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Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, Bangalore.

Evaluation of Land Purchase and Land Allotment Scheme for landless Scheduled Tribe women during the years 2009-10 to 2013-14. Evaluation done by Indian Resources Information and Management Technologies Ltd.(IN-RIMT), through Karnataka Evaluation Authority. Evaluation report received on 04.07.2017.

LAND PURCHASE SCHEME


Short term	
1 Slow process of implementation due to non-availability of land in southern Karnataka is common. The Corporation should give wide publicity in local newspapers and through media in advance and wherever lands are available, made purchases and make a land bank so, that could be allotted to new applicants. In Northern parts of Karnataka, the land availability is very easy but there are limited applicants for land allotment. The Corporation should create a "land bank" for ST Communities and simultaneously give publicity to the scheme in order to increase the number of applicants.	Government of Karnataka has announced the formation of Land Bank in the budget for 2017-18 for purchase of agricultural lands in bulk from the land owners not belonging to SC/ST community for onward registration of the said lands in the name of eligible SC/ST beneficiaries. Accordingly, proposals will be invited from the land owners from all Districts as per the guidelines being issued by the Government. Wide publicity will be given about the formation of Land Bank.
2 Selection of beneficiaries at Gram Sabhas is a prerequisite and its effective role in the process of selection of beneficiaries should be ensured by keeping the records of the proceedings of Grama Sabha including the resolution of the Grama Panchayath.	Selection of beneficiaries are made through Grama Sabhas where the beneficiaries are residing and the proceedings of such Grama Sabhas are invariably collected for sanction of the benefit to the selected beneficiaries.

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<p>3</p> <p>There is scope for involving Non Government Organizations (NGOs) in this programme. The NGO's all over the country have the record of their involvement in making such programmes successful. In fact, in most of the tribal improvement programmes, it is the NGO's who have reached earlier than the Government in improving their socio-economic status.</p> <p>While selecting the beneficiaries, the age factor and marital status should be considered as a pre-requisite. For example, the land should be allotted to such people who are below the age of fifty years and widowhood may be given priority.</p>	<p>Decision has to be taken at the Government level. However, a proposal will be submitted to the Government in this regard.</p> <p>The maximum age limit prescribed for availing the benefit under the scheme, is 50 years. Priority is given to the widows in sanctioning the benefit under the scheme.</p>
<p>1</p> <p>A monitoring mechanism should be created by the Corporation to ensure the land utilization by the allottee beneficiary.</p>	<p>Monitoring of the utilization of the benefit is done by the field level officials of the corporation periodically. However, creation of monitoring mechanism will be examined and a proposal will be submitted to the Government for appropriate orders.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>The allottees are from tribal communities and may not be aware of other schemes and programmes under which subsidies and other financial and technical assistance are provided. Therefore there should be an in-built arrangement of sponsoring such beneficiaries by the Corporation for any scheme like drilling of bore wells, planting of border trees, sprinklers/drip irrigation system, input supply, training/exposure visits, formation of farmer interest groups etc., so that, they can get holistic services.</p>	<p>Awareness is created among the beneficiaries under the scheme by the District level officers of the Corporation, Tribal Research Institute, Mysore and Line Departments under IEC activities about the various facilities available to them from other Government Departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Minor Irrigation etc.</p>


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Evaluation of Ganga Kalyana Scheme during the years 2008-09 to 2012-13. Evaluation done by Centre for Symbiosis of Technology Environment and Management (STEM), through Karnataka Evaluation Authority. Evaluation report received on 02.05.2017.

Ganga Kalyana Scheme

Sl.No.	Recommendation	Action Taken
16.1	Short Term Practicable	
1	The Beneficiary be issued with the sanction letter which should not subjected to change and they should be allotted the drillers. This will help them to get the work done earlier.	List of selected beneficiaries will be issued to the drilling contractor after submission of the required documents by the beneficiaries concerned, for drilling of borewell in the lands of the selected beneficiaries. However, the recommendation made by the agency regarding issue of sanction order to the beneficiaries is taken note of for future compliance.
2	The District committee should be made proactive and review of progress at district level made compulsory. This will bring the erring departments together. The contract for scheme implementation be made comprehensive covering all related activities. This will speed up the implementation of scheme.	The progress achieved under the scheme will be reviewed by the District level committees headed by the Deputy Commissioner of the District under SCSP/TSP programme. In addition the progress achieved under the schemes of the Corporation will be reviewed at the monthly/quarterly meetings under Karnataka Development Programmes. Review is also being done in the review meetings conducted periodically at head office level with the District Managers of the Corporation. As far as implementation of the scheme under comprehensive programme is concerned, a pilot programme was made during the year 2012-13 for implementation of scheme on turn key basis which was found not successful, as a result, Government took a decision to continue the implementation as per the existing procedure. Therefore, the suggestion made by the Agency may not be feasible.


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3	<p>There are fifty tribes in Karnataka and the present programme has reached only eleven sub-groups of the tribes. Hence, there is a need to implement the scheme covering all the tribes including those who are residing in inaccessible areas like forest areas and remote areas though they are numerically insignificant.</p>	<p>Govt. of Karnataka has constituted Karnataka Adivasi Development Board under Karnataka Maharsi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation for overall development of the adivasis on the State. Accordingly, separate Action Plan is drawn for implementation of the programmes for the development the adivasis.</p>
4	<p>Drilling of bore wells under various schemes should cover the beneficiaries of land allotment and land purchase scheme on priority.</p>	<p>The beneficiaries under land purchase scheme are given the benefit of bore well under Ganga Kalyana Scheme facilitating them to take up Agricultural activities in the lands registered in their names.</p>
	<p>Policy decision</p>	
1	<p>The present guidelines do not take into account the location of lands declared/classified as "Wet" but actually were not receiving any water being at tail end and also during drought conditions. Some flexibility may be allowed in such cases and depending on feasibility, the area limitation of one acre could be raised to 2.00 cres in tail end side of the irrigation commands, so that, the beneficiaries get little higher land area than at present.</p>	<p>As per the Govt. order, total extent of dry/wet/garden land available with in the unit cost will be purchased and registered in the names of the beneficiaries.</p>
2	<p>The land allotment should include a package of practices including productive inputs at least for two years. This component would naturally require the convergence of activities and schemes of agriculture allied departments which is possible only when there is a specific policy of the Government. Further, it is suggested that, this should be included in the district development plan.</p>	<p>The suggestion made by the Agency will be sent to the Govt. for appropriate action.</p>


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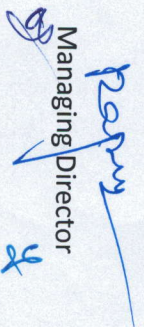
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<p>3</p> <p>Joint verification by ESCOM and Corporation, should be done within a month of drilling. The scheme/pump set be erected only after confirmation of yield in the bore well.</p>	<p>The suggestion made by the Agency will be submitted to the Government for consideration and if found feasible, order to be issued by the Government to conduct joint inspection by the BESCOM and Corporation officials to confirm the water yield before erection of pump set to the bore well.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Improve communication with community and beneficiaries, about obtaining and submission of appropriate documents; warranty cards etc. Ensure warranty cards for pump sets and motors are issued to all beneficiaries and beneficiaries demand the same.</p>	<p>Under the existing procedure, 10% of the bill amount will be with held for warranty and this amount will be released to the contracted only after confirmation of satisfactory performance of the pump set for a minimum period of one year from the date of allotment of RR No. by the ESCOM. Therefore, issue of warranty cards to the beneficiaries may not arise.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>All District corporation officials interviewed are not aware of the earlier evaluation report. Evaluation reports should be shared with the district corporation officials and they should be encouraged to initiate actions appropriate at their level.</p>	<p>This suggestion made by the Evaluating Agency is well taken. The observations and recommendations made by the Evaluating Agency have been circulated among all the District Officers for taking up of the required follow up actions wherever necessary.</p>

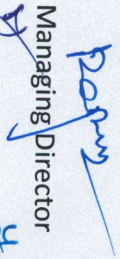

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16.2 Long term Practicable.		
1	Corporation should position third party agency, including a geologist, to measure the water yield before supply of pump sets which will mitigate the loss.	At present, the water yield from the bore well drilled under the scheme will be measured by the officials of Corporation present at site through V-notch method. Payment will be released to the contractor only in cases where the water yield is found to be more than 1000 gallons p.h. The scheme is implemented on "No Water No Money" basis. However, the suggestion made by the Evaluating Agency regarding involvement of 3 rd party Agency including a geologist will be sent to the Nodal Agency for incorporation of the relevant condition in the Agreement with the contractor.
2	Refresher training courses for all DMs about the scheme and about new modifications in the scheme.	Refresher training courses for conducted for the District Managers at the division level periodically.
3	Corporations should have regular and adequate staff.	Government have sanctioned 174 posts in different groups to the Corporation, against which 70 officials are working on deputation from other Government Departments/Boards/Corporations. Action is taken to fill up 34 vacant posts of District Managers and Taluk Development Officers as per the approval accorded by the Government. In addition, services of outsource staff based on the requirement, are engaged to attend to the routine administrative functions.



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4	Geologist should be involved in selection of drilling of point.	Under the existing procedure, Drilling points will be checked and marked by the geologists engaged by the drilling contractors as per the condition incorporated in the agreement.
5	Adequate and appropriate support to district level officials by head office of the corporation.	Required support is extended to the District level officials in implementation of the scheme.
6	Data need to be maintained in the same formats.	Prescribed formats are used for collection of data, as per the guidelines issued by the Government.
7	Corporation should send the list of beneficiaries of a year in one lot, to ESCOMS. This will help in reducing the delay in energisation.	The suggestion made by the evaluating agency may not be practicable as it would lead to delay in energization. Under the existing procedure online registration of beneficiary will be made with ESCOM soon after the drilling of bore well is completed which would quicken the process of energization of bore wells.
16.3 Requiring Policy Change		
1	Selection of beneficiaries may be made transparent. It is recommended that the whole process of selection of beneficiaries should be online and should be hosted on website.	The beneficiaries are selected by the selection committee constituted by the Government under the chairmanship of the MLA of the constituency. The committee includes senior officials of various Govt. Depts. The list of selected beneficiaries will be hosted in the website of the Corporation.


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2	Drilling for bore wells be done keeping the safe distance to stabilize the aquifers. In addition ground water recharge should be covered as part of scheme for sustaining the yield in the bore well.	Minimum safe distance will be maintained between the bore wells drilled under the scheme. However, the suggestion made by the Agency for ground water recharge will be examined and appropriated action will be initiated with the approval of the Government as it would involved additional expenditure.
3	It is relevant to appoint a coordinator who can coordinate between the corporations and ESCOM.	Will be examined and appropriate action as deemed fit will be initiated.


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