

53. The Watershed Development Fund shall not be a one time measure but organic in nature. Development Fund Contribution in respect of community property may come from Village Panchayat also. Contribution to this fund will keep on accruing even after the project period is over, by way of the charges paid by the community for use of assets generated in the project e.g. water for irrigation, fuel wood, fodder etc. Contribution to this fund can be in cash or in the form of labour.

54. In case, no separate institutional arrangement is done by the ZP/DRDA for post project management, Chairman, WC and secretary will operate this account jointly. The individuals as well as charitable institutions should be encouraged to contribute generously in the Watershed Development Fund. The proceeds of this fund shall be utilized in maintenance of assets created on Community land/for common use after completion of project period. Works taken up for individual benefits shall not be eligible for repair/maintenance out of this fund.

Monitoring and Review

55. The PIA shall submit progress reports on each of the Watershed Development Projects once in every quarter to the ZP/DRDA. Similarly, each Watershed Committee shall submit a quarterly report to the PIA after it is scrutinized and approved by the WDT. The State Governments shall be responsible for regular monitoring and evaluation of watershed development programmes through independent evaluators. The Ministry of Rural Development may also appoint independent institutions/individuals to carry out concurrent as well as post-project evaluations/impact studies of the Watershed Development Projects.

56. The services of identified district-level and State-level Institutes may also be utilized for establishing a partnership relationship with District Authorities/State Governments. These identified Institutes will assist in generating information/feedback based on 'observations' taken of the projects at prescribed points of time. They will also