

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. Powers of farmers' organization

1. May take necessary measures to fulfill its functions as -

- Power to enter a land, remove obstacles, close waterways. For this, cutting of the standing crop, any part of the bush.
- May enter any land, building or waterway for inspection or measurement of land
- May do all works that are necessary when an accident occurs or is likely to happen.

2- Surcharge - To create additional funds for implementing the purposes of the Act and for achieving the objectives decided by the organization, the WUA may impose an additional surcharge with the concurrence of the general body of the organization and recover it .

3- Punishment / Penalty- To punish or penalize the farmer , who violates internal discipline, according to the provisions of the Act and Rules of concerned State.

4. Work not to be invalid due to error or vacancy etc. - No work or proceeding of the Management Committee of the WUA shall be invalid due to any vacancy in that committee or any error in its formation.

5. Protection of action taken in good faith – No suit, prosecution or legal proceedings will be taken against officials, members , employees and public servants of any managing committee of WUA at any level, for any work done or intended to be done in good faith under this Act or the rules made there under .

2. Transfer of irrigation management to WUA committees

The following records should be made available before transfer of irrigation management to enable the committee to discharge its duties efficiently.

- Copy of the PIM Act & Rules.
- A map of the entire network, including the canal system, fields Outlets & field channels
- Minute's book
- Register details of assets and liabilities.

- Khatauni and other irrigation related records.
- Register of landowners / members of the Association, as per revenue records.
- Other records whatever is prescribed in the Act & Rules.

The Provision for continuous training to members of management committee, ordinary members / farmers should also be made by the Project Authority.

-Water can be saved, but cannot be made-



-Save Water

Secure Future -

- Sincere Thanks -