

Minutes of the meeting held on 6.5.2013 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (Rural Development) to finalise targets for Indira Awaas Yojana for the year 2013-14

List of participants is annexed.

Joint Secretary (SA) welcomed the participants and made a presentation on the salient features of IAY guidelines. Details regarding the unit cost enhancements, the composition and functions of the Empowered Committee (EC), the provision of reserve fund for special projects, the promotion of alternate technologies in rural housing, identification of difficult areas by States and the provision of Administrative cost were highlighted. The allocation methodology adopted for the current year was discussed in detail, followed by the procedure to be adopted for release of first and second instalments. The need to use AwaasSoft for implementation of the scheme was emphasised. The importance of capacity building, creation of support systems and facilitation for supplementary resource mobilisation were reiterated.

Hon'ble Minister informed the State representatives about the methodology adopted to determine State-wise targets under Indira Awaas Yojana for the year 2013-14. He further mentioned that, pending SECC report the formula adopted was worked using 2001 census figures. The Hon'ble Minister also mentioned about the changes in the proposed IAY guidelines.

Secretary (RD) explained that the target for current year is 24.8 lakh houses in accordance with earlier practice of bring it to the BE of the year. However, the system would undergo change since the time period of completion would be two years. As such separate targets for sanction and for completion would be issued shortly. Secretary (RD) further mentioned that the states should be ready with the necessary exercise to meet any additional target as a result. The State/UT-wise additional targets were also circulated to the States

during the meeting. It was added that the release of first installments would be processed after the district wise targets are approved by the EC.

AS (RD) elaborated on the rationale of distribution of statewide targets, made in proportion to the population of SC, ST, minority and others (as per 2001 census). The state governments were requested to prepare the district wise targets on similar lines and communicate the same to the EC in the Ministry, so that targets can be finalised. State wise targets were circulated in the meeting and comments were invited from the State/UT's. Further, states were requested to submit their comments/suggestions, if any, on the proposed targets. West Bengal, Goa, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Bihar, Orissa, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh have conveyed their concurrence to the targets fixed by the Ministry for the year 2013-14.

It was further reiterated that AwaasSoft will be the major tool for monitoring of implementation of the programme in the coming days. Hence, the States were requested to ensure preparedness. It was decided that any problems faced in operationalising AwaasSoft should be solved at the earliest.

SS & FA mentioned about the process for availing first/second instalments by the DRDAs from financial perspective. She mentioned about ensuring adequate checks and balances in the fund flow mechanism and programme implementation. The issue of relaxation of conditionalities for release of funds by the IFD was also highlighted. She discussed the need to read the economy instructions along with the IAY guidelines.

The Hon'ble Minister thereafter discussed the status of fund releases in response to request from State/UT's in 2012-13 and the following directions were given:-

1. *Issue of sanction order for the proposals revalidated by IFD for release of second instalment 2012-13.*

2. *Proposals submitted to the IFD in 2012-13 but not concurred by IFD due to paucity of funds should be re-submitted to IFD.*
3. *Proposals where deductions were made due to excess carry over in 2012-13 should be re-submitted to IFD for restoration of cuts.*
4. *States/districts who have not submitted the proposals for second instalment in 2012-13 (Punjab and Gujarat) if submitted should be submitted to IFD for concurrence.*
5. *The first meeting of Empowered Committee under the proposed guidelines should be held on 10th May, 2013 for the state.*
6. *The states were directed to finalise and communicate the district wise targets to the Ministry before the meeting.*
7. *Start processing for release of 1st instalment once targets are approved.*

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.