

Jharkhand State Watershed Mission- State Level Nodal Agency

“A watershed is a geo hydrological unit or an area that drains at a common point” or “Watershed is a manageable geo hydrological unit which covers the area starting from the highest point of the area (Ridge line) to the outlet or natural stream.”

State level Nodal Agency under the department of Rural development has been registered under the societies registration act, 1860 on 17.07.2009. The main purpose and objective of JSWM-SLNA is to implement the watershed in the State of Jharkhand.

Functions & Objective of the SLNA will be to:

- a. Prepare a perspective and strategic plan of watershed development for the state on the basis of plans prepared at the block and district Level and indicate implementation strategy and expected Outputs/outcomes, financial outlays and approach the Nodal Agency at the central level in the Department for appraisal and clearance.
- b. Establish and maintain a state level data cell from the funds sanctioned to the States, and connect it online with the National Level Data Centre.
- c. Provide technical support to District Watershed Development Units (DWDU) throughout the state.
- d. Approve a list of independent institutions for capacity building of various stakeholders within the state and work out the overall capacity building strategy in consultation with NRAA/Nodal Ministry.
- e. Approve Project Implementing Agencies identified/selected by DWDU/District Level Committee by adopting appropriate objective selection criteria and transparent systems.
- f. Establish monitoring, evaluation and learning systems at various levels (Internal and external/independent systems).
- g. Ensure regular and quality on-line monitoring of watershed projects in the state in association with Nodal Agency at the central level and securing feedback by developing partnerships with independent and capable agencies.
- h. Constitute a panel of Independent Institutional Evaluators for all watershed projects within the state; get this panel duly approved by the concerned Nodal Agencies at the central level and ensure that quality evaluations take place on a regular basis.
- i. Prepare State Specific Process Guidelines, Technology Manuals etc in coordination with the Nodal Ministry/ NRAA and operationalise the same.
- j. The Funding support for the State Level Nodal Agency and the state level data cell will come primarily from the budget of the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development after suitable review of the existing staff and infrastructure already available and actual requirement. It may also receive support from other Institutes and Agencies both national and international, corporate entities, and such other organizations which seek to support

programmes on watershed mode. Each State Level Nodal Agency and state level data cell will be provided with an initial capital grant to meet establishment costs and a recurring grant per annum to meet its annual expenses. The actual amount would depend upon the level of staff and infrastructure already available and the actual requirement. Till such time, SLNA is set up, the existing arrangement regarding sanctioning of project and flow of fund will be continued. However, all out efforts should be made by the States to Set up SLNAs within a period of 6 months.

Development Commissioner is the Chairman of Governing Body, State Level Nodal Agency-Jharkhand State Watershed Mission. At present, **Shri Amit Khare, IAS** is the Chairman of Governing Body, SLNA-JSWM.



Secretary, RDD is the Chairman of the Executive committee, State Level Nodal Agency- Jharkhand State Watershed Mission. At present **Shri N. N. Sinha, IAS** is the Chairman of Executive Committee, SLNA



Chief Executive Officer is the Member Secretary State Level Nodal Agency-Jharkhand State Watershed Mission. At present, Shri. B. Nijalingappa, IFS is The CEO of SLNA-JSWM. **Shri B.Nijalingappa**, Joined as CEO on 11th March 2010 in SLNA-JSWM.

