

Certificate Course in Participatory Irrigation Management (CCPIM)

Module 9 – Irrigation Recording by WUAs

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Topics of Module 9:

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Why Irrigation Recording?

Many persons may question why should irrigation be recorded? Why to waste time in it? Why to waste labour & money? The reply to these queries is , the irrigation recording is necessary for the reasons below;

1. It reflects the performance of the system.
2. It shows the success & failures of objectives for which the system was constructed.
3. It throws light whether the system is functioning equitably?
4. It indicates the productivity level of irrigated & unirrigated lands.

Role of WUA & WRD in irrigation recording

In broad sense the department will assist the WUAs

- a. Providing farmers' list and command map to WUA
- b. Train WUAs in recording irrigation
- c. Assist farmers time to time in practical training.

Responsibilities of WUA in recording irrigation; The WUA at minor level shall appoint a person at each outlet for recording irrigation who will record weekly irrigation. This person may be chairperson /Secretary of that outlet committee or may be any other person from this or any one of the outlets for which approval will be accorded by canal officer. To be literate to the level suitable for recording irrigation shall be the essential qualification. WUA at minor will propose such persons for each outlet duly approved by canal officer. Such authorized person shall record irrigation after closing of canal each week and submit it with the secretary of minor level WUA. The appointed person shall record the field each time when it is irrigated but for area-based irrigation recording system it will be charged as if it is irrigated once. But in case of volume-based irrigation it will be charged every time.

Example:

An example of process of irrigation recording in Uttar Pradesh , where the Seenchpal (Departmental Staff) and WUA both jointly record the irrigation, is given below for understanding the roles of department and WUA in Irrigation Recording Process:

