



Government of West Bengal  
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Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Head of Forest Force  
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Dated : 08.04.2018

To : 1. Shri S.P. Yadav, IFS, CCF, Central Circle.  
2. Shri S.S. Dey, IFS, CCF, Western Circle.  
3. Shri S. Choudhuri, IFS, CCF, South West Circle.  
4. Shri Kalyan Das, IFS, CCF, South East Circle.

Sub : **Jalairtha Scheme.**

Ref : This office memo No. 7929/P&S(P)/3D-685/15 dated 01.11.2017.

Sirs,

Please refer to the communication quoted above wherein you were requested to identify new sites for implementation of Jalairtha Project in your respective territorial jurisdiction. However, most of the DFOs took considerable longer time to identify the new locations of Jalairtha Project. Finally in the financial year 2017-18 we could complete a list of more than 100 locations identified by the DFOs and submitted the same to the Irrigation Department, for their concurrence. The Irrigation Department also took time and finally gave approval for only about 30 locations in Phase-III in the districts of Purulia, Bankura, Paschim Medinipur, Birbhum and Jhargram. In the FY 2018-19 a total of about Rs. 40.665 crores was sanctioned for implementation of schemes under Phase-III and balance work of Phase I & II. The undersigned hoped that all balance works of Phase I & II be completed within March, 2018, the progress of work and utilization of fund seems to be very poor i.e. only about Rs. 13.148 crores was utilized which is only about 32% utilization.

As you are aware that Jalairtha Scheme is one of the Flagship Schemes of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the same is being monitored very closely. The Forest Department has already expressed their anguish for poor utilisation of fund the FY 2017-18. This year the Directorate received an amount of Rs. 50.00 crores under the scheme.

For successfully implementing this project in forest areas in the districts of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura, Purulia and Birbhum, the following actions are required to be undertaken immediately.

1. Complete the project which has already been sanctioned, by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018.
2. Identify suitable sites within forest areas for check dams, which can be built during the current financial year.

3. Take the help of Irrigation & Waterways Department of the districts in indentifying the locations.
4. After identifying the locations, a report should be sent to this office within a fortnight so that the identified sites can be sent to Irrigation & Waterways Department for their technical approval.
5. After the technical approval of the sites by the Irrigation & Waterways Department at the State Headquarters the information will be sent to the respective Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) with a direction to start preparing the DPR for identified and approved locations positively by **31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018**.
6. The DPR must be technically vetted by the Irrigation & Waterways Department of the Districts.
7. After vetting of the DPR, the same should be sent to the Directorate Headquarters for getting it approved from the appropriate authority. The DFOs are directed to simultaneously float the tender for construction of check dams when they send the DPR to this office for approval. The tender must be floated by **31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018**.
8. After the DPR is approved by the appropriate authority, the Work Order must be issued by **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018** and the construction of work of the check dams must be completed by **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019**.

All the DFOs, jurisdiction of which as mentioned above, should immediately start identifying the sites for the Check Dams and submit their reports within a fortnight to this office in the prescribed proforma, which is annexed with this letter. The last date of submission of report is **5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018**.

This should be given TOP MOST PRIORITY.

Yours faithfully,



(N. K. Pandey)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force, West Bengal.

Encl. : Proforma for submission of new sites.



