

ANNEXURE – 10

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Western Ghat Development Programme- Strategy of Implementation During 10th Five Year Plan- Orders Issued-

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ORDER

Implementation of Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP) will be integrated to the decentralized Planning process of local governments now being institutionalized in the State. Accordingly the following changes would come into being with immediate effect in the organization and implementation of various under WGDP during 10th Five Year Plan Period.

(1) The sectoral Priority for investment under WGDP will as follows:

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| 1 | Watershed Development sector | 80 % |
| 2. | Forestry Sector | 10 % |
| 3. | Other Sector (Admin:Research, Training, M&E, etc) | 10 % |

(2) Separate provision for Livelihood Support Sector will be discontinued with effect from 2003-2004. This component will become part of the Programmes for integrated development of watersheds selected for treatment under WGDP. However Livelihood Support Sector will be implemented as a separate component during 2002-2003 for which 50% of the allocation will be provided to KUDUMBASREE and the remaining 50% to Panchayat Raj Institutions to implement suitable livelihood support/income generation activities of women self help groups in western ghat region.

3 Government will allot funds of Watershed Development Sector to the District Collectors for funding projects for integrated development of micro watersheds in western ghat region. Allocation of funds will be done on the basis of the following non-technical parameters with weightage as given in brackets.

Non Technical		
1.	Per hector investment	25%
2.	Per capita investment	20%
3.	SC/ST population	25%
4.	Area Under Western Ghats	20%
5.	Backwardness	10%

Technical		
1.	Stop	30%
2.	Infiltration	15%
3.	Erosion	15%
4.	Depth	21%
5.	Rainfall	6%
6.	Land cover	13%

- 4 While allocating WGDP funds for individual projects the District collector will give first priority for completion of ongoing watershed and implement it in the revised pattern with the investment pf Panchayat Raj Institutions/NGOs. List of ongoing projects would be finalized at the district.
- 5 The District level-co-ordination committee under the District Collector will approve the list of individual WGDP projects of Panchayat Raj Institutions/NGOs WGDP from the district proposed to be included in the WGDP Annual Action Plan of the State. Request for project assistance will be limited to the eligible allocation for the district.
- 6 In order to ensure the active involvement of Panchayat Raj Institutions and NGOs in WGDP activities in the state at least 50% each of the eligible allocation for the district will be earmarked foe funding projects with Panchayat Raj Institutions and reputed NGOs as programme Implementation Agencies.
- 7 A participatory and cost approach of watershed Communities, Beneficiaries, Government Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Panchayat raj Institutions (PRIs) etc. is envisaged in the implementation of watershed based activities under WGDP.
- 8 The essential institutional arrangements for programme implementation under WGDP would b e Watershed Committee, Self help Groups (SHGs), Programmer Implanting Agencies (PIA) and the Watershed Development Team (WDT)
- 9 Allocation of funds for footbridges under WGDP will be limited to projects for construction/maintenance of footbridges in inaccessible/tribal areas.
- 10 Proposals for forest based and research activities in western ghat region will continue to be handled at state level on grounds of easy co-ordination of programme implementation.
- 11 Participatory Forest Management activities suited for eco restoration and eco preservation will be emphasized under the forest component of WGDP during 10th plan. Eco-tourism promoting tribal culture and heritage will be another priority area in forest sector. The Departments of Forest Eco-Tourism and the Kerala Forest Department Corporation (KFDC) will be entrusted with the implementation of SGDP activities in forest sector.
- 12 Research projects will be limited to areas of priority problems like biodiversity conservation, adaptive research, socio-economic evaluation etc.
- 13 Appropriate technologies for water harvesting especially rainwater harvesting in watersheds will be made an integral component of a watershed management project funded under WGDP.
- 14 The Western Ghat Cell in Planning Department will co-ordinate the implementation of Integrated development of one “Model Micro Watershed” with the active partnership of Watershed Communication, PRIs, Line Departments, NGOs, Universities, Research Organizations and Experts in the field. The basic objective would be the development of a model watershed for the state under WGDP.

- 15 Separate fund provision will be allowed in projects for Entry Point activities/Common programmes, PRA, Documentation and Publicity for WGDP activities in the state.
- 16 WGDP funds 2002-2003 received from Planning Commission will be allotted for programme in the following order priority;
 1. Spill over commitments of ongoing WGDP projects.
 2. Model Watershed Project (Amachal) of Western Ghat Cell.
 3. Projects for Construction of Footbridges in accessible tribal areas.
 4. Forest sector projects and research projects
 5. Ongoing watershed development projects
 6. New projects for watershed development
- 17 The District Collectors will finish the list of projects proposed to be included in the WGDP Annual Action Plan of the State along with a copy of the project report to Government. Sector-wise indication of financial and physical targets and a clear activity calendar must be furnished in the project reports prepared by the Programme Implementing Agencies.
- 18 The programme Implementing Agencies will take the responsibility for the timely and effective utilization of funds placed at their disposal.
- 19 The PIA will conduct awareness training for the watershed community and other related agencies for ensuring people's involvement in various activities in the watershed.
- 20 The progress of implementation of WGDP projects should be reviewed in the meeting of PRIs and the DLCC. A mid term appraisal of programme implementation should be done by the District Collector personally and the report submitted to Government for further necessary action. The District Planning Officer/Deputy Planning Officer/Research Officer should conduct at least one inspection every month. A copy of the Inspection report should be furnished to Government on time. The state level monitoring of programme implementation and field inspection of WGDP activities will continue to be undertaken by officials attached to the Western Ghat Cell of Planning Department.
- 21 Government is due course will issue detailed guidelines for implementation of WGDP.

By order of the Governor

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