



ABSTRACT

Groundwater – Implementation of Scheme on Artificial Recharge to Groundwater through Dugwells in the existing Dugwells of the farmers in the identified over exploited, critical and semi critical blocks with the Central Assistance through NABARD and Lead Banks – Constitution of District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee (DLIMC) and State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) - Orders – Issued.

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From the Director, Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi, Letter No. 11/6/2007 – GW (Vol. II), dated 06.12.2007, 04.01.2008 and 17.01.2008.

ORDER:

Keeping in view the concerns on the problems of over-exploitation of groundwater resources in the country and to ensure sustainable water resources management and assured irrigation facilities in the affected areas, the Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources, have formulated a scheme for “Artificial Recharge to Groundwater through Dugwells” for implementation in the existing Dugwells of the farmers in the identified areas of over-exploited, Critical and Semi-critical blocks in seven States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, at a total Project cost of Rs.1871.10 crores, with the subsidy component of Rs.1499.27 crores.

OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME:

The objective of the scheme is to recharge the existing dug wells using rainfall run-off from the agricultural fields to facilitate improvement in Groundwater situation in the affected areas which in turn will improve the overall irrigated agricultural

productivity and help in improving the quality of groundwater especially in the fluoride affected areas.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SCHEME:

- I. In Tamil Nadu, the scheme is to be implemented in 232 blocks categorized as over-exploited, critical and semi-critical.
 - II. The identified beneficiaries will be farmers having dug wells in their Agricultural land
 - III. 12,50,730 existing irrigation dug wells of the beneficiary farmers are to be taken for recharging groundwater. The unit cost for a dug well recharge is Rs.4,000/-
 - IV. The scheme provides for 100% subsidy to marginal (0-1 ha land holding) and small farmers (1-2 ha land holding) and 50% subsidy to other farmers (>2 ha land holding)
 - V. The subsidy amount is proposed to be disbursed by NABARD through the lead bank of the district concerned to the identified beneficiaries
 - VI. Pre and post project impact assessment studies would be carried out through reputed agencies/organizations.
1. For effective monitoring and implementation of the scheme, the Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources have issued guidelines. Accordingly they have requested for the constitution of a District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee (DLIMC) and State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) as a prerequisite for implementing the scheme. They have also requested to appoint a Nodal Department charged with overall responsibility for Planning, Execution and Monitoring of the scheme, to coordinate with the Central Groundwater Board, NABARD, DLIMC & SLSC.
 2. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources, and direct that (i) a State Level Steering Committee; and (ii) District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee be constituted with the following composition and terms of reference.

i. STATE LEVEL STEERING COMMITTEE:

S.NO	DETAILS OF THE OFFICERS	POSITION IN THE SLSC
1.	Chief Secretary to Government	Chairman
2.	Principal Secretary & Development Commissioner, Planning & Development Department	Member
3.	Secretary to Government, Public Works Department	Member
4.	Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9	Member
5.	Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9	Member
6.	Secretary to Government, Finance Department (or) his Representative	Member
7.	Secretary to Government, Environment and Forest Department, Chennai-9	Member
8.	The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Organisation and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai-5	Member
9.	The Chief General Manager, NABARD Regional Office	Member
10.	Convenor – State Level Bankers Committee	Member
11.	The Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Chennai-90	Member
12.	The Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department, Chennai - 35.	Member
13.	The Chief Engineer, SG&SWRDC, WRO, P.W.D., Chennai-113	Member-Secretary

II. TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- (a) To monitor physical and financial progress of the implementation of the Scheme
- (b) To ensure effective co-ordination amongst various District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committees and other stakeholders;

(c) To assess and evaluate the overall impact of the Scheme and submit its recommendation to the State Government

3. The State Level Steering Committee shall meet as often as required but shall meet at least once in a quarter. The quorum for the meeting would not be complete without the presence of the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board and the Chief General Manager, NABARD or their nominees.

III. DISTRICT LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING COMMITTEE:

Sl. No	Designation of the officers	Position in the DLIMC
1.	The District Collector concerned	Chairman
2.	Manager of Lead District Bank	Member
3.	District Development Manager/ Representative of NABARD	Member
4.	Representative of Financing Bank(s)	Member
5.	Representatives from Rural Development/Environment & Forest / Agriculture Department	Member
6.	Representative from Block Level Panchayat Raj Institutions (one for each block)	Member
7.	Non-officials (Representatives of beneficiary farmers)	Member
8.	Joint Director / Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Member
9.	Executive Engineer concerned of the State Ground and Surface Water Resources Data Centre Department	Member-Secretary
10.	Representative of Central Ground Water Board	Special Invitee

IV. TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- i) Planning, implementation of the scheme at district level in accordance with the guidelines of SLSC
- ii) To compile and forward the details of eligible/assisted beneficiaries to NABARD/State Government

- iii) To monitor the physical and financial progress of the project as per approved design and work scheme
- iv) To approve the proposals for release of funds submitted by the implementing agency
- v) To approve the completion and utilization certificates submitted by implementing agencies
- vi) To implement awareness and capacity building programme
- vii) To ensure effective coordination amongst all stakeholders

4. The Government also appoint the Chief Engineer, State Ground and Surface Water Resources Data Centre as the Nodal Officer in-charge and the State Ground and Surface Water Resources Data Centre of the Water Resources Department be the Nodal Department, which will have the following responsibilities:

- (i) To oversee the implementation of the scheme and coordinate with Central Groundwater Board and NABARD, SLSC & DLIMC
- (ii) To identify the beneficiaries
- (iii) To firm up the design of site specific recharge structures in consultation with the Central Ground Water Board
- (iv) To prepare the district-wise schemes in accordance with the guidelines for approval by DLIMC, SLSC and NABARD
- (v) To prepare action plans for awareness and capacity building programmes under the guidance of SLSC
- (vi) To periodically monitor physical and financial progress on monthly basis, assess the utilization of funds and recommend the release of balance funds, take up all remedial measures in case of non-utilization of funds

The Nodal Department will also furnish the physical and financial progress of the scheme to NABARD for onward transmission to Ministry of Water Resources. Utilization Certificates covering the physical verification of structures shall be

submitted by Nodal department to NABARD on monthly and quarterly basis. The financial and physical progress of the scheme in respect of various activities will be compiled by NABARD and submitted to Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Finance on monthly basis.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Regional Director, Central Groundwater Board,
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