



D.O. NO. S-21011/3/2011-DDP(IAP

22nd September, 2011

My dear Nitishbaba -

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 norms 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 and State. **Accordingly, a target of Rs.1.30 lakh ha., Rs.2.11 lakh ha. and Rs.2.11 lakh ha. for development under IMWP for 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-2012 respectively have been allocated to Bihar. However, the scheme has not taken off in Bihar so far.**

2. The State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA), Bihar, a dedicated institution for implementation of IWMP [The Joint Secretary-cum-Director, Soil Conservation-cum- Chief Executive Officer (BWDS), Government of Bihar] has submitted draft State Perspective & Strategic Plan (SPSP) of Bihar and Preliminary Projects Reports (PPRs) for IWMP projects in 10 districts of Bihar covering an area of 176564.38 ha against the allocated target area of 2.11 lakh ha for IWMP projects for the year 2010-11 vide letter dated 17.01.2011.

3. As the PPRs were not as per the prescribed format, the SLNA vide letter dated 08.02.2011 was requested to furnish revised PPRs in the prescribed format. The revised PPRs from SLNA, Bihar are still awaited despite reminders dated 29.10.2010, 03.03.2011 & 12.09.2011.

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4. Further, I would like to inform you that in a National Workshop on Appropriate Development Strategies for Effective Implementation of Rural Development Schemes in IAP Districts on 13th September, 2011, it was decided that the IWMP programme will be extended to all IAP districts. Out of 7 IAP districts of Bihar, 5 districts namely, Aurangabad, Gaya, Jamui, Nawada & Rohtas were included in the proposals furnished by the State as mentioned in para 2 above. The remaining 2 IAP districts of Arwal and Jehanabad were not included in the proposal submitted above and a proposal for these districts is to be furnished by the State Government.

5 In view of the above, I request you to kindly direct the officers concerned to submit the revised PPRs including Arwal & Jehanabad districts at the earliest so that the benefits of the IWMP can be extended to the State of Bihar.

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With regards,
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Yours sincerely,
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