

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST GROUP OF KARNATAKA STATE

Regional Convention on PIM for WUA Presidents at Bangalore, September 2016

1. Government is now providing grants for the construction of Office cum Gowdown which is not adequate, it is recommended to enhance the grants for construction of Gowdown to Rs 10.00 lakh.
2. Government is currently providing one time functional grant at the rate of Rs 1200/ha, to the Water Users Cooperative Societies registered now, however the Water Users Cooperative Societies registered earlier are getting less than Rs 1200/ha, the representatives are of the opinion to extend the same assistance to the Water Users Cooperative Societies registered earlier.
3. Government should provide assistance under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the purpose of maintenance of FIC's and canal repair works.
4. Provide adequate training and capacity building programme for the members regularly.
5. Government should provide execution of all works like construction of FIC's, FD's, Ayacut road, CSD, SD and SSD, since the components also includes farmers' contributions. Works should not be given to the contractors, since most of the contractors does not carry out the works as per estimate and the quality of work is also poor. Transparency Act should not be made applicable to the Water Users Cooperative Societies for execution of these works since societies are registered by the Government and MOU is signed by the department.
6. Government should provide salary and allowance to the Secretaries and staff of the Water Users Cooperative Societies. If Government does not provide the salary and allowances, the Nigams may consider to pay the salary and allowances for the Secretary and to the staff of the Water Users Cooperative Societies.
7. Government shall have to formulate a separate PIM Act for the Water Users Cooperative Societies in the State. Presently the Irrigation Act 1965 and Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act 1959 are in operation.
8. CADA directorate must be strengthened or the Water Users Cooperative Societies should be handed over to the Nigams for regulating the activities.
9. State WALMI is defunct, it should be strengthened.
10. Societies at the minor, distributary, project and apex level should to strengthened.
11. Discrepancy in water rate collection should be sorted out between Irrigation Department and Revenue Department.

12. Micro irrigation systems (both drip and sprinkler) should be installed wherever the water deficiency arises.
13. Water Tanks coming in the area of the operation of Water Users Cooperative Societies should be considered for enrolment of beneficiaries as members of the society and Water Users Cooperative Societies should maintain these tanks.
14. Statutory powers is to be given to the office bears of Water Users Cooperative Societies for implantation of Act and Rules effectively which is on par with Panchayat Raj Act.
15. Progressive farmers and Water Users Cooperative Societies must be encouraged by awarding certificate and ward.
16. Compulsory implementation of soil health card and testing of soil in the command area to control leaching of soil.
17. To set up National Level PIM Institute for PIM.
18. To recruit multi-disciplinary graduates (like agriculture, rural development, economics) in to Water Resources Department for monitoring WUCS.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND GROUP OF TELANGANA AND ANDRA PRADESH STATE:

1. The two states are covered under APFMIS Act 1997. Separate Act should be applicable to both the states.
2. WUA's are proposed at Minor level, Distributary Committee are proposed at Middle level and Project Level Committee (Medium and Major) are proposed at the State level.
3. Elections: The elections to the post of WUA's President, it should be directly elected by the members of the Association. Whereas the Distributary Committee and Project Level Committee elections may be followed indirectly.
4. Tenure: Tenure of the President of Water Users Association, President of Distributary Committee, and President of Major and Medium Project should be for a minimum period of five years like Panchayat Raj Institutions.
5. Voters in the election must be the owner of the land (Pattedars)
6. Irrigation of land must be from first tail end to head reach and not from head reach to tail end.
7. Normal O and M works has to be entrusted to the WUA's up to Rs 10 lakhs.

Sufficient funds must be given for the O and M works. Present allocations funds is not sufficient.