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To

1. The Development Commissioner - cum - Secretary to Government (Animal Husbandry & Animal Welfare / Agriculture / Public Works / Education), Puducherry.
2. The Commissioner - cum - Secretary to Government (Health / Forest & Wildlife / Revenue & Disaster Management / Planning & Research), Puducherry.
3. The Secretary to Government (Local Administration), Puducherry.
4. The Secretary to Government (Industries & Commerce / Transport), Puducherry.
5. The Secretary to Government (Power), Puducherry.
6. The Secretary to Government (Fisheries / Science, Technology & Environment), Puducherry.
7. The Chief General Manager, NABARD, Chennai
8. The Assistant General Manager, NABARD, Puducherry.
9. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Puducherry.
10. The Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry.
11. The Director, Agriculture Department, Puducherry.
12. The Project Director, DRDA, Puducherry.
13. The Superintending Engineer – II, PWD, Puducherry.
14. The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, PWD, Puducherry.
15. The Hydrogeologist – I, State Ground Water Unit, Agriculture Department, Puducherry.

Sir,

Sub : DSTE-PPCC- Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the State Level Steering Committee Meeting on the project "Integrated Surface Water Management through rejuvenation of 20 tanks and 32 village ponds for Climate Change Adaptation in Puducherry" – Forwarded – Reg.

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the State Level Steering Committee Meeting on the project "Integrated Surface Water Management through rejuvenation of 20 tanks and 32 village ponds for Climate Change Adaptation in Puducherry held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 11.04.2018 is enclosed herewith for perusal and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

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Director / Member Secretary (PPCC)

Copy to : 1. The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary – for kind information of Chief Secretary.
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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

**Minutes of the 4TH Meeting of the
STATE LEVEL STEERING COMMITTEE
held under the Chairmanship of The Chief Secretary
held on 11.04.2018 at 4.00 pm**

on the Project

**'INTEGRATED SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT THROUGH
REJUVENATION OF 20 TANKS AND 32 VILLAGE PONDS'
UNDER NATIONAL ADAPTATION FUND FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

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

Agenda Item No. 1: Rejuvenation of alternate ponds in place of the ponds proposed in the DPR.

1. Public Works Department (PWD) and Department of Agriculture informed that out of the 32 ponds approved for rejuvenation, as per the Detailed Project Report (DPR), execution of work can be carried out only in 18 ponds viz., 14 in Mannadipet Commune, 3 in Nettapakkam Commune and 1 in Villianur Commune. Rejuvenation of ponds cannot be carried out in other 14 ponds viz., 9 in Mannadipet Commune, 4 in Nettapakkam Commune and 1 in Villianur Commune due to stagnation of sullage water, encroachment, work already taken up through some other agency etc.
2. Puducherry, being a coastal town and located along the tail end of the rivers, fresh water source is limited and heavily depends on ground water sources for its water requirements. Therefore, the Committee decided the following:

- (i) The PWD and Agriculture Department shall submit a duly authenticated report for each pond separately as to why the work cannot be carried out that are part of DPR approved by MoEF&CC, GoI. The alternate ponds proposed to be taken up shall be identified by the PWD after physical inspection and duly authenticated report on the feasibility of their rejuvenation within the amount sanctioned in the DPR shall be submitted to DST&E with cost estimate within a fortnight. DST&E shall then submit the proposal to MoEF&CC for approval of the modifications in the list of Ponds. It shall be ensured that due diligence is exercised in submitting the proposal and there is no goof up again. Further, DST&E may fix responsibility for the casual approach, necessitating now the change in approved DPR.

(Action: PWD / DST&E)

- (ii) LAD through the Commune Panchayats and Rural Development Department shall explore the possibility of diverting the sewage water flowing into the ponds through appropriate means such as community soak pit, septic system management plan, etc.

(Action: RD & LAD)

Agenda Item No. 2: Rejuvenation of ponds to be implemented by the respective Commune Panchayats.

1. As per the original DPR, the executive entity for implementing rejuvenation of ponds is Department of Agriculture. In the 3rd State Level Steering Committee Meeting it was decided, in the interest of completing the works, to transfer the works to PWD. This was in the background of the fact that (a) Dte of Agriculture was casual in regard to DPRs. Only later Dte of Agriculture informed that rejuvenation is not possible on

some ponds. (b) Further, Dte of Agriculture was not able to expedite the work even on ponds where rejuvenation was reported to be feasible.

2. Since, Commune Panchayats are the custodians of the natural ponds in the U.T. of Puducherry, DST&E has now suggested that the work of 32 village ponds may be entrusted to the respective Commune Panchayats under Local Administration Department instead of Department of Agriculture or PWD. The Committee agreed to the suggestion subject to approval of MoEF&CC, GoI. Before submitting the proposal to MoEF&CC, DST&E shall obtain an understanding from the respective Commune Panchayats that they shall carry out the rejuvenation of 32 ponds as per norms prescribed and through open and competitive tender process and that they have necessary technical / manpower capacity for the execution.

(Action: LAD & DST&E)

Agenda Item No. 3: Rejuvenation of new tanks by utilizing the Savings from the Tank components.

The PWD informed that in the execution of works relating to rejuvenation of tanks, there is likely saving of Rs. 4 Crores due to the tender amount being less than estimated cost and also the non-execution of the recharge bore wells components in 8 tanks as per the recommendation of State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, Puducherry. PWD has proposed to utilize this cost saving for taking up 5 additional tanks for rejuvenation. The Committee advised PWD to furnish the proposal for rejuvenation of the five new tanks to DST&E for further submission to MoEF&CC, GoI.

(Action: PWD & DST&E)

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Agenda Item No. 4: Extending the time limit for execution of the project.

The closing period for the project component Rejuvenation of Tanks and Ponds is April, 2018 and the closing period for the project component Capacity Building Programme is April 2020 from the start of implementation of the Project i.e., April, 2016 as per the DPR. As decided in the 3rd State Level Steering Committee Meeting MoEF&CC has been requested by DST&E vide its letter dated 18.01.2018 for extension of time by 6 months i.e., September 2018 for completion of the project. The Committee advised DST&E to follow up for extension with MoEF&CC for a further period of six months to enable completion of the project and utilization of approved project cost. In this regard, the PWD and Commune Panchayat under LAD shall also submit a revised time-schedule of work to complete the project components within the proposed extension of timeline and the same may be submitted to MoEF&CC, GoI.

(Action: PWD, LAD & DST&E)

Agenda Item No. 5: Release of 2nd Installment for execution of the Project.

The Director (ST&E) informed that out of the total amount sanctioned Rs. 16.76 Crores, 1st installment released was 3.95 Crores and the amount received by DST&E is Rs. 3.83 Crores. The Nodal Department, DST&E has opened a separate Bank Account for the NAFCC Project as per NABARD Guidelines, the funding agency. PWD has utilized an amount of Rs. 1.56 Crores out of Rs. 2 Crores released, thus utilizing 78% of the amount released. Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC) utilized an amount of Rs. 11.40 Lakhs which was incurred for preparing the DPR by NABCONS, a unit of NABARD. Dte of Agriculture has carried out work for an amount of Rs. 5.15 Lakhs for desilting four ponds out of the Rs. 1.72 Crores released for rejuvenation of Ponds. No grant has been allocated for Capacity Building Programme.

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Rejuvenation of Tanks and Ponds has to be carried out before the onset of monsoon.

The Committee decided that the PWD, Department of Agriculture and PPCC shall submit necessary Utilization Certificates immediately as per norms alongwith the details of works executed and amount spent and the date of completion. Further, PWD, Commune Panchayats under Local Administration Department and DST&E shall prepare Physical and Financial Targets for capacity building during the financial year 2018-2019, within a fortnight for submission to MoEF&CC, GoI.

(Action: PWD, Department of Agriculture & DST&E)

Agenda Item No. 6: Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

The Chief Secretary suggested that work order be issued only for the project components for which funds are available to avoid works landing in lurch midway due to non availability of funds and consequential financial complications. Further, recharge well being costly component in the Rejuvenation needs to be excluded from the work unless local rock strata demands so. In fact, natural percolation will help in maintaining quality of underground aquifers also. Regular review of rejuvenation may be carried out by Development Commissioner and Secretary (ST&E). Chief Secretary further emphasised the need for proper preparation of estimates and proper arrangements for measurement of bill of quantity of various components as per norms. Further, information relating to estimate and execution be shared with stakeholders, such as, tank association, etc.



Director (ST&E)

Annexure

List of Participants

Members of the Steering Committee

1. The Development Commissioner cum Secretary to Government (Animal Husbandry & Animal Welfare / Agriculture / Public Works / Education), Puducherry.
2. The Secretary to Government (Local Administration), Puducherry.
3. The Secretary to Government (Power), Puducherry.
4. The Chief General Manager, NABARD, Chennai – Represented by Assistant General Manager & Manager, NABARD, Chennai.
5. The Director (DST&E)-cum-Member Convener (SLSC), Puducherry.

Special Invitees

1. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Puducherry.
2. The Project Director, DRDA, Puducherry.
3. The Director, Agriculture Department, Puducherry – Represented by The Additional Director of Agriculture.
4. The Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry – Represented by The Executive Engineer.
5. The Assistant General Manager, NABARD, Puducherry.

Officials from line Departments

1. The Superintending Engineer – II, PWD, Puducherry.
2. The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, PWD, Puducherry.
3. The Hydrogeologist – I, State Ground Water Unit, Department of Agriculture, Puducherry.

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