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Subject:- Water Sector Infrastructure Development Programme (WSIDP).

To accelerate the pace of irrigation development in the state, it is necessary to complete the on-going untied last mile projects through one scheme with defined monitoring mechanism. Adequate provision of fund with a viable construction schedule will facilitate smooth execution and timely completion of these projects to realize the desired benefit.

The various funding agencies including the Central Government have modified the scheme guidelines for major & medium irrigation and multipurpose projects. As per the new guidelines, projects which are in advance stage of construction can be considered for financing under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). Similarly, the external donor agencies are also interested to finance those projects which have completed most of its pre-project activities and are in readiness for grounding immediately.

To qualify for consideration of funding under AIBP or any other internal or external sources, it is necessary to complete the pre-project activities and obtain required statutory clearances in respect of the proposed projects.

The funds under this scheme will be utilized for taking up the indicated pre-project activities to raise the status of the project to the required threshold limit as required by funding agencies along with completion of on-going projects where funding from other sources is not available.

The Scheme will be implemented with an outlay of Rs. 1000.00 crore over the period of next five years commencing 2014-15 to 2018-19. It will be funded by the State Government out of its State Plan resources. Possibility of availing central

assistance, if any to carry forward the activities under National Water Mission Climate Change Action Plan will be explored.

The expected outcome of the scheme is as follows:

- I. Completion of seven on-going projects.
- II. Creation of additional irrigation potential of about 60,000 (sixty thousand) hectare.
- III. Grounding of 16 identified major medium projects.