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Department of Irrigation & Public Health

From

The Addl. Chief Secretary (IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

1. The Engineer-in-Chief ,
Irrigation & Public Health,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.
2. Registrar Co-op. Societies H.P. Shimla-9.
3. Director , Agriculture, H.P. Shimla-5.
4. Director, Horticulture , H.P. Shimla-2.
5. The Chief Engineer(H/Z)
IPH Department, Hamirpur.
6. Director, CWC, M&A Directorate,
Kasumpti, Shimla-9.
7. Registrar, CSKKVV,
Palampur, Distt. Kangra, H.P.
8. Registrar, UHF
Nauni, Solan , H.P.

Dated: Shimla-171002, the th March, 2014

Subject:-

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of Project Evaluation
Committee in r/o Changer Medium Lift Irrigation Project.,
Distt. Bilaspur held on 15-03-2014 at Shimla.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Minutes of 2nd
Meeting of Project Evaluation Committee(PEC) in respect of Changer Medium Lift
Irrigation Project held under the Chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secretary(IPH) Govt.
of H.P. on 15-03-2014 at Shimla for time line action as per the decisions of the
Meeting. Engineer-in-Chief, IPH Deptt. H.P. (Sr. No.1) is requested to upload these
minutes on departmental website.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr.S.K.Kapta)
Special Secretary(IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Ph.0177-2626097
th March, 2014

Enst. No. As above,

Dated; Shimla-2, the

Copy to:

1. Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur and Hamirpur.
2. The Superintending Engineer, IPH Circle, Bilaspur.
3. PS to Addl. Chief Secretary(IPH) to the Govt. of H.P.

Special Secretary(IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Minutes of 2nd meeting of Project Evaluation Committee in respect of Changer Area Medium Irrigation Project, Bilaspur (HP) held under the Chairmanship of Shri Vineet Chawdhry, Addl.Chief Secretary (IPH) Govt. of H.P. on 15-3-2014 in Armsdale Committee room, H.P. Secretariat, Shimla.

Second meeting of the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) in respect of Changer Area Medium Irrigation Project, Bilaspur was held on 15-03-2014 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (IPH) to GoHP in the Armsdale Committee Room of H.P. Secretariat Shimla. **The list of participants is attached as Annexure-A.**

At the outset of the meeting, ACS (IPH) to the GOHP welcomed all the members/ participants as, some of the participants were new and explained the need for constituting the Project Evaluation Committee and objectives of the meeting. This was followed by a presentation made by the Member Secretary cum-SE(IPH) Bilaspur on the action taken on the decisions made earlier and progress made since the last meeting. **The presentation was based upon the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 1st meeting and decisions taken on 5th November 2013 in an internal meeting at Shimla.** It was followed by the discussion on various issues pertaining to the Changer MIP. After this, as decided in the first meeting, a presentation was made by SE (IPH) Hamirpur about proposed Nadaun MIP that will cover an area of 4815 ha of 137 villages in 20 Panchayats of Hamirpur district; once the project comes in to operation. It was also followed by the discussion.

The following major points were raised and discussed by the participants:-

- 1. Base Line Survey:** Dr. S.P.Sharma, CSKHPKVV Palampur informed that the presentation on the methodology to be adopted for base line survey for CMIP could not be made due to non supplying of format and guidelines of MoWR. However, after due consideration, it was felt that at this belated stage there is hardly any justification or relevance for baseline survey of CMIP after completion of the Project. So, Item was dropped.
- 2. Diversification of crops:** Dr. J.C. Rana , Director Agriculture stated that the SMS of the department has interacted with the farmers of the area on the diversification of crops to switch over from traditional crops to commercial crops. But, for this switching over to the envisaged cropping pattern in the Project Report, it will take a period of about 5 years. It was informed that during interaction with the farmers of the area, they demanded the water for irrigation within 2-3 days rotation during May & June to ensure life saving irrigation. While responding to this issue, IPH Department mentioned that Warabandi of the project is based upon 5-7 days cycle.

Thus for providing the water to farmers within 2-3 days rotation, need was felt to create water storage structures either individual or jointly through WUAs or through Agriculture Co-operative Societies. Tanks would be constructed through MGNREGs.

- 3. Linking of Water User Association (WUAs)/Krishi Vikas Sanghs(KVSs) with Agriculture Cooperative Societies:** Mr. R.D.Nazeem, Registrar Co-Operative Societies

H.P. intimated the participants that Bilaspur District is ICDP Project District and Department has organized the training camps to the farmers in the different villages of the Project Area. He suggested that a sub-committee can be constituted within respective already existing Co-operative Societies in the Project Area and these will look into the issues of inputs, transportation and marketing of the farm products among the farmers. It was deliberated by the participants that there are number of cooperative societies that are providing good credit facilities to farmers and have experience of working in the agriculture sector. Hence, the functions of WUAs/KVSs may be handed over/ transferred to cooperative societies. The agriculture Department shall identify and provide a list of Area/people/ beneficiaries interesting in vegetable growing in the Command Area of Changer MIP within 30 days and shall provide the same to the IPH Department. Assistant Registrar Co-operative Societies shall ensure that **WUAs activities are aligned with the activities of Co-operative department.**

- 4. Meeting of District Irrigation Committee:** SE, Bilaspur informed that meeting of DIC is being convened regularly by D.C. Bilaspur and three meetings have been taken place. A slide show on Revised Cropping pattern given by Agriculture Department and revised ATR by Horticulture Department in DIC meeting was made in presentation. Horticulture Department has prepared a project costing Rs. 360.00 lakh , covering CCA of 200 hect. under NWMI in which two Nos. Tube Wells are proposed to be constructed Director Horticulture further intimated the status of bore wells installed in the area and 172 No farmers trained in 2 No camps organized in the area. He submitted the action plan for the development of Horticulture in Changer Area w.e.f 2014-15 to 2016-17. The Chairman expressed his concerns since, the MIP is working in the area and water is being provided to the farmers, why are the Tube wells being proposed in the same area by the Horticulture Department. The Director Horticulture assured that these would be deleted.
- 5. Miscellaneous:** Executive Engineer, CMIP Bassi raised the issue of pending liabilities of Punjab Government amounting to about Rs. 1.00 crore and liabilities towards O&M due to less budget provision against these head of accounts. It was informed that the proposal for additional funds under O&M has been referred to Finance Department. In case, FD agrees sufficient funds will be allotted to liquidate some of liabilities. It was felt that since the project has been completed and CMIP Division having two sub divisions activities are under way so the steps need to be taken to deploy the surplus staff elsewhere.

Following decisions were taken about CMIP Bassi:-

1. The Baseline survey of CMIP is not required at this belated stage.
2. Cooperation Department would explore the possibility of linking of WUAs with Agriculture Co-op. Societies in the CMIP area and the farmers of the area would be approached for construction of tanks for individual or jointly by providing loan assistance from banks/cooperative bank or under MGNREGA so that water would be made available within 2-3 days rotation.

3. The agriculture Department shall identify and provide a list of Area/people/beneficiaries for vegetable growing in the Command Area of Changer MIP within 30 days to IPH Department & Registrar Co-operative Societies regarding issue discussed at serial number 2 above.
4. Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Departments would be inducted as Members of PEC.
5. Agriculture/Horticulture Department would organise the trainings to the farmers at project site and, trainings and demonstrations through UHF Solan either in University Campus or at local sites shall be organized by the UHF. More possibilities would be explored for adding oil seed crops by Agriculture Department.
6. SE Bialspur would raise demand for adjustment of pending liability with Punjab Govt. against the SNP dues from Punjab Govt. by submitting a separate proposal.
7. It shall be ensured by the Agriculture and Horticulture departments that wherever, irrigation project is working, **no new source of irrigation will be created** and they will pool their resources to dovetail their efforts for promoting diversity in crop raising by farmers by using the irrigation potential created by the IPH department. They may rather focus on water storage structures depending upon the availability of funds at their disposal.
8. It was also decided that keeping in view the workload in (IPH) division Bassi, EE and his office staff, AE to EE and one of the two sub-divisions shall be closed and relocated or after internalization of deployment of staff in other divisions and the **CMIP work and other activities in its territorial jurisdiction shall be looked after by remaining one sub-division and it shall be the part of Bilaspur Division.**

Nadaun MIP:

As decided in the first meeting, a presentation was made by the SE (IPH) Hamirpur about proposed Nadaun MIP that will cover an area of 4815 ha of 137 villages in 20 Panchayats of Hamirpur district; once the project comes in to operation.

Following decisions were taken about Nadaun MIP:-

1. **Base Line Survey:** CSKVV Palampur will submit a proposal for carrying out a Base Line Survey in the command area of Nadaun MIP clearly highlighting the methodology to be adopted, time frame and costing on the prescribed format of CWC by 30th April, 2014 and the format/guidelines of MoWR will be provided to the University by the SE Hamirpur immediately. The proposal will be submitted to Superintending Engineer IPH Hamirpur. The funding will be made by IPH Department from MIP Nadaun.
2. **Formation of District Level Irrigation Committee (DLIC):** Superintending Engineer IPH Circle, Hamirpur will get Distt. Level Irrigation Committee (DLIC) notified under the Chairmanship of D.C. Hamirpur with Distt. Level Officers of Horticulture, Fisheries, Co-operative, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Distt. Revenue

Officer, E.E. HPSEB Nadaun, EE IPH Hamirpur, Project Officer (Planning), Sub Divisional Soil Conservation Officers with Dy. Director Agriculture Hamirpur as Member Secretary. The DLIC shall hold its meeting at regular intervals in future to resolve the inter-departmental issues and to pool their resources for better implementation of CAD activities.

3. **CAD&WM estimates:** The estimate of CAD&WM would be made on pari-passu basis as per guidelines of MoWR for CADWM. And the same would be submitted immediately to GoI by the Hamirpur circle which shall include provisions for Extension services, Demonstration and Trainings of farmers as the issue was raised by Agriculture and Horticulture Deptt.
4. **Revised Cropping Pattern:** The revised cropping Patterns from Agriculture and Horticulture Deptt. will be obtained for the Nadaun MIP.
5. **The water storage tanks:** The water storage tanks for assured irrigation shall be constructed either from MGNREGA or other heads keeping in view residual head. It shall be ensured by the IPH Department that issue of compatibility for direct connectivity for micro-irrigation is taken care of in every irrigation project in flat areas.
6. Hamirpur District have good cooperatives, as such, Cooperation Department would explore the possibility of linking of WUA with Agriculture Co-op. Societies in the Nadaun area for taking WUA activities and the farmers of the area would be interacted for construction of tanks for individual or jointly by providing loan assistance from banks/cooperative bank or under MGNREGA so that water would be made available within 2-3 days.
7. The Agriculture Department shall identify and provide a list of Area/people/beneficiaries for vegetable growing in the Command Area of Nadaun area with in 30 days and, the IPH Department will thereafter take up the matter with the concerned Block to fund it under MGNREGA.
8. Horticulture Department will explore the possibilities of preparing a Project in the area so that proper utilization of water is ensured by focusing on the local horticultural potential of the area. Horticulture Department will initiate a proposal for utilization of fellow lands in both Medium Irrigation Projects and shall draw a strategy after interacting with the farmers of the area.
9. Agriculture Department will identify the scope of adding herbal species in cropping pattern based upon the species that are proposed to be grown and promoted in Spices Park at Naduan.
10. Chief Engineer, IPH (Hamirpur Zone) will take regular meetings to review the decisions of PEC (both Projects).

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to all the participants.

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1.	S/Sh R.D.Nazeem	Registrar Co-operative Societies
2.	Sushil Kapta	Spl. Secretary(IPH)
3.	R.K.Sharma	Engineer-in-Chief, IPH
4.	J.C.Rana	Director Agriculture
5.	Gurdev singh	Director Horticulture
6.	R.K.Kanwar	Chief Engineer, IPH, Hamirpur
7.	S.P.Sharma	Director Research, CSKHPKV, Palampur
8.	Dr. G.P.Upadhaya	Prof. & Head, SSWM, UHF, Solan
9.	Naveen Puri	SE, P&I-I, IPH
10.	Subhash Chaudhary	SE, IPH Circle Hamirpur
11.	R.K.Vermani	SE, IPH Circle, Bilaspur
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13.	K.K. Chadha	AE, CMIP Div. Bassi
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