

Water Security & Climate Adaptation Project- Tamil Nadu
(A bilateral project of MoRD, MoJS, BMZ Implemented by GIZ -India)

4th District Level Steering Committee Meeting, Tiruvannamalai

Date 16-02-2021 Time: 4.00 PM to 5.30 PM

The meeting started with the note of Project Director - DRDA and the executive engineers have briefly shared the work progress in both Tiruvannamalai and Arni divisions (programme agenda is in Annexure 1). The progress made in the district has been shared by MSSRF and GIZ representatives on Composite Water Management Plan preparation covering the key water challenges and the water works under three categories: public and common land, agriculture and allied sector development, rural infrastructure as well as climate resilient measures. Based on the identified water works, perspective plan for the three years (2021-2024) and implementation plan for the year 2021-22 was shared and discussed in the meeting. The Climate Vulnerability Matrix was developed relevant to each of the CWRM variables aligned with the SDGs and NDCs. Following this, the key experts extended technical inputs to strengthen the water actions. Under Public and common land development, based on the key water challenges, Mr. Lakshmikantham explained the appropriate afforestation interventions. Following this Dr. Shanmugasundaram discussed the possible horticulture crops cultivation to promote crop diversification and intensification in the existing cropping systems. The line departments' officials from Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Agriculture Engineering, Animal Husbandry, State Rural Livelihoods Mission, TWAD boards etc and shared the relevant schemes and scope for convergence in WASCA. Following are the key points discussed and approved for further action.

Minutes of the meeting

- 1) The CWRM plans including spatial, non-spatial and KML was completed for all 860 Gram Panchayats and approved
- 2) Using CWRM planning to conserve and recharge water effectively under MGNREGS for WASCA totally 13,67,442 number of works has been identified (Annexure 2). These categories of works further divided in to as given below

Summary of the number of works, estimated budget and person days

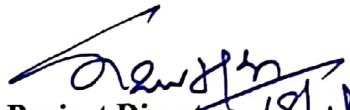
CWRM themes	No of works	Cost estimate (Rs in Lakhs)	Person days
1. Public and common land development	3,86,162 (28%)	11,52,317 (31%)	44,70,41,200 (61%)
2. Agriculture and Allied sector development	9,10,927 (67%)	2,597,583 (69%)	27,73,66,878 (38%)
3. Rural water management	70,354 (5%)	25,628 (1%)	40,17,604 (1%)
Total for the district	13,67,442	3,775,528	728,425,682

* Figures in parenthesis are percentage to the total

- 3) All the above works identified in a scientific manner will be added in to shelf of projects (SOP) in every GP. The SOP will be available for GP to implement the works as per the priority and following the guidelines of MGNREGA.
- 4) Administrative Sanction can be provided to these works following the guidelines of MGNREGA
- 5) The meeting approved the activities proposed for the year 2021-22 (Annexure 3). A total of 5.3 CR persons days are proposed which is duly approved. This covers 1.47 Lakhs works
- 6) To implement WASCA plans, the cooperation and convergence of all line departments is important (Annexure 6). Thus all the line dept are requested to provide necessary support at the block level to implement the works using WASCA plans as a base to come together in the areas of sharing the available schemes and technical capacities.
- 7) To enhance the Climate Resilient measures following works are discussed and agreed. For technical support GIZ is committed to provide support through M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Prime Meridian, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University etc
- 8) The facility created at WASCA Resource Centre and the outputs can be utilized by all district officials at the block as well as other line departments and

- 9) The detailed district report (draft) was submitted by GIZ and MSSRF is accepted.
- 10) The GP wise and block wise, works and person days will be communicated by the PD DRDA, Tiruvannamalai for necessary approvals and implementations to BDOs and Asst. Engineers at the block level.

The meeting concluded with the remarks and approval by the Chair person.


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