

Deen Dayal Upadhyaye SJVN Jal Sarankshan Guidelines

1. Prelude

Activities of man like deforestation, wrong farming techniques, livestock over-grazing and faulty land use lead to the destruction of plant and tree cover exposing the earth to the natural forces like heavy rains, direct sunshine and high velocity winds. These in turn lead to environmental problems such as soil erosion, floods or water scarcity and reduction in green cover area. Thus the issue of water conservation has come into the forefront and also has found its place under schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.

Taking the cognizance of this, SJVN has launched “**Deen Dayal Upadhyaye SJVN Jal Sarankshan scheme**’.

2. Objective

The guidelines aim at Conservation of water and soil, regeneration of green cover, and the judicious use of natural resources within a particular watershed and increase the productive potential of degraded lands through various watershed interventions.

3. Scope

The project/s on water conservation shall be taken up on a micro watershed basis in public land and the following activities can be covered under the scheme:

- I. Construction of concrete/ Gabion check dams, contour trenching, Water Absorption Tank (WAT) etc.
- II. Rejuvenation of natural water bodies like Bauri, Kulhs, etc.
- III. Creation of water bodies like ponds, water tanks/ water absorption tanks etc. through natural water drains in the catchment area.
- IV. Plantation activities in upper catchment area and grass seeding as per the requirement of watershed basin.
- V. Capacity building and awareness campaigns for sustainability of the structure/s and use of conserved water.
- VI. Roof water harvesting of public buildings such as Panchayat Bhawan, School, Hospital etc.

4. General conditions

- I. The activities shall be carried out by SJVN units in its affected area after carrying out the base line/ need assessment survey and should be carried out in a project mode. It should have start date, completion date, the detailed action plan etc.
- II. The activities/ projects shall be undertaken departmentally or through departments of Union/ State Govt., Panchayati Raj Institutions, Registered NGO/ Trust/ Foundation/ section 25/8 company, Community based organizations. The agency should have technical expertise to carry out such projects.
- III. The project may take assistance of expert agencies like State Level Nodal Agency for Integrated Watershed Management Program (Deptt. of Rural Development), Agriculture deptt/ University, Horticulture deptt./ University, NABARD, I&PH deptt., Forest deptt. etc.
- IV. The sustainability of the project/s is/are to be ensured by before the projects are accepted and approved. No recurring expenditure is allowed under the scheme.
- V. The project can also be undertaken in other areas of state with the approval of Chairman, SJVN Foundation.
- VI. The mechanism for disbursement (milestone based), utilization certificate and monitoring of project/s may be developed/ decided as per the nature of project and existing mechanism.
- VII. The HOPs of respective Project will be the overall In-charge and competent to approve such projects.
- VIII. Observance of transparency and due diligence in the selection and implementation of projects should be ensured.
