

Brief Proceedings of the Fifth National Workshop on PM-KUSUM Scheme

The Fifth National Workshop on PM -KUSUM was held on 05.09.2022 at Atal Akshaya Urja Bhawan. The meeting was attended by representatives from State Implementing Agencies, Banks, and officials from MNRE.

2. The session started with the opening remarks and welcome address from MNRE, followed by the State-wise review of the PM-KUSUM Implementation Status. During the session, the SIA representatives updated their current status of implementation and their procedure of execution.

Key highlights:

- i. SIAs were requested to simplify the application procedure for the PM-KUSUM scheme and same to be uploaded on the respective SEDM/Central portals for public information.*
- ii. SIAs were requested to submit the Project Completion Report along with RMS integration for the systems installed under Phase -I of the Scheme at the earliest.*
- iii. SIAs were requested to do rigorous checks to ensure compliance of guidelines and specifications, and quality of the systems being installed.*
- iv. On the issue of financing, SIAs were asked to discuss the issues with the banks at the local level.*
- v. New procedure for fund flow under Central Schemes was explained to the participants.*

3. A session on Documentation and compliances under PM-KUSUM scheme was taken by MNRE.

Key highlights:

- i. The complete process of implementation of all the components of the scheme was explained to the participants.*
- ii. SIAs were requested to submit the completion information in correct formats and follow the procedures given in the Implementation Guidelines.*
- iii. Further SIAs were provided with information on plant capacity assessment in FLS.*

4. The afternoon session was started with presentation by M/s HKAPL on the PM-KUSUM web portal and Android-based application.

Key highlights:

- i. Various features of the Android application and web portal were demonstrated to the SIAs.*
- ii. Stakeholder's responsibilities with respect to the SEDM platform/PM-KUSUM App were explained.*
- iii. The issues in integration of Remote Monitoring System (RMS) and possible measures for rectification were also discussed.*

5. An interactive session between SIAs and Banks on the financing under the component- 'A' & 'C' of the PM-KUSUM was held.

Key highlights:

- i. *Issues such as collateral requirements, variable interest rates, and margin money for financing the projects were discussed.*
- ii. *It was proposed to conduct a separate session with banks on the issues post launch of standard lending guidelines by SBI. IBA was requested to recirculate the lending guidelines to all the banks.*
- iii. *It was further suggested that awareness among bank officials can aid the faster implementation.*

6. KREDA demonstrated Community led Irrigation of 41 Hp solar water pumping system and its impact on the local community in Kargil District.

7. Presentation on Best Practices in the installation of solar pumps was done by GSES.

Key highlights:

- i. *Calculation of pump capacity and head was explained to the participants.*
- ii. *Precautions and standard processes during SPV water pumping system installation were detailed.*

8. A session to overcome the challenges faced by states in the implementation of Components - A & C was taken by International Institute for Sustainable Development.

Key highlights:

- i. *Challenges faced by stakeholders in implementation of Component 'A' and feeder solarization under Component 'C' and possible solutions were discussed*
- ii. *Benefits of Components 'A' and 'C' were presented based on IISD's estimates.*

9. A concluding session on Agrivoltaics was presented by Young Professionals, MNRE, where an overview of the Agrivoltaics concept and its current status was discussed.

The Workshop concluded with vote of thanks to the participants.