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Minutes of the meeting held on Ground Water - Energy-Agriculture Nexus

A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture on 26/08/2018 with TTL, World Bank, Mr. Satya Priya, World Bank Consultant and Project Director, RACP.

In this meeting detailed discussions were held regarding proposed diagnostic study of **Ground Water - Energy-Agriculture Nexus**. The minutes of the meeting are enclosed herewith for information and further necessary action.

Enclosed: As above.

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1. Sr. D.S. to Chief Secretary, Jaipur.
2. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Jaipur.
3. Managing Director, Jaipur Vidhyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Jaipur.
4. Managing Director, Ajmer Vidhyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Ajmer.
5. Dr. Edward W. Bresnyan, Sr. Agriculture Economist, TTL, World Bank, RACP.
6. P.A. to P.D. RACP, Jaipur.

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As directed by the Chief Secretary in response to letter from Dr. Edward W. Bresnyan, Senior Agriculture Economist, TTL from WB for RACP, a meeting was held on 26/08/2018 in under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture in her office chamber. The meeting was attended by Dr. Edward W. Bresnyan, Senior Agriculture Economist World Bank and TTL, RACP; Mr. Satya Priya, World Bank & Dr. Om Prakash Project Director, RACP.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members attending the meeting. Mr Satya Priya appraised the house about the proposed **Diagnostic Study** on Groundwater-Energy-Agriculture Nexus in two ground water clusters of RACP i.e. Sangod in Kota district and Pisangan in Ajmer district. The focus of the study is to consult farmers and other stakeholders to understand their perspective on the nexus between groundwater and agriculture, water-use efficiency of crops currently grown, binding constraints in using water-conserving approaches in agriculture e.g. micro-irrigation technology and shifting to less water-intensive crops, and community approaches in adopting water budgeting.

The study team would use the excellent data already available in the cluster-level CACPs, collaborate with the NGOs working in rural livelihood areas in Rajasthan, and **prepare some prototypes** for consultations with the farmers. An NGO or consultant with expertise and experience in community engagement, preferably in Rajasthan, would be hired to manage the process of consultations with and participation of farmers and other stakeholders to develop an inventory of potential solutions to shift the groundwater-agriculture nexus toward sustainability.

The outcome of consultations, broad agreements reached on diagnostics and suggested solutions, would be presented in a report that should include a description of the consultation techniques used, analysis of the consultation process, and the communication material used for consultations. Upon agreement with State Govt. the study will be translated as pilots under the ongoing World Bank projects in the State.

This study is funded by the World Bank Executed Trust Funds amounting USD 150,000 and will be conducted during July 2018 to July 2019.

He requested the Chair that PMU, RACPMIS may be allowed to assist the World Bank team in conducting this study which include co-ordination with Agriculture, Ground Water and Power department of Government of Rajasthan, providing already available data of these ground water clusters with RACP etc.

The Chair agreed with the Bank request and directed PD, RACP to extend support to the team to conduct the study and also make it an agenda point for upcoming Steering Committee meeting of RACPMIS, which is going to be held on 04/09/2018, under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, to include Managing Directors of Jaipur & Ajmer Vidhut Vitran Ltd as special invitee of Executive Committee meeting of RACPMIS as unlike the Agriculture and Ground Water department, Power department is not one of the line department under RACP.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.



(Neelkamal Darbari IAS)
Additional Chief Secretary
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1. Sr. D.S. to the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur.
2. P.S. to Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur
3. Dr. Edward W. Bresnyan, Senior Agriculture Economist, TTL ,RACP
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