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The Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana,
Irrigation & Water Resources Department.

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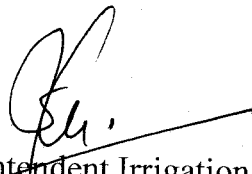
✓ The Engineer-in-Chief,
Irrigation & Water Resources Department, Haryana,
Sinchai Bhawan, Sector-5, Panchkula.

Memo No. 16/30/2017-2IW
Dated, Chandigarh the 28th May, 2019

Subject:- Policy regarding Rehabilitation / Remodeling / Extension of Watercourses -2019.

Reference to your letter No. 04/6BWS/1337/04 dated 17.01.2019 on the subject noted above.

2. Govt. has approved Policy regarding Rehabilitation / Remodeling / Extension of Watercourses – 2019 (copy enclosed).


Superintendent Irrigation Works
for Principal Secretary to Government Haryana
Irrigation & Water Resources Department.

27/5/19

Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Haryana

Subject: Policy regarding Rehabilitation / Remodeling / Extension of Watercourses - 2019.

Irrigation & Water Resources Department, Haryana has been receiving a large number of requests/proposals from farmers for Rehabilitation/Remodeling of watercourses. CM grievances window is also flooded with such requests. Prior to the year 2017, the department was dealing with requests of rehabilitation/remodelling of water courses from time to time on "**first cum first serve basis**" with only one criteria, that the damage of the watercourse should be more than 75%. In the year 2017, the department came up with a policy regarding rehabilitation/remodeling of watercourses to streamline the process of application by the farmers and sanction by the Govt. While implementing this policy, some difficulties were faced by the department and the present policy of 2019 aims to address the same. The main difficulty was faced on account of the resistance by the farmers to pay the 10% contribution.

The procedure/criteria to be followed for prioritization of applications for rehabilitation /remodeling/extension of watercourses as per the amended policy, 2019 will be as under :-

1. The Policy:

- (i) In case the watercourse is totally unlined, its lining will continue to be considered by CADA.
- (ii) In case the watercourse is partly lined and the lining is less than 20 years old, it can be considered only for extension of lining from the existing length upto 40 feet per acre of CCA.
- (iii) In case the watercourse is partly lined and the lining is more than 20 years old, then the existing lining can be considered for rehabilitation/remodeling and extension can also be considered upto a length of 40 feet per acre of CCA.

Note: In all the above i.e. (i), (ii) and (iii), hearing under Haryana Canal and Drainage Act is required to be carried out in case of demand for lining of unlined watercourse or demand of extension in lining is received from shareholders, where the existing lined length of water course is less than the norm of 40 ft. per acre. The extension is to be decided by DCO keeping in mind the fact that the distance between two branches should not be less than 5 acres. DCO's decision is required to be confirmed by SCO before processing the case for Administrative



Approval of Govt. The extension in lining may be in the form of open watercourse or pipe water course as per feasibility but preference should be given to pipe water course.

2 **Qualifying Criteria:**

Unless the application meets the following, the application will be rejected straightaway at the level of Divisional Canal Officer:

- (i) **Water Users Association (WUA):**- Only those watercourses which have registered WUA will be considered for rehabilitation/remodeling/extension.
- (ii) **Construction Charges:**- Only those watercourses will be considered, the WUA of which, deposit 1% of the amount required for rehabilitation/remodeling/extension of watercourse alongwith application.
- (iii) **Age of watercourse:**- The minimum age of watercourse, after which it can be considered for rehabilitation will be twenty (20) years. In special circumstances to be recorded in writing and after fulfilling the provisions made in para 4 of this policy, watercourses of more than 15 years age can also be considered.
- (iv) **Percentage (%age) damage of existing watercourse** - Only those watercourses which are damaged more than 75%, will be considered for remodeling/rehabilitation.
- (v) **No pendency of Abiana dues:**- DCO is required to provide certificate regarding no pendency of abiana dues in respect of the Watercourse whose remodeling/rehabilitation/extension is being proposed.

3. **Fixing Priority after qualification:-**

Depending upon the total budget available or total applications received within a fixed period i.e. from January, 1st to December, 31st. (Calendar year), first and foremost priority will be given to pipe watercourse and in exceptional circumstances (to be recorded in writing), the Chief Engineer concerned in conjunction with Engineer-in-Chief will be competent to take decision about the necessity of constructing open watercourse. For fixing priority of the watercourse, its age, extent of damage and coverage under micro irrigation will be considered as under:

- (i) **Age:** - The marks will be given on the basis of information tabulated below.

<u>Age of Watercourse</u>	<u>Marks to be assigned</u>
Age more than 20 and less than 21 years	0
Age from 21-22 years	1
Age from 23-24 years	2
Age from 25-26 years	3
Age from 27-28 years	4



Age from 29-30 years	5
Age from 31-32 years	6
Age from 33-34 years	7
Age from 35-36 years	8
Age from 37-38 years	9
Age more than 38 years	10

ii. **Extent of damage of watercourse:**

The works are to be assigned as under:

<u>Damage %age of Watercourse</u>	<u>Marks to be assigned</u>
*75%-85%	3
*86%-95%	4
*More than 95%	5

* **Certificate to be given by concerned JE and SDO.**

iii. **Percentage marks for coverage under Micro Irrigation**

The marks are to be given as per details tabulated below:-

<u>Percentage of CCA already under Micro Irrigation</u>	<u>Marks to be assigned</u>
From 1-10%	3
11-25%	5
26-50%	10
>50%	15

Note:

Half of the above marks will be given in respect of those WUAs who have already constructed the tanks and give an affidavit to install Micro Irrigation System within one year.

iv. **Contribution by farmers:**

The works will be given as under:

<u>Contribution as Percentage of Rehabilitation/Remodelling cost</u>	<u>Percentage of extension</u>	<u>Marks to be assigned</u>
5%		2
10%		5
15%		7
20%		10
25%		12

v. **Preference for type of Watercourse**

Open Watercourse - 0

Pipe Watercourse - 8

4. **For Watercourses aged between 15-20 years**

- (i) **Contribution in Construction Charges:-** Only those watercourses will be considered, the WUA of which, deposits 25% (10% with application and 15% after obtaining Administrative Approval from Govt.) of the amount required for rehabilitation/remodeling/extension of watercourse, besides complying with qualifying criteria as per para 2 (i) and (iv). The construction charges so received from the WUA will be credited to the Major Head 700-Revenue Receipts and the budget will then be spent under Major Head-4700.
- (ii) **Budget:-** Only 10% of the allocated budget of the department under the head of remodeling/rehabilitation of watercourses will be made available for rehabilitation/remodeling of watercourses for the watercourses aged between 15-20 years.
- (iii) **Priority:-** It will be fixed after assigning marks as per para 3 (ii), (iii) & (iv) above in addition to this para regarding age as under:

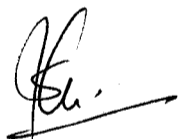
<u>Age of Watercourse</u>	<u>Marks to be assigned</u>
Age more than 15 and less than 16 years	0
Age from 16-17 years	1
Age from 17-18 years	2
Age from 18-19 years	3
Age from 19-20 years	4

- (iv) **Participation in bidding process:-** The WUAs of such watercourses after getting themselves registered as Construction Society, can bid for the tendering process of their own water course, without any experience etc. after depositing required fee for enlistment with the department.

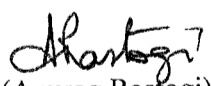
 5. **Implementation of Policy**

- (i) To start with, applications of WUAs already received and further up to the date i.e. 2 months after publication of the policy (and thereafter from January, 1st to December, 31st of every year) will be first considered. WUAs will be given 2 months to realign as per the new policy. By considering the above criteria priority list of all watercourses will be prepared every year as per budget availability. The priority list will be updated after every quarter especially because the applicants will have the opportunity to improve their ranking by switching over to Micro Irrigation.

- (ii) The priority list shall be a rolling list. Depending upon the budget availability, the watercourses shall be taken up as per the priority list.
- a) The WUAs will have 2 months time, starting from the date of publication of the Policy, to apply. All pending applications will have to be resubmitted in terms of this Policy. However, if some WUA has deposited 1% contribution already alongwith previous application, the same would not be required again.
- b) Priority list shall be prepared after examining the applications received during the 2 months time window.
- (iii) The priority list will be updated every quarter i.e. as on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October. All new applications received during a quarter shall be included at the time of next updation.
- (iv) All applicants will also have the opportunity to move up in the priority list after improving their marks during any particular quarter, which will be updated at the time of preparation of next list.
- (v) The Government shall give preference to pipe watercourses. In case an open watercourse is being taken up, SCO concerned shall give reasons for the same. CCO concerned in conjunction with Engineer-in-Chief will be the final authority to take a decision in this regard.
- (vi) Affidavit needs to be taken from shareholders of outlet/watercourse regarding not to sell water out of chak area. If violation is found in this respect by any of the shareholders, the supply of water to such area shall be discontinued.
- (vii) Tail shareholders will furnish an affidavit that they are getting regular supply of water. In case they are not getting regular supply, then DCO after enquiry, is empowered to close/discontinue the outlet.
- (viii) Regular Maintenance of watercourse along with regular supply to the tail shareholders/needs to be ensured by WUA. If any violation is found in this regard, then DCO will pass an order to close/discontinue the outlet after enquiry.
- (ix) Any repair/maintenance of watercourse, less than 15 year age, is to be managed by WUA on its own from its fund. Out of such fund, upto maximum 50% can be withdrawn after 10 years age of watercourse if required and thereafter 10% every year.



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Dated 27-05-2019


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