

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

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No. DDP-2008/18632.—In pursuance of para 24 of Common Guidelines, 2008 for Watershed Development Projects, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to constitute the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) to sanction Watershed Projects for the State, review the programme and to provide mechanism to set up State Data Cell and implementation of the Watershed Development Projects within the parameters set out in these Guidelines:

The composition of the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) is as under :—

S. No.	Department/Organization	
1.	Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government Haryana, Rural Development Department	Chairperson
2.	Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government Haryana, Finance Department	Member
3.	Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government Haryana, Agriculture Department	Member
4.	Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government Haryana, Animal Husbandry Department	Member
5.	Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government Haryana, Forest Department	Member
6.	One representative from the Ministry of Rural Development Government of India	Member
7.	One representative from National Rainfed Area Authority	Member
8.	One representative from NABARD	Member
9.	Regional Director, Central Groundwater Board, Chandigarh	Member
10.	Two professional experts from CCSHAU, Hisar	Members
11.	One representative from Voluntary Organization	Member
12.	Director, Haryana Institute of Rural Development, Nilokheri	Member
13.	Director, Rural Development Department, Haryana	Member-Secretary

The main functions of the SLNA shall be to :—

- (1) Prepare a Perspective and Strategic Plan of Watershed Development for the State on the basis of Plans prepared at the Block and District level and indicate implementation strategy and expected outputs/outcomes, financial outlays and approach the Nodal Agency at the Central level for appraisal and clearance.

- (2) Establish and maintain a State Level Data Cell from the funds sanctioned to the State and connect it on-line with the National Level Data Centre.
- (3) Provide technical support to District Watershed Development Units (DWDU) through out the State.
- (4) Approve a list of independent institutions for Capacity Building of various stake holders within the State and work out the overall Capacity Building strategy in consultation with National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)/Nodal Ministry.
- (5) Approve Project Implementing Agencies identified/selected by DWDU/District Level Committees by adopting appropriate objective selection criteria and transparency systems.
- (6) Establish monitoring, evaluation and learning systems at various levels.
- (7) Ensure regular and quality on-line monitoring of Watershed Projects in the State in association with Nodal Agency at the Central level and securing feed back by development partnerships with independent and capable agencies.
- (8) Constitute a panel of independent Institutional Evaluators for all Watershed Projects within the State, get this panel duly approved by the concerned Nodal Agencies at the Central level and ensure that quality evaluations take place on a regular basis.
- (9) Prepare State Specific Process Guidelines, Technology Manuals etc. in coordination with the Nodal Ministry and NRAA and operationalize the same.

Other Terms

- (i) The Headquarters of the SLNA shall be at Chandigarh.
- (ii) The State Level Nodal Agency would have an independent bank account and Central assistance for SLNA shall be transferred directly to the account of SLNA.
- (iii) The State Level Nodal Agency shall be assisted by a Team of 4 to 7 professional experts selected by the SLNA either on deputation from the line departments or in case such experts are not available, they may be engaged on contract basis from the open market by a transparency process.
- (iv) The Funding Support for the SLNA and the State Level Data Cell shall come from the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- (v) The SLNA shall meet as per guidelines of Common Guidelines, 2008 for Watershed Development Projects.

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Government Haryana,
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