

Project Approach for Watershed Development

40. Initial sanction of Watershed Development Project is only indicative of watershed development projects, physical target and financial outlay. The detailed action plan in the form of an integrated project has to be prepared by the WDT in consultation with the Watershed Community. Community Organization is an important component; at the same time technical requirement and feasibility of appropriate biophysical measures are to be carefully worked out for long-term sustainable interventions for the entire area of the watershed. The action plan should specify among others, the following:

- (i) Pre-set deliverable output;
- (ii) Elaborate road map with definite milestones;
- (iii) Definite time frame for each activity;
- (iv) Technological interventions;
- (v) Specific success criteria; and a
- (vi) Clear Exit Protocol.

After the detailed action plan is approved by the ZP/DRDA, it would be the responsibility of the PIA to get the same implemented through the Watershed Committees with the active involvement of WDT members.

Convergence of Programmes

41. As the Watershed Development Programme aims at holistic development of people and natural resources, the convergence of all other non-land based programmes of Government of India, particularly those of the Ministry of Rural Development would enhance the ultimate output and lead to sustainable economic development of village community. The ZP/DRDA, therefore, shall take all possible measures to ensure convergence of other programmes of Ministry of Rural Development such as the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP)