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**Subject:- Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Project Implementation Review Committee (PIRC) for CADWM implementation of 99 Prioritised Irrigation Projects Under PMKSY held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of **Project Implementation Review Committee (PIRC)** for CADWM Implementation of 99 Prioritized Projects under PMKSY under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, GoI was held over **Cisco Webex platform** on **11.09.2020**.

The approved Minutes of the Meeting are enclosed for information and necessary action on the decisions taken in the meeting. It is requested to submit the status of actions taken on the decisions at the earliest.



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## MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (PIRC) MEETING FOR CADWM IMPLEMENTATION OF 99 PRIORITIZED IRRIGATION PROJECTS UNDER PMKSY HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Project Implementation Review Committee (PIRC) for CADWM implementation of 99 prioritized projects, under the chairmanship of Shri U.P.Singh, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti was organized over webex platform on 11<sup>th</sup> Sptember, 2020. Senior officers from DoWR, RD & GR, Central Water Commission, State Governments and Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) attended the meeting. The list of participants is at **Annexure- I** and summary record of PIRC decisions and recommendations is given at **Annexure-II**. Photographs taken during the meeting are at **Annexure-III**.

**2.0** The PIRC meeting which usually would be a two day program consisting of field visit and a review meeting was shortened and the field visit was eliminated due to present COVID scenario.

**3.0** Sh U. P. Singh, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR while addressing the meeting raised concerns on several issues ranging from IPC-IPU gap, slow pace of progress in micro-irrigation, parking of funds by the project authorities and less focus by the states on Participatory Irrigation Management.

Secretary DoWR, RD & GR conveyed that Irrigation Projects are very costly projects, and benefit - cost ratio is evaluated taking into consideration that all irrigation potential created will be utilized and theoretically there should not be any gap. However, the average IPC-IPU gap in the country is between 20%-25% which is very high. Since, fresh water is getting scarce, we need to cover-up the gap through correction of system deficiencies, micro-irrigation and through participatory approach. States are generally focusing on structural interventions and very less attention is given to the non-structural interventions. He laid stress on empowerment of WUAs to collect water charges, so that at least the O&M cost is recovered. He also cited the example of pani-panchayats of Orissa which have brought big changes to irrigation command by enabling equable distribution of water to the people. He accordingly requested all the states to focus on non-structural interventions also.

Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR shared his concerns with the states towards slow progress of CADWM projects. He conveyed that some of the states are not coming with CA proposals while some other states are not utilizing the released amount. He cited the example of Uttar Pradesh where Central Assistance amounting to Rs 150 crore released to Saryu Nahar Project was parked with the state without utilization for a long time. He asked all the states to utilize the funds available under MGNREGA also so as to make up for those projects which are presently not covered under existing CADWM program.

**4.0** Shri R.K. Jain, Chairman, CWC welcomed all the participants and briefed about the CADWM programme. He stated that though creation of water resource is very important but equitable distribution of water is also very important. He stated that focus of the states are generally more towards structural components but non-structural components such as creation of WUAs, Trainings, adaptive trials and handing over of created assets are equally important and should be given due consideration. He laid stress on Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) and conveyed that some very good works in PIM have been done by some of the states at some point of time but they could not sustain for a very long time. He suggested that we should also look into this aspect while planning for non-structural interventions.

**5.0** Commissioner (CAD) stated that CADWM Wing has been organizing PIRC meeting to review progress of implementation of 99 prioritized CADWM projects twice a year as per the guidelines. Presently more than 6 months have elapsed since last PIRC meeting, and it is not possible to organize the meeting in one of the states; therefore, the 7<sup>th</sup> PIRC meeting is being organized in a virtual mode. To maintain uniformity for this meeting, regional offices of CWC have been requested to make presentations in place of concerned State Governments, but the onus of correctness of presentation lies with the concerned states.

Further, Commissioner CAD also requested all the participants to follow the general principles of virtual meetings so that meeting could be conducted and recorded smoothly. He further requested regional offices of CWC to make presentations as per the sequence circulated with the meeting notice.

**6.0** State-wise presentations were made by Chief Engineers of CWC Regional offices, and discussions were held as summarized below:

(i) **Madhya Pradesh:** Sh Aditya Sharma, CE, NBO, CWC, Bhopal stated that there are 2 agencies namely MP, WRD & NVDA which are involved in implementation of CADWM projects in Madhya Pradesh.

**MP (WRD):** MP, WRD is involved in implementation of 10 CADWM projects namely Sagad Project, Singhpur Project, Sanjay sagar (Bah) Project, Mahuar Project, Sindh Phase II, Mahi Project, Barriyarpur LBC, Bansagar Unit 2, Mahan Project, and Pench of the State under PMKSY and all have been included under CADWM program. As regards Financial Progress is concerned it was reported that against the target CA of Rs. 636.681 crore, CA of Rs. 264.39 crore has been released to these 10 projects. The total expenditure is reported as Rs 537 crore against the target of Rs. 1273 crore. As regards Physical progress is concerned, CCA of 204.682 th ha has been developed against the CCA target of 311.26 th ha. while progress in respect of WUA formation has been 100% with all the 214 WUAs formed.

As regards micro-irrigation is concerned, works have not yet started. WRD, Government of Madhya Pradesh has proposed micro-irrigation in 45.219 th ha area. The works are scheduled to be completed in 2 years.

Commissioner CAD enquired about the release of functional and infrastructure grant to WUAs to which the state representative informed that they will scale up the releases after the lock down. On the query regarding no progress in micro-irrigation, Sh Y R Patil, SE CAD, WRD, MP informed that in Madhya Pradesh most of the OFD works were got done through WUAs but as there are technical issues in execution of micro-irrigation, these works will not be got done through WUAs but are instead proposed to be taken up through tendering.

On the query by Chairman CWC, that against the target of 311.26 th ha CCA only 204.682 th ha has been covered and moreover for the current year the target of 9.3 th ha CCA only has been kept, State representative responded that due to present COVID scenario not much work has been done and now only few months are left in this Financial Year. It is expected that the progress will scale up from next Financial Year.

Commissioner CAD informed that most of the projects barring few are reporting progress in MIS. He requested representatives of MP to update the progress in MIS for all the projects.

**MP (NVDA):** NVDA is implementing 4 projects (in 10 phases) of the State under PMKSY and all have been included under CADWM program. As regards Financial Progress is concerned it was reported that against the target CA of Rs. 605.692 crore, CA of Rs. 57.17 crore has been released to these 10 projects. The total expenditure is reported as Rs 101.03 crore against the target of Rs. 1260.13 crore which is nearly 8%. As regards Physical progress is concerned, CCA of 46.499 th ha has been developed against the CCA target of 284.443 th ha. which is nearly 16%. NVDA has set a target of covering 36 th ha during the ongoing FY. As regards formation of WUAs is concerned, it was reported that 125 out of 174 WUAs has reportedly been formed.

Commissioner CAD queried about the slow progress of the projects, to which Sh H. R. Chauhan, SE NVDA informed that as the works are proposed to be got done through WUAs, they are motivating the farmers. He said that from coming March the works will come on full swing. Commissioner CAD also raised concerns over the funds released to Bargi project during 2018-19 with no physical progress; he requested state representatives to utilize the released funds and not to prolong parking of funds.

**(Action: Govt. of Madhya Pradesh/CWC Bhopal)**

- (ii) **Chhattisgarh:** Sh Aditya Sharma, CE, NBO, CWC, Bhopal presented the status of the 3 projects of Chattisgarh namely, Kelo, Maniyari Tank and Kharung Tank. It was informed that CA of Rs. 21.71 crore was earlier released.

Informing about Kharung project it was stated that tender for CADWM works of Kharung project has been finalized in three groups. For first group work-order has been issued and survey works has been started by agency. For remaining two groups, tendering is done and the rates quoted by agency has to be accepted by Govt, which is expected to be done within a week time.

Informing about Maniyari project it was stated that tender for CADWM works of Maniyari project has been finalized in four groups. For two groups, work order has been issued and works are yet to be started. For remaining two groups, tendering is done and the rates quoted by agency have to be accepted by Govt, which is expected to be done within a week's time.

Commissioner CAD, expressed deep concern on the institutional capacity of the department as despite releasing funds approximately 27% of CA to the projects there have been no progress. He asked the state representatives to expedite the works.

**(Action: Govt. of Chhattisgarh, CWC Bhopal)**

- (iii) **Maharashtra:** Sh Dharendra Tiwary, CE, MCO, CWC, Nagpur stated that there are 26 projects of the State under PMKSY, but only 22 have been included under CADWM program. The balance 4 projects do not require CAD works. Out of 22 projects included under CADWM programme, 6 are medium projects rest 16 are major projects. Presenting the progress, CE, CWC informed that not much progress have taken place viz-a-viz the last PIRC. During the current Financial Year (uptill July 2020), expenditure of about Rs 40 crore has been done while the physical coverage has been increased by 37 th ha. No new WUAs have been formed or registered. The no. of WUAs formed stood at 923 and no. of WUAs registered stood at 523. No WUAs have been registered in 11 projects namely, Arjuna, Aruna, Bawanthadi, Dhombalakhwadi, Gadnadi, Gosikhurd, Khadakpurna, Kudali, Lower Pedhi, Sangola & Upper Kundalika. CE, CWC further informed that the irrigation potential achieved by these 22 projects varies widely from 0% in respect of 6 projects namely, Arjuna, Aruna, Gosikhurd, Kudali, Lower Pedhi & Morna to above 75% in respect of 3 projects namely Dhombalakhwadi, Upper Kundalika & Lowee Panjara. The State Government has kept a high target of covering 1.75 lakh ha of CCA during the current FY.

Next taking up Micro-irrigation progress, CE, CWC, Nagpur informed that of the total 73.23 th ha proposed to be covered under micro-irrigation, the state government has only covered 11.74 th ha which is approximately 16% of the total

proposed coverage. Three projects namely Waghur (93.33%), Lower Panjara (100%) & Upper Kundalika (100%) has made much progress in micro-irrigation coverage while 17 projects are yet to take up micro-irrigation.

Taking note of the comparative sheet between potential created under AIBP and potential developed under CAD, Commissioner CAD pointed out some of the projects where high irrigation potential have been created but irrigation potential developed under CADWDM is low. Secretary Projects, Government of Maharashtra while briefing about the bottlenecks in individual projects, informed that most of the problems have been sorted out and coverage of about 1.75 lakh ha has been planned this year. It is expected that the progress will be done with the increased pace.

On the issues related to opposition of marginal farmers for giving land for construction of field channels it was informed that the department is going for PDN and also the field officers are in touch with the farmers at the local level. On the issue related to non-availability of natural sand in some places, it was informed that the matter has been taken up at the government level and the issue is being looked into.

Commissioner CAD also spoke about low proportion of lining in the state of Maharashtra compared to other states as well as use of machines for digging out unlined channels leading to far more large sections than requirement. Large section may lead to non achieving of the desired FSL as well as more requirement of land. Secretary Projects, Government of Maharashtra agreed to look into the issues.

**(Action Govt. of Maharashtra; CWC Nagpur)**

- (iv) **Gujarat:** The status of CADWDM project of Gujarat namely, Sardar Sarovar Project was presented by Sh. M. P. Singh, Chief Engineer, M&TBO, CWC, Gandhinagar. Presenting the financial progress it was informed that out of targeted Expenditure of Rs.5022 crore an expenditure of Rs. 3608 crore has been incurred. The expenditure during 2019-20 was Rs. 76.95 crore while during the current FY (uptill June 2020) the expenditure is only Rs. 9.01 crore. The total CA released so far is Rs. 1719 crore. As regards physical progress is concerned 939 th ha has been covered out of targeted coverage of 1364 th ha. and no of WUA registered is 3334 against the target of 4466. The assets have however been handed over to only 1440 WUAs. During the current Financial year a target to cover 170 th ha has been set. As regards micro-irrigation is concerned it was informed that a separate agency namely, Gujarat Green Revolution Company is involved in carrying out the works. Micro-irrigation in 231 th ha has been done against the target of 140 th ha.

CE, M&TBO, CWC further informed that no CA release proposal was received either during 2019-20 or during the current FY. To this the state representative Sh Keshwani, Chief Engineer informed that about Rs 150 crore is still available with the state government. State will submit the CA proposal once the available money gets exhausted. As regards slow pace of progress it was reported that policy change, i.e awarding work from item rate contract to open tendering, has led to substantial delay. The other reason is onset of Covid 19 from March 2020 due to which the working time of March to June could not be utilized. As regards physical progress is concerned, Sh Keshwani informed that tenders for about 1.5 lakh ha CCA are ready and this year they expect good progress.

Commissioner CAD requested state representatives to enter detailed breakup of Micro irrigation progress of the command in CADWM Information System. It was further informed that a provision has specifically been developed for Gujarat to enter the progress in Information system when no CA for the purpose has been availed but Micro -irrigation is being carried out in the command of the project. The state representative agreed for the same.

Commissioner CAD also pointed out that no release has been done to WUAs by Gujarat and requested the state representative to empower the WUAs by way of release of functional & infrastructural grant. It was also requested to remove any conditions that come in the way of release of functional & infrastructural grant.

**(Action: Govt. of Gujarat/CWC Ahmedabad)**

- (v) **Odisha:** The status of CADWM projects of Orissa was presented by Sh. A. K. Nayak, Chief Engineer, M&ERO, CWC, Bhubaneswar. It was informed that there are 8 projects of the State under PMKSY. Out of 8, 3 projects namely Upper Indravati, Ret & Rukura have been completed and balance 5 are ongoing. Of these 5 projects, 2 projects namely Lower Indra & Telengiri have made substantial progress while the balance 3 namely, Subarnarekha, Anandpur & Kanupur are lagging behind with progress ranging from 0% to 7%.

Regarding formation of WUAs is concerned, it was informed that 116 out of 545 WUAs have been formed and assets have been handed over to 93 WUAs. Rs. 2.515 crore has been released as functional grant to WUAs. On the issue of linking of the release of functional grant to WUAs with the farmers share by Government of Odisha as mentioned in one of the slides of the presentation, Commissioner CAD pointed out that the issue was already deliberated upon in earlier PIRC meetings and it has been decided that Rs. 800/ha can be released upfront. Representative of Odisha informed that release of functional grant is not pre-conditioned against collection of farmers share rather delay is attributed to delay in verification of command which is still under process. It was further clarified that verification of command is the joint activity of revenue department and water resources

department, once that activity is completed, the farmers share is finalized, functional grant will be released. As per the presentation the state has kept a target of forming 105 WUAs during the current Financial Year.

As regards micro irrigation is concerned, it was informed that out of 24.029 th ha, micro-irrigation has only been taken up in 252 ha. In case of Upper Indravati, Ret and Telengiri projects Micro Irrigation portion, has already been shifted under field channels. In Rukura and Lower Indra projects, MI is under execution, but MI area has not been identified in case of Subarnarekha, Anandpur and Kanupur projects. Commissioner CAD enquired about the low progress of micro-irrigation and informed all the PIRC members about the recent developments with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) wherein it was decided to include WUA as a beneficiary of Direct transfer of subsidy in place of individual farmers for cluster level intervention. Commissioner CAD further informed that the micro-irrigation infrastructure can be developed through existing scheme and the procurement of sprinkler / other devices can be done through Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) scheme of MoA&FW by the State Water Resources Departments themselves.

It was further informed that a CA of Rs. 119.52 crore has been released against the target of Rs. 420.22 crore. The total expenditure was reported to be Rs 351.45 crore.

Commissioner CAD enquired about the Subarnarekha CAD project where potential created was indicated as 78% while CCA developed was indicated as 8.2%. The state representatives informed that there are certain patches where there is no hydraulic connectivity due to land acquisition and pending forest clearance. Commissioner CAD also asked the State representatives and CWC regional officers to submit CA proposal for all the completed projects for reimbursement of pending Central Share. State representatives were further asked to submit the audit certificate of the previous years while sending the CA proposal for reimbursement.

Engineer -In -Chief, Odisha further informed that Lower Indra & Telengiri would be completed by March 2021. But the other 3 namely, Subarnarekha, Anandpur & Kanupur will take further time.

**(Action: Govt. of Odisha; CWC Bhubaneshwar)**

- (vi) **Karnataka**: The status of CADWM projects of Karnataka was presented by Sh. Sushil Kumar, Chief Engineer, Monitoring South Organization, CWC, Bengaluru. It was informed that there are 5 projects of the State namely, Sri Rameshwara LIS, Upper Tunga Irrigation Scheme, Bhima LIS, Karanja, and NLBC which were included under the CADWM programme. However, NLBC Project was proposed to be dropped by the State Govt during 6<sup>th</sup> PIRC meeting. Presenting the Financial & Physical progress of these 4 projects, it was informed that against the target expenditure of Rs 263.09 crore an expenditure of Rs. 162.65 crore has been done



which is roughly 62% of the target expenditure. The CA availed by the state is Rs. 72.64 crore against the CA target of Rs. 113.71 crore. The CCA developed is 36.84 th ha against the target of 55.35 th ha (67%). The no. of WUAs formed are 231 against the target of 315.

The delay in progress was mainly attributed to hydraulic connectivity upto outlet, state budget constraints, shortage of staff in certain divisions, farmer's reluctance to pay their share etc. On the project specific issues it was intimated that slow progress in Upper Tunga project is due to slow progress of AIBP owing to pending land acquisition. In Sri Rameshwara LIS, farmers not coming forward to form WUCs due to pending land compensation. There are no major issues in Karanja Project and works are expected to be completed by this year.

On the specific query by Commissioner (CAD) regarding declaration of 2 projects namely, Sri Rameshwara LIS & Bhima LIS as completed, the State officials mentioned that few works are still left and the same would be completed and handed over to WUAs by November 2020. They would be declaring the project as complete after completion of those works.

**(Action: Govt. of Karnataka/CWC Bengaluru)**

**(vii) Goa:** The status of CADWM projects of Goa was presented by Sh. Sushil Kumar, Chief Engineer, Monitoring South Organization, CWC, Bengaluru. It was informed that there is only 1 project of the State namely, Tillari Project included under the ongoing CADWM programme. Tillari is an interstate project between Government of Goa and Government of Maharashtra. No CA has been released to the project after inclusion under the present ongoing CADWM programme i.e from 2016-17 onwards. Against the balance CCA target of 8667 ha, 1048 ha has been completed. The project is proposed to be completed by March 2022. The State representative enquired about the release of CA to the project. It was informed that as the project was included long back some of the old issues are coming up for clarification by the Finance wing. The CA proposal is under process and the same would be released soon.

**(Action: Govt. of Goa/CWC Bengaluru)**

**(viii) Rajasthan:** The status of CADWM projects of Rajasthan was presented by Sh. G. K. Agarwal, Chief Engineer, Yamuna Basin Organization, CWC, New Delhi. It was informed that there are two projects in the State under PMKSY namely, Narmada Canal Project & Gang Canal project and both the projects have been included under CADWM program. Narmada canal project has been included only for Non-structural interventions, as structural components have already been covered under AIBP. Against a targeted expenditure of Rs. 450.88 crore and expenditure of Rs. 75.33 crore has been incurred. Against a total CA of Rs. 230.05 crore for the

State, the CA released is Rs. 37.15 crore. Against the target WUAs of 2411, 2409 WUAs have been formed, The system have been handed over to 2185 WUAs.

On the specific query by Commissioner CAD, that why there is no release of funds in respect of Narmada Canal Project even when CA of Rs. 7 crore was released earlier, the state representatives informed that there was no allocation of budget to the project earlier but very recently they have received the allocation and soon the funds towards infrastructure and functional grant would be released.

The state representatives also enquired about the copy of the decision of releasing the functional grant upfront. It was informed that PIRC is the body formed as per the guidelines of CADWM for continual improvement in implementation of the programme. All decisions of PIRC are available on CADWM-IS portal. The same can be downloaded for use by State Governments.

On the query of state representative about release of funds towards infrastructure grant it was clarified that the infrastructure (office building etc) is not to be created by the state government rather the funds are to be released to the WUAs directly for creation of infrastructure by themselves as per their needs. It was further clarified that the one or more WUAs can join hands to form a common facility utilizing these funds. It was further clarified that the infrastructure grant is to be utilized and not to be kept as fixed deposits. The Utilization certificates need to be submitted.

State representative also enquired about the NABARD agreement that is required to be revised in view of the change in scope of Gang Canal Project as the earlier agreement was based on old CCA. It was clarified that the state government need to take up the matter with NABARD, and recommendation, if required, will be given by the Ministry.

**(Action: Govt. of Rajasthan; YBO, CWC, New Delhi)**

- (ix) **Manipur:** The status of CADWM projects of Manipur was presented by Sh. P. M. Scott, Chief Engineer, Brahmaputra & Barak Basin Organization, CWC, Shillong. Presenting the Physical & Financial progress of the 2 projects, namely Dolaithabi Barrage Project and Thoubal Multipurpose Project it was informed that out of target expenditure of Rs 122.71 crore, Rs 35.16 crore has been incurred which is about 28.65 %. Against the targeted Central Assistance of Rs. 63.655 crore, Rs.17.58 crore CA was released to the projects during 2015-16. The state has availed a loan of Rs. 55.19 crore during 2019-20 towards state share from LTIF. Against the target CCA of 22.036 th ha, CCA of 8.661 th ha as been covered which is about 39%. MI works in the projects has not yet started. It was also informed that 68 WUAs have been formed out of target of 74 WUAs, and 64 have been registered under Manipur Societies Act 1989.

The State representative informed that the previous delay was due to unavailability of State share. However, now the problem of state share has been solved, expenditure progress was also done in 19-20 and work would be completed by March 21, also the CA release proposal has been submitted over MIS to B&BBO, CWC very recently.

**(Action: Govt. of Manipur / CWC, B&BBO, CWC Shillong)**

- (x) **Assam:** The status of CADWM projects of Assam was presented by Sh. P. M. Scott, Chief Engineer, Brahmaputra & Barak Basin Organization, CWC, Shillong. Presenting the Physical & Financial progress of the 3 projects, namely, Dhansiri, Champamati and Borolia it was informed that out of target expenditure of Rs 215.48 crore, Rs 35.85 crore has been incurred which is about 16.64%. Against the targeted Central Assistance of Rs. 106.27 crore, Rs.20.495 crore CA has been released. Against the target CCA of 46.62 th ha, CCA of 23.396 th ha as been covered which is about 50.18%. The State Government has kept a target of covering 23.983 th ha CCA during the current Financial Year.

It was informed that earlier the progress was not achieved as in the previous years the state has not kept provisions towards state share. CA release proposal was therefore also not submitted by the state. The progress is particularly slow in respect of Dhansiri & Borolia projects. As regards Champamati project is concerned it was informed that full CCA has been covered. However, pending WUA formation the project could not be declared completed.

Project authorities informed that they have submitted the CA release proposal of Dhansiri Project in February 2020 to regional CWC office but no CA was released. The concerned officer of CWC regional office clarified that due to pending audit statement and concurrent evaluation the CA release proposal was returned. It was clarified that both are necessary compliances from State Government, but CWC should not block the CA release proposal on these ground. As far as processing of CA is concerned, Audit certificate is required by Finance wing when reimbursement of CA is sought, and budget certificate is required for assessing the extent of CA.

As regards micro irrigation is concerned, during the 6<sup>th</sup> PIRC meeting the state representative has informed, that several diggies have been constructed in the command area of the project and the water is lifted from these diggies through solar pumps and doing irrigation with that water. At that time Commissioner (CAD) clarified that lifting water from diggies through solar pumps and then doing flow irrigation is not construed as MI. During the present meeting it was again clarified that the existing irrigation system created for the purpose of MI needs to be visited by CWC. If the system is prepared by installing pressurized pipe with solar pump for future use of MI, than the area so covered can be taken under MI infrastructure otherwise it will be considered under OFD works.

**(Action: Govt. of Assam, CWC Shillong)**

(xi) **Telangana:** The status of CADWM projects of Telangana was presented by Sh. M. K. Srinivas, Chief Engineer, Krishna Godavari Basin Organization, CWC, Hyderabad. Presenting the Physical & Financial progress of the 11 projects of Telangana, it was informed that due to delay in Govt./Administrative approvals, there has been considerable delay in progress of the project. Also, there are hydraulic connectivity issues. However, there is some progress in respect of J. Chokha Rao project.

Commissioner (CAD) informed that already a CA of Rs. 36.35 crore has been released to the State and no progress is seen in any project except J. Chokha Rao project. The state representative informed that once the administrative approval is received the projects will be taken up.

**(Action: Govt. of Telangna/CWC Hyderabad)**

(xii) **Andhra Pradesh:** The status of CADWM projects of Andhra Pradesh was presented by Sh. M. K. Srinivas, Chief Engineer, Krishna Godavari Basin Organization, CWC, Hyderabad. Sh Raghavaiah, Special Commissioner, CADA, Government of Andhra Pradesh, briefing about the progress of the 7 included projects intimated that:

- Survey, planning and design works have been completed for the projects Gundlakamma and Yerraclava projects.
- Survey, Planning and Design works are in progress in Thotapalli Project.
- Administrative sanction has been issued for the projects Musurumilli, Pushkara and Yerraclava Projects.
- Administrative sanction is under consideration in respect of Gundlakamma and Tadipudi Projects.
- For Taraka Thirtha Sagram project, works will be taken up after completion of Distributary System.

Commissioner CAD, DoWR, RD & GR expressed his concern over the very slow progress of projects and stated that except for the 2 projects rest of the projects are still in preparatory mode even after 4 years of inclusion. He asked the project authorities to expedite the project progress.

**(Action: Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, CWC, Hyderabad)**

(xiii) **Bihar:** The status of CADWM projects of Bihar was presented by Sh. Ambrish Nayak, Chief Engineer, Lower Ganga Basin Organization, CWC, Patna. Presenting the progress of CADWM projects of Bihar it was conveyed that there are 2 Projects of the State namely, Durgawati and Punpun under PMKSY out of which Durgawati Project only has been included under CADWM Program. Rs 35.82 crore have already been released to Durgawati Project from 2016-17 onwards. The state government has reported a total expenditure of Rs. 66.53 crore against a target

expenditure of Rs. 148.57 crore. The CCA covered is 17.253 th ha against the target CCA of 32.24 th ha. The state government has planned to cover 15.21 th ha CCA during FY 2020-21. Only 200 ha has only be brought under MI, the target of MI for FY 2020-21 is 3,047 ha. The no of WUAs formed are 14 against the target of 30 WUAs. Assets have been handed over to 9 WUAs. It was also informed that CAD works are being executed through WUAs only. It was further informed that as the project authorities have unutilized money available with them, the CA proposal for 2019-20 was not submitted.

**(Action: Govt. of Bihar)**

**(xiv) Jharkhand:** The status of CADWM projects of Jharkhand was presented by Sh. Ambrish Nayak, Chief Engineer, Lower Ganga Basin Organization, CWC, Patna. It was informed that there is only one project in the State, namely, Subernarekha under the 99 prioritized projects under PMKSY. Briefing about the project it was informed that there has been no progress in the project. The state government has not submitted any CA release proposal. On the specific query by Commissioner CADWM regarding progress in tendering, the state representative informed that pending administrative approval from the State Government the tendering process could not be started.

The Commissioner (CAD) expressed concern over the fact that the State Govt. is not taking any interest in the execution of CADWM works. Even after lapse of so many months, administrative approval and budget allocation to the project is pending. He requested Chief Engineer, LGBO, CWC to take up the matter with the state Government through Member, WP&P, CWC.

**(Action: Govt. of Jharkhand; CWC Patna)**

**(xv) Uttar Pradesh:** The status of CADWM projects of Uttar Pradesh was presented by Sh. Anupam Prasad, Chief Engineer, Upper Ganga Basin Organization, CWC, Lucknow. It was informed that only 3 projects of the State would be taken up. Two projects, namely, Arjun Sahayak and Saryu Nahar Pariyojna have already been included while Madhya Ganga project is yet to be included under the ongoing CADWM Program.

Presenting the consolidated picture of the state, CE UGBO, CWC informed the target expenditure of these 3 projects is Rs. 1862 crore out of which expenditure of only 47 lacs has been incurred. The target CA for these 3 projects is Rs. 917 crore out of which Rs. 156 crore has been released. There has been no progress in physical terms. Commissioner CAD enquired about the reasons of no progress and parking of large sum of Central assistance of the projects. The state representative from CADA Department of the state informed that due to policy indecision about executing agency of the projects no work on ground could take place. But very

recently decision in this regard has been taken by the cabinet and now CADA department would be implementing these projects. On the issue of tendering, the state representative informed that presently the CADA department is pursuing with finance department for allocation/ release of funds. State Representative conveyed that they are hopeful of considerable progress by the time of next PIRC meeting.

**(Action: Govt. of UP)**

**(xvi) Punjab:** The status of CADWM projects of Punjab was presented by Sh. Shiv Nandan, Chief Engineer, Indus Basin Organization, CWC, Chandigarh. It was informed that the Kotla Branch part II project was included under CADWM program on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. However, CA of Rs 18.08 crore released to the state government has not been transferred to the implementing agency. The state representative informed that they are pursuing with the finance wing of the state government and soon they will get the released amount.

**(Action: Govt. of Punjab)**

**(xvii) (a) Jammu & Kashmir UT:** The status of CADWM projects of J&K Union Territory was presented by Sh. Shiv Nandan, Chief Engineer, Indus Basin Organization, CWC, Chandigarh. It was informed that there are 2 projects of J&K UT namely Rajpora LIS and Tral LIS included under PMKSY. Rajpora project is almost complete while some works of Tral project is pending due to delay in AIBP works of the project. Only 1 WUA has been formed against the target of 3 in each of these projects. It was further informed that the project authorities will submit the CA release proposal this year in respect of both these projects.

**(b) Ladakh UT:** The status of CADWM projects of Ladakh Union Territory was presented by Sh. Shiv Nandan, Chief Engineer, Indus Basin Organization, CWC, Chandigarh. It was informed that there is only 1 CADWM project namely Prakachik Khawas Project included under the ongoing CADWM program. The project is located in Kargil. The project was included for a CCA of 462 ha at an estimated cost of Rs. 186.55 lakh. However, only 231 ha of CCA could be covered. The project is getting delayed due to delay in construction of tunnel. The work could not start due to present Covid scenario.

**(Action: Govt. of UT of Jammu & Kashmir , Ladakh / CWC Chandigarh)**

**(xviii) Kerala:** The status of CADWM projects of Kerala was presented by Sh. N. M. Krishanunni, Chief Engineer, Cauvery & Southern River Organization, CWC, Coimbatore. It was informed that there are two projects of the State under PMKSY out of which one project, namely, Muvattapuzha, has already been included under

CADWM program. The other project, namely Karapuzha was dropped due to land acquisition problems.

Presenting about the progress of Muvattapuzha Project, it was informed that against the target expenditure of Rs. 107 crore, expenditure of only Rs. 11.07 crore has been made. The progress in physical terms is also very low. Only 603 ha has been covered against the target of 16,795 ha. As regards formation of WUAs is concerned, 114 WUAs has been formed against the target of 240 WUAs. The State representative informed that they are hopeful to complete the project by March 2022.

Commissioner (CAD) requested State officials to expedite all activities related to the project.

**(Action: Govt. of Kerala; CWC Coimbatore)**

**7.0** Commissioner CAD also briefed the participants about the 3 programs proposed to be taken up for capacity building of the officials of the state and strengthening of PIM in the country.

- a) Training of the State Government officials on formation and capacity building of WUAs by the experts of India NPIM.
- b) One full day conference/ webinar on PIM.
- c) Certification course to farmers/ state officials/ individuals / WUA representatives on “Functioning of WUAs” in coordination with IndiaNPIM and NWA, Pune.

Sh. Y. D. Sharma of IndiaNPIM stated that they have developed the modules of the training course, and they have the resource persons and trainers ready for the purpose. It was conveyed that the State trainings can be taken up after the COVID scenario.

Commissioner CAD also briefed about the latest developments in the MIS portal. A separate section has been created on “Participation Irrigation Management” for direct use by the WUA officials and farmers through individual login accounts. For the purpose of registration, nodal of the WUA needs to be identified and his account created by the state nodal. The nodal of WUA would be able to allow other users / farmers to register and retrieve the information from the PIM portal. The PIM section of the portal will carry customized information gathered from multiple sources/ websites leveraging the mapping of data under LG Directory. Information on soil card has already been made available, while work is in progress regarding other information such as ground water status, rainfall etc.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to chair.

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**Summary of Key Decisions/ Clarifications of the 7th PIRC meeting applicable for all States.**

- (i) Machines for digging out unlined channels should be used with precaution as it leads to creating far more large sections than required. Large section generally lead to non-achievement of the desired FSL as well as wastage of land.
- (ii) States to empower the WUAs by way of release of functional and infrastructural grant and also to remove any conditions that come in the way of release of functional and infrastructural grant.
- (iii) PIRC members were informed about the recent developments with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) wherein it was decided to include WUA as a beneficiary for Direct transfer of subsidy in place of individual farmers for cluster level intervention. MI infrastructure can be developed through existing CADWM scheme while the procurement of sprinkler / other devices can be done through Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) scheme of MoA&FW by the State Water Resources Departments themselves.
- (iv) State representatives and CWC regional officers to submit CA proposal for all the completed projects for reimbursement of pending Central Share. States should submit the audit certificate of the previous years while sending the CA proposal for reimbursement.
- (v) PIRC is the body formed as per the guidelines of CADWM for continual improvement in implementation of the programme. All decisions of PIRC are available on CADWM-IS portal. The same can be downloaded for use by State Governments.
- (vi) Infrastructure (office building etc) is not to be created by the state government rather the funds are to be released to the WUAs directly for creation of infrastructure by themselves as per their needs. One or more WUAs can also join hands to form a common facility utilizing these funds. Infrastructure grant is to be utilized and not to be kept as fixed deposits. The Utilization certificates need to be submitted.
- (vii) Audit statement and Concurrent Evaluation are necessary compliances from State Government, but CWC should not block the CA release proposal on these grounds. As far as processing of CA is concerned, Audit certificate is required by Finance wing when reimbursement of CA is sought, and Budget Certificate is required for assessing the extent of CA.
- (viii) If the system is prepared by installing pressurized pipe with solar pump for future use of MI, than the area so covered can be counted as covered under MI infrastructure; otherwise the coverage will be considered under OFD works.

**(ix)** A separate section has been created in the MIS portal on “Participation Irrigation Management” for direct use by the WUA officials and farmers through individual login accounts. For the purpose of registration, nodal of the WUA needs to be identified and his account created by the state nodal. The nodal of WUA would be able to allow other users / farmers to register and retrieve the information from the PIM portal. The PIM section of the portal will carry customized information gathered from multiple sources/ websites leveraging the mapping of CADWM data under LG Directory. Information on soil card has already been made available, while work is in progress regarding other information such as ground water status, rainfall etc.

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