

Certificate Course on Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM)

Module 4- Functioning of Water User Associations (WUAs)

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Topics of Module 4:

- 4.1 Daily functioning, duties, and responsibilities of Managing Committee (MC)
- 4.2 Meetings of Managing Committee and General Body
- 4.3 Recall, resignation, filling vacancies, dissolution, and reorganization of WUA
- 4.4 Powers of WUA and Irrigation Management Transfer



1. An Introduction to Participatory Irrigation Management

Not only in India, but also developed and developing countries all over the world are working on the principle of farmers' participation in irrigation management to get "maximum irrigation with minimum water" from the limited amount of water available for irrigation. To achieve this goal, farmers are being given responsibility of irrigation management by forming farmers' Associations in India. These Associations have been named Water Users' Associations. However, they are known by different names in different states.

In order to work successfully for these Associations and to give legitimacy to their existence different states have enacted different acts and rules, on the basis of which the tasks / responsibilities for the associations /management committees have been fixed.

2. Daily functioning, responsibilities, and duties of management committees.

1. The committee should have an office and one Water Master who should open the office regularly. If any farmer comes there with some complaint / problem he should try to resolve it. If the solution cannot be reached at his level, then he should put the matter before the Chairman / Management Committee to get the matter resolved.
2. Prepare a plan for maintenance, expansion, improvement, renovation, modernization of irrigation system in its area of work and try to get such works done from the funds and other available resources of the Water users' Association.
3. Try to promote saving in the use of water. For this meetings and trainings should be organized.
4. To prepare a record of Irrigation done field wise and farmer wise and of water charge and get it approved by Irrigation Department and collect it from concerning farmers.

5. Prepare a register of land owners / members as per the land revenue record and update it again from time to time. Other records should also be kept maintained & updated.
6. To Organize meetings from time to time and record the proceedings.
7. Monitor the flow of water for irrigation and try to ensure availability of water to every farmer.
8. To make a budget and get it passed by the General Body.
9. According to the availability of water, water budget should be made and disseminated among farmers and make water distribution program accordingly.
10. Make efforts to develop resources and keep accounts maintained etc.

-Water can be saved, cannot be made-



-Save Water

Secure Future -

- Sincere Thanks -