



D.O. NO.S-21011/3/2011-DDP (IAP)

22nd September, 2011

Dear Dr. Raman Singhji -

You may be aware that the modified scheme of Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) is being funded by the Department of Land Resources since 2009-10. Under this programme, enhanced cost norm of Rs. 12000 per ha. for plain areas and Rs. 15000 per ha. for hilly & difficult areas is shared in the ratio of 90:10 between Centre and State. Accordingly, during 2009-10, 41 IWMP projects covering an area of Rs. 2.11 lakh ha with a total cost of Rs. 253.55 crore were sanctioned by the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA), a dedicated institution for implementation of IWMP, as per the appraisal of the Steering Committee on IWMP. Similarly, 71 IWMP projects covering an area of Rs. 2.84 lakh ha with a total cost of Rs. 341.28 crore have been sanctioned during 2010-11.

2 The first installment of central assistance of Rs. 64.06 crore has been released by the Department of Land Resources to the SLNA, Chhattisgarh for implementation of IWMP projects.

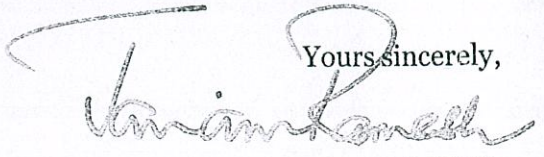
3 Further, I would like to inform you that in a National Workshop on Appropriate Development Strategies for Effective Implementation of Rural Development Schemes in IAP Districts on 13th September, 2011, it was decided that the IWMP programme will be extended to all IAP districts. Out of 10 IAP districts in Chhattisgarh, 8 districts have been covered under the above sanctioned IWMP projects. 2 of the identified IAP districts namely, Bijapur and Narayanpur have not been covered under IWMP so far.

4 I am given to understand that so far the IWMP proposals for 2011-12 have not been furnished by the SLNA, Chhattisgarh for the consideration of the Steering Committee.

5 In view of the above, I request you to kindly direct the officers concerned to submit the proposal for projects under IWMP for 2011-12 including the two districts Bijapur and Narayanpur at the earliest.

With regards,

Dr. Raman Singh
Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh

Yours sincerely,

(Jairam Ramesh)