



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Western Ghat Development Programme
Implementation of Schemes-Detailed Operational Guideline
Modifications/Clarifications-Issued

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (E) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

In order to ensure the smooth implementation of Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP) in the field the following clarification of the detailed operational guidelines are issued with immediate effect.

- (1) The unit cost norms mentioned in (Para 3 (a) 1-Section-III) of the operational guidelines of WGDP are clarified as follows. The unit cost of Rs.7500/ per hectare given is only for the Soil Conservation component of Watershed Development Project. The maximum permissible subsidy is @ of Rs.7500/ hectare. All categories of people (SC/ST and non-SC/ST) can be allowed this rate of subsidy to promote soil and water conservation activities. Simple structures, earthen bunds with agrostological measures etc using low cost technology only are envisaged under the Soil Conservation Works in the Western Ghat Region. Subsidy for soil conservation works from WGDP funds would be limited to 80% of the subsidy amount. 10% of the subsidy amount may be met from the Plan Funds of the Grama Panchayat and remaining 10% may be mobilized as beneficiary contribution.
- (2) The Action Plan for the watershed project prepared by the Watershed Committee/Watershed Development Team, with the assistance of the Working Groups on Agriculture and allied sectors in the Grama Panchayat, have to be finally approved by the Watershed Grama Sabha. The Action Plan/Project approved by the Watershed Grama Sabha may be placed for formal approval of the Panchayat Committee. But the Panchayat Committee is not empowered to alter the priority and projects in the Action Plan once approved by the Watershed Grama Sabha without its consent. This clarification is issued on the functions of the Watershed Committee mentioned in Paragraph 5 (Section-II) of the existing Guidelines.
- (3) List of beneficiaries prepared by the Watershed Committee will have to be discussed in the Panchayat Committee and the Watershed Grama Sabha should do the final approval of the beneficiary list. This modification is added to Paragraph 13(2) (Section-III) of existing Guidelines.

- (4) The Watershed Committee will implement the Projects under WGDP with the assistance of the Programme Implementing Agency (PIA). The Watershed Committee will implement each component of the project approved by the Watershed Grama Sabha with technical assistance from the Departments/Agencies concerned. Works will be executed using low cost technology and also using local labour/manpower in all possible cases. The above clarifications are issued on Paragraph 13(1) (Section-III) of the existing Guidelines.
- (5) Display of Expenditure board on a daily basis at the sites and circulation of fund utilization statements to all the households within the watershed boundary every six months will be the duty of the PIA. In case of Grama Panchayat being the PIA for the project the above duty will be discharged by the Agricultural Officer who is the Convenor of the Watershed Committee. This clarification is issued on functions of the Watershed Committee mentioned in Paragraph 5 (Section-II) of the existing Guidelines.
- (6) In order to avoid unnecessary delay in transfer of WGDP funds to the Watershed Committee the following modification are issued on the flow of WGDP funds mentioned in paragraph 20 (2&3) of (Section-III) of the Guidelines. The District Collector will draw and credit the WGDP share of the project into the WGDP Project Account maintained by the Watershed Committee in a Nationalised Bank/Co-operative Bank under intimation to the Grama Panchayats concerned and also to the Western Ghat Cell. The Utilization Certificate for the WGDP will be obtained by the Grama Panchayat from the Watershed Committee/PIA and furnished to the DPO and to the Western Ghat Cell by 10th of every month.
- (7) The 10% share of the Grama Panchayat will have to be remitted in advance to the WGDP Project Account of the Watershed Committee for release of the first instalment of WGDP share for the project. This clarification is issued on the flow of WGDP funds mentioned in paragraph 20 (2&3) of Section-III) of the Guidelines.

By Order of the Governor

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