. of the project was reviewed. After, detailed discussion the following decisions have been taken:

1. The work of 32 village ponds will be implemented by Public Works Department instead of Agriculture Department. Chief Secretary emphasized that tendering procedure should be followed and no work to be allocated on nomination basis.

Action: CE, PWD

2. The progress of work is slow. Public Works Department should expedite the works to be carried out in the tanks and work out timelines for Notice Inviting Tender (NIT), award of work, completion, etc.

Action: CE, PWD



3. Public Works Department and Agriculture Department shall jointly inspect 32 village ponds and reconcile the figures of ponds where the execution of works is underway and where execution of work did not take off. The Director, (Agriculture) informed that some ponds could not be taken up for rejuvenation due to flow of sewerage or some other constraints. It was noted that, Detailed Project Report (DPR) were not prepared properly, otherwise this situation will not have arisen. It was noted that some works were taken up without tender. This is improper and responsibility be fixed. After joint inspection, PWD will take up execution of work in the ponds where Agriculture Department could not start the work. Agriculture Department will surrender the funds to Department of Science, Technology and Environment to be utilized by PWD. PWD will also jointly identify new ponds for work if existing identified ponds are not amenable for execution of work. The work in newly identified ponds in lieu of already identified ponds as part of DPR will be taken up only with approval of authority concerned.

Action: CE, PWD

4. The Representative of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), stated that as per condition No. (xii) of the sanction letter of Government of India, 'the implementing agency shall open a separate bank account for the purpose and shall ensure no cash payment is made out of the same. The interest accrued if any will be treated as Government funds and will be deducted from the second installment'. This being the case, the Assistant General Manager, NABARD, Chennai has urged that the Department of Science, Technology and Environment being the implementing agency shall open a separate bank account for the purpose immediately in compliance of the sanction order by Government of India.

Action: Director, DSTE



5. The Capacity Building Component Building will be undertaken by Public Works Department, Agriculture and Officers of DST&E in association with NGOs. The activities along with expenditure details will be drawn and submitted for approval. This has to be completed in the next 15 days.

Action: Director, DSTE

6. Proper records relating to execution of work, measurements etc., Photographs before and after execution of the work of each tanks and village ponds shall be maintained with date and time.

Action: CE, PWD

7. Communication to be sent to MoEF&CC, Government of India, New Delhi, seeking extension of timeline for execution of the project by six months by giving proper justification for delay in carrying out the works within the stipulated period.

Action: Director, DSTE

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chairman.



Annexure

List of Participants

Members of the Steering Committee

1. The Secretary to Government (Power / School Education), Puducherry.
2. The Secretary to Government (Public Works / Animal Husbandry / Science, Technology, Environment), Puducherry.
3. The Secretary to Government (Fisheries / Industries & Commerce / Transport), Puducherry.
4. The Assistant General Manager, NABARD, Chennai.

Special Invitees

1. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Puducherry.
2. The Director, Agriculture Department, Puducherry.
3. The District Project Manager, NABARD, Puducherry.