

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of UT level Monitoring Committee of Re-launching of Tank Rehabilitation Project, Pondicherry and State Level Steering Committee for preparation of U.T. of Puducherry Action Plan on Climate Change held on 14.09.2020 at 12.00 PM under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to review the progress of the project “Integrated Surface Water Management through Rejuvenation of 25 Tanks and 32 Village Ponds for Climate Change Adaptation in Puducherry” under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change

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

Agenda Item No. 1: Seeking approval for the Revised DPR prepared for the NAFCC project “Integrated Surface Water Management through Rejuvenation of 25 Tanks and 32 Village Ponds for Climate Change Adaptation in Puducherry”

The Secretary (Envt) informed that the revised DPR for the Tanks/Ponds have been approved by the TRPP meeting chaired by the Development Commissioner. Secretary(Envt) also informed that the DPRs have been prepared in accordance with the earlier decision of the State Level Steering Committee for Climate Change. Secretary(LA) and Secretary(PWD) have also confirmed this. The DPRs have been revised to give focus to enhancing the water storage capacity of the tanks and ponds. Avoidable cement/concrete structures are being deleted. CE, PWD informed that cost saving so achieved is being utilized for doing more desilting and covering additional tanks and ponds for desilting, not only in Puducherry region but also Karaikal region.

The Committee approved the revised DPRs. The Committee advised the S,T&E department to obtain the approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GOI and expedite the execution as per the same. The Committee also advised the S,T&E Department to also furnish the present status of financial and physical progress to the Ministry, while sending the proposal for revised DPRs.

A copy of revised DPRs as cleared by the Committee and being sent to central government for approval may be placed on the website of S,T&E Department for information of public.



Agenda Item No. 2: Review of the progress of the project “Integrated Surface Water Management through Rejuvenation of 25 Tanks and 32 Village Ponds for Climate Change Adaptation in Puducherry”

Secretary(Env't) informed that she has inspected on-going work in some tanks and ponds. CE, PWD informed that execution is going in full swing these days as per what is already in the approved DPR. Secretary (Env't) informed that the component which have been modified in the revised DPR will be taken up for execution after the approval from the central government.

Chief Secretary emphasized that Secretary (Env't)/Secretary (PWD)/Secretary (LA) and HODs under them and Commissioner of Local Bodies, CE/SEs should carry out the inspection of the works from time to time and submit their reports to the S,T&E Department.

The Committee advised the PWD and LAD to build the capacity of the actual users/beneficiaries of the tanks/ponds so as to leverage their capacity in the water conservation efforts.

Agenda Item No. 3: Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

Secretary(Forest) suggested that the plantation activities may be taken up and assured that he will have the DPR prepared for plantation and submit it at the earliest.

Development Commissioner informed that the Revenue Department has developed an online system, which can be used by the public to obtain permission from Revenue Department for excavation of earth/silt from the tanks/ponds with areas earmarked by the PWD/LAD/Local Bodies for the purpose. The Committee felt that Env't. /PWD/Local Bodies should publicize the details of it to public so that desilting from the tanks/ponds can be done without Govt. expenditure. PWD informed that they have earmarked the areas within the tanks for desilting.



Annexure

Chaired by:

Shri. Ashwani Kumar, I.A.S., Chief Secretary to Government, Puducherry.

Members:

1. Shri. A. Anbarasu, I.A.S., Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (Education, Agriculture), Puducherry.
2. Shri. S. Sundaravadivelu, I.A.S., Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (Animal Husbandry, Forests & Wildlife), Puducherry.
3. Shri. H.P.S. Sran, I.A.S., Secretary to Government (Industries & Commerce, Transport), Puducherry.
4. Shri. Jayanta Kumar Ray, I.A.S., Secretary to Government (Local Administration), Puducherry.
5. Shri. R. Smitha, I.A.S., Secretary to Government (Science, Technology & Environment), Puducherry.
6. Shri. A. Asvin Chandru, I.A.S., Sub-Collector (Revenue) [South], representing District Collector, Puducherry-cum-Secretary to Government (Revenue & Disaster Management, Health), Puducherry.
7. Shri. D. Mohan Kumar, Project Officer, DRDA, representing Secretary to Government (Rural Development), Puducherry.
8. Shri. B. Thyagarajan, Asst. General Manager, NABARD, Chennai, representing CGM, NABARD.

Officials:

1. Er. S. Mahalingam, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Puducherry.
2. Shri. S. Sekaran, SE, PWD, Puducherry.
3. Shri. Thamarai Pugazhendhi, SE, LAD, Puducherry.
4. Dr. R. Sagaya Alfred, Senior Scientific Officer, DST&E, Puducherry.
5. Shri. K. Kalamegam, Environmental Engineer, DST&E, Puducherry.
6. Shri. A. Manohar, Commissioner, NCP and BCP, Puducherry.
7. Shri. N. Jayakumar, Commissioner, MCP, Puducherry.
8. Shri. D. Arumugam, Commissioner, VCP, Puducherry.
9. Shri. G. Savoundirarajan, Commissioner, ACP, Puducherry.

