

Innovative Measures being implemented under the scheme PMKSY

- The arrangement of funds for Central share/Assistance (CA) has been made through NABARD as per year-wise requirements which would be paid back in 15 years' time keeping a grace period of 3 years. Further, the State Governments, if required, may also borrow funds from NABARD for the State Share.
- In respect of State share, the Government has allowed NABARD to raise zero cost bonds, the interest of which shall be borne by the Central Government so that overall interest rate for State share comes to about 6% so as to make it attractive for the States and encourage them to raise requisite State share for early completion of projects.
- The progress of the projects in physical as well as financial terms is monitored through the field units of Central Water Commission. Further, one nodal officer for each of the 99 priority projects has been identified who would be updating the physical and financial progress of the project regularly in the MIS developed for this purpose.
- Monitoring through MIS system and third party is being carried out.
- Maximize use of pressurized pipe irrigation and micro irrigation wherever feasible would be adopted to increase efficiency. In Odisha & Maharashtra, land acquisition of 2970 ha & 2060 ha respectively has been avoided in distribution system by adopting underground Piped Distribution (PDN) and appx. cost saving is Rs. 1050 cr. Other States are also sensitised for adopting the same approach
- Pari-passu implementation of Command area development works in the commands of these projects is envisaged to ensure that the Irrigation Potential Created could be utilized by the farmers. New Guidelines bringing focus on Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) have been brought out. Further, transfer of control and management of irrigation system to the Water Users' Association (WUA) has been made necessary condition for the acceptance of CADWM completion.