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*My dear Mamatachidi -*

1. You may be aware that the modified scheme of Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) is being funded by the Department of Land Resources since 2009-10. Under this programme, enhanced cost norm of Rs. 12000 per ha. for plain areas and Rs. 15000 per ha. for hilly & difficult areas is shared in the ratio of 90:10 between Centre & State. Accordingly, a target of Rs.2.00 lakh ha., Rs.3.2 lakh ha. and Rs.3.29 lakh ha. for development under IWMP for 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-2012 respectively have been allocated to West Bengal. However, the scheme has not taken off in West Bengal so far.

2. The Government of West Bengal was requested to set up State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA), a dedicated institution for implementation of IWMP in the State as per the guidelines vide this Department's letter of even number dated 9.8.2008. After continuous persuasion by Department of Land Resources, Government of West Bengal constituted SLNA in the State Department of Agriculture in January, 2010. However, independent bank account for SLNA was not provided by the State for release of institutional funds of central assistance to SLNA. In the process, it was noticed that the SLNA constituted by the State Government is not as per the Guidelines. Accordingly, the Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal was requested to constitute SLNA as per the Guidelines vide this department's letter dated 20.5.2011. More than 3 months have elapsed and no information in this regard from State Government has been received in my Ministry. Due to this, my Ministry is unable to release funds for institutional support to the State of West Bengal under the scheme.

3. Regarding proposals for implementation of IWMP in the West Bengal, neither State Perspective and Strategic Plan (SPSP) nor Preliminary Project Reports (PPRs) required for implementation of IWMP have been received in the Ministry.

4. In view of the above, I request you to kindly direct the officers concerned to constitute SLNA as per guidelines and submit the SPSP & PPRs immediately so that the benefits of the IWMP can be extended to the State of West Bengal.

*Warm personal*  
With regards,  
*Jairam Ramesh*

Yours sincerely,

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