

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COORDINATING OFFICERS OF IAY HELD
ON 13/04/2015 AT BANGALORE

Welcoming the participants Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Principal Secretary (Housing), Government of Karnataka mentioned that keeping in view the Government of India's decision regarding 'Housing for all by 2022' there is need to review the allocation of funds, selection of beneficiaries, appropriate technology, etc. He had mentioned that Government of Karnataka initiated a number of new schemes under the aegis of Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation and the State Government has registered 16 lakh beneficiaries on their own for rural housing programme. In addition to Indira Awaas, State Government has their own housing scheme also. The State Government has also established Nirmithi Kendras to promote cost effective and energy efficient innovative technology and building material for construction of rural housing.

JS (SA) welcomed the participants and mentioned that from the financial year 2015-16 there will be a change in the fund sharing pattern. He reviewed the unspent balances available with the States as per online reports as on 31/03/2015. States responded with their latest balances available and were directed to monitor the funds lying unspent at the block and Gram Panchayat levels.

JS appreciated progress made by all the four States' in terms of registration of beneficiaries for 2015-16. It was also discussed that there should be provision to set rolling targets under the scheme to make resource use more efficient and to avoid delays in implementation. It was also emphasised that targets for a 3-5 year period would help States to plan in advance.

The physical progress under IAY since 2012-13 as reported in the MIS was discussed. State Government's of Kerala and Tamil Nadu were asked to update the completion of houses on the MIS by uploading the final photograph. In case of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka where data porting was being followed in the last two years, it was decided that development of web services for real time data transfer from their respective State software to AwaasSoft needs to be done.

The State Governments accepted that their vendors would build such services in consultation with NIC team. It was decided to hold meetings between the software vendor/technical teams of these States with NIC through video conferencing at the earliest.

Convergence of NREGA with IAY was reviewed. Tamil Nadu and Kerala submitted that they were able to provide for the unskilled wage component in house construction from NREGA. The same was being ensured that NREGA monitoring teams but States were not sure if all houses received the mandated maximum possible benefit of 90 days. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana submitted that they had given serious consideration to the task in the previous year and would take it up in 2015-16. It was decided that since the convergence with NREGA ensured substantial additional resources for IAY beneficiaries States have to ensure that all beneficiaries get the benefit of 90 days. To ensure that States must enter the Job Card numbers.

Convergence with SBM was also discussed; States were directed to ensure the utilisation of funds under SBM for all IAY beneficiaries. States were also directed to capture the NREGA Job Card numbers and SBM Unique ID in AwaasSoft alongwith other details of the beneficiary in order to monitor such convergence. States requested for provision to draw information regarding beneficiary bank account, Aadhaar number etc from NREGASoft in order to avoid entry of the same details twice in different programmes. JS agreed to draw the information if NREGA Job Card number is provided.

The use of PFMS platform for fund transfer to beneficiary starting 1st April, 2015 was discussed. A presentation on the pre-requisites for moving to PFMS was made by NIC representative Mr. Ajay More. The need to have a centralised bank account at the State level was emphasised and decided upon. Other hassles that could arise in using such a system were discussed and States were directed to ensure smooth transition.

The need for preparation of waitlist under IAY was discussed and State Governments were requested to furnish their comments regarding criteria suggested by Ministry for use of SECC data for the purpose of beneficiary selection.

Use of administrative fund received under IAY in the last two years was discussed. States submitted that they have been able to expend the funds but have not reported them on AwaasSoft. The States were directed to furnish separate UC and AR for the administrative funds from the current financial year onwards.

Director(RH) mentioned about the pending C & AG audit paras to the State government and requested them to expedite their reply and action taken so that the reply is submitted to the audit.

Following these discussions, Government of Karnataka made a presentation on the innovations made by Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation in implementation of rural housing. Geo-information based monitoring system was explained in detail by the State Government to the delegates. Another presentation on the Nirmithi Kendras in the State of Karnataka was made. The fact that these centres have made sustainable profits and their role in production of energy efficient eco friendly material for construction of houses was highlighted.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.