

**Minutes of Meeting of "Status of Updating the Data in the Progress and Monitoring Module of GCP Portal" held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 under the chairmanship of Director (International Cooperation), ICFRE**

An online meeting with respective State Nodal Officers (SNOs) and Implementing Officers (IOs) was scheduled to review the "Status of Updating the Data in the Progress and Monitoring Module of GCP Portal" on March 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM via video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Sh. Vinay Kumar, Director (International Cooperation), ICFRE. The SNOs and IOs of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh were called to attend the meeting. List of officers and scientists present in the meetings are attached as **Annexure I**.

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1	Gujarat	Aravalli	6	115	470.88	*Absent	6
	Gujarat	Banaskantha	1	10	59.07	41	1
	Gujarat	Baria	1	10	43.06	37	1
	Gujarat	Bharuch Sub Division	1	10	40.91	38	1
	Gujarat	Chhotaudepur	4	55	211.61	129	4
	Gujarat	Dang-North	8	75	297.6	246	8
	Gujarat	Gandhinagar	1	15	119.92	39	1
	Gujarat	Godhra	2	79	396.17	*Absent	2
	Gujarat	Mahisagar	1	14	83.04	30.47	1
	Gujarat	Narmada	1	25	86.29	80	1
	Gujarat	Sabarkantha	5	164	615.36	573	5
	Gujarat	Surat	5	50	223.05	71	5
	Gujarat	Surendranagar	2	26	102.2	57.3	2
	Gujarat	Valsad-North	1	10	39.58	*Absent	1
	Gujarat	Valsad-South	4	50	185.6	*Absent	4
Gujarat	Vyara	16	94	620.36	300	13	

	<b>Total</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>3594.7</b>	<b>1641.77</b>	<b>56 (16.94)</b>
2	Maharashtra	Bhandara	8	65	574.84	3	8
	Maharashtra	East Nashik	8	135	652.14	250	6
	Maharashtra	Gondia	7	88	588.66	Nil	1
	Maharashtra	Satara	2	60	139.8	40	0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1955.44</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>15 (20)</b>
3	Rajasthan	Ajmer	2	99	139.96	26	0
	Rajasthan	Alwar	1	75	34.4	Nil	0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>174.36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>
4	Telangana	Bhadradi Kothagudem	1	50	145.98	75	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>145.98</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1 (0.90)</b>
5	Uttar Pradesh	Mirzapur	1	5.87	17.13	15	0
	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	1	25	33.44	Nil	0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>30.87</b>	<b>50.57</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>

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### State wise observations:

#### 1) Gujarat

- Sh. S.K. Srivastava, IFS, SNO, Gujarat attended the meeting.
- Physical and financial Progress for 56 out of 59 land parcels of Gujrat have been updated on the GCP Portal.
- As per the uploaded status on GCP portal, the physical and financial progress of most land parcels in Gujarat was satisfactory. The SNO assured that the balanced funds would be utilized by the end of the current financial year, and progress would be updated on the portal accordingly.
- The progress for three land parcels in the Vyara Forest Division remains pending, and the IO of Vyara Forest Division has committed to update their status by 13.03.2025.
- The SNO, Gujarat raised concerns regarding the auditing of GCP funds by the CAG and sought clarification.
- The SNO also requested that information regarding the amount released for each land parcel be made available to the SNO on the GCP Portal. He suggested that states should be involved in the selection process for entities under the Green Credit Program.

#### 2) Maharashtra

- Sh Pravin Chavan, IFS, SNO Maharashtra attended the meeting.
- The overall physical and financial progress in Maharashtra was found unsatisfactory, with only 15% of the total released funds utilized under GCP.

- Progress for only 15 out of 25 land parcels has been updated on the GCP Portal.
- SNO Sh Pravin Chavan, IFS stated that the IOs could not initiate the tendering process of GCP works due to the imposition of the Model Code of Conduct during the Maharashtra Assembly Elections.

### **3) Rajasthan**

- The SNO of Rajasthan could not attend the meeting; Sh.S.R.V. Murthy, IFS, CCF(plan), Rajasthan attended on his behalf.
- Progress in Rajasthan was unsatisfactory, with only Rs. 26 lakhs utilized out of the Rs. 174 lakhs released.
- The IO Alwar had not spent any amount till date.
- Digital cost estimates and progress updates on the GCP Portal were not done.
- The IOs committed to update progress in time on regular basis.

### **4) Telangana**

- The SNO of Telangana could not attend the meeting; Sh. Akbar, IFS, Officer on Special Duty attended on her behalf.
- The IO, Bhadradi Kothagudem, reported that they have utilized 50% of the released funds, and the remaining funds expected to be utilized by the end of the financial year. He stated that two land parcels had old eucalyptus plantations, and permission to remove them had not been granted. Consequently, fund applications for these parcels were not raised.
- He stated that a request will be made to the administrator to replace these parcels with alternative ones in the same division where eco-restoration work can be initiated immediately.

### **5) Uttar Pradesh**

- The SNO of Uttar Pradesh could not attend the meeting Sh Ram Kumar, IFS attended on his behalf
- Progress in Uttar Pradesh was found unsatisfactory, with only Rs. 15 lakhs utilized out of Rs. 50.47 lakh released, despite the total area being just 30 hectares.
- Sonbhadra Forest Division had not spent any amount till date.
- Digital cost estimates and progress updates on the GCP Portal were not satisfactory.
- The IOs have committed that they will utilize the fund and update the progress by the end of the current financial year.

**Conclusion and action points by the Chairman:**

1. SNOs shall take regular review of concerned IOs to expedite the physical and financial progress of works under the GCP as planned for the first year, since funds are already released to SNOs as per their demand. All works shall be completed in time by maintaining its quality and by maintaining proper record as per prevailing rules.
2. Physical and financial progress of completed works shall be updated on the GCP portal till 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025 along with good quality geotagged photos.
3. Uploading of all digital cost estimates accurately shall be done with immediate effect.
4. Necessary precautions shall be taken to raise exemplary plantations. SNOs and IOs shall give physical visits of to the GCP sites for appropriate monitoring and to assure success of tree plantation and eco-restoration activities under GCP.
5. SNOs shall take necessary action for effective promotion of the Green Credit Program through good advertisements.
6. The information of 3-member monitoring committee (Concerned IO, representative of entity and ACF) shall be updated on the portal.
7. Proper coordination with the entities shall be done and the entities should be encouraged to visit the sites.
8. All the necessary documents and registers related to accounting shall be maintained as per prevailing financial rules for audit through CAG empaneled CA.
9. Necessary steps will be taken by administrator to improve GCP portal interface for SNOs and IOs.

Meeting was ended with vote of thanks to all the participants.

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### Annexure I

List of officers and scientists present in the meeting on March 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM via video conferencing

S.No.	Participants	Designation
1	Sh. Vinay Kumar, IFS	Director (International Cooperation), ICFRE
2	Sh. S.K. Srivastava, IFS	SNO Gujarat
3	Sh. Pravin Chavan, IFS	SNO Maharashtra
4	Sh. S.R.V. Murthy, IFS,	Representative of SNO Rajasthan
5	Sh. Akbar, IFS	Representative of SNO Telangana
6	Sh. Ram Kumar, IFS	Representative of SNO Uttar Pradesh
7	Dr. Bhanudas N. Pingale, IFS	DCF, GCC, ICFRE
8	Implementing Officers of Forest Divisions for which fund is received/released under GCP	DCF/DFO of Banaskantha, Baria, Bharuch Sub Division, Chhotaudepur, Dang-North, Gandhinagar, Mahisagar, Narmada, Sabarkantha, Surat, Surendranagar, Vyara, Bhandara, East Nashik, Satara, Ajmer, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Mirzapur forest divisions.
9	Sh. Ajay Kumar	Scientist E, ICFRE
10	Dr. Vinod Kumar	CTO, GCC, ICFRE
11	Sh. Sumantra Basu	Scientist B, GCC, ICFRE
12	Dr. Siddhartha Arya	Scientist B, GCC, ICFRE
13	Sh. Ashwath Hegde	Scientist B, GCC, ICFRE
14	Sh. Sahid A. M	Scientist B, GCC, ICFRE
15	Sh. Nagendra Pratap Singh	JRF, GCC, ICFRE

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An online meeting with respective State Nodal Officers (SNOs) and Implementing Officers (IOs) was scheduled to review the "Status of Updating the Data in the Progress and Monitoring Module of GCP Portal" on March 7, 2025, at 03:00 PM via video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Sh. Vinay Kumar, Director (International Cooperation), ICFRE. The SNOs and IOs of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha were called to attend the meeting. List of officers and scientists present in the meetings are attached as Annexure I.

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The division-wise release of funds and the status of fund utilization (as stated by the IOs during the meeting) is provided in the table below:

S. No	State	Division	Nos.	Area (Ha)	Fund released (Rs. in Lakh)	Utilized funds (as stated by IO) (Rs. in Lakh)	Status of progress Nos. (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Assam	Goalpara	5	313	₹807.80	Nil	0
		Kamrup West	3	55	₹202.08	Nil	0
		Western Assam Wildlife	2	85	₹233.07	Nil	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>₹1,242.95</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>
2	Bihar	Kaimur	2	150	₹352.31	₹275.00	0
		Munger	2	150	₹177.62	*Absent	0
		Nawada	2	110	₹257.51	₹212.00	0
		Rohtas	1	50	₹113.02	₹113.00	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>₹900.46</b>	<b>₹600.00</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>
3	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	2	25	₹115.57	₹46.00	0
		Janjgir-Champa	4	50	₹228.36	₹75.00	4
		Jashpur	1	19	₹87.84	*Absent	0
		Kanker	1	20	₹85.33	*Absent	0
		Korba	1	10	₹43.06	Nil	1
		Marwahi	17	311	₹1,326.87	₹80.00	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>₹2,331.48</b>	<b>₹201.00</b>	<b>8 (57.65)</b>
4	Madhya Pradesh	Khargone	2	65	₹166.83	₹141.00	2
		North Betul	1	50	₹50.00	₹30.00	1
		Rewa	1	40	₹106.57	*Absent	1
		Sidhi	3	95	₹284.02	*Absent	3

		Singrauli	4	110	₹340.99	₹200.00	4
		West Chhindwada	2	50	₹90.41	Nil	2
		Damoh(T)	2	100	In process	NA	NA
		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>₹1,038.82</b>	<b>₹371.00</b>	<b>13 (326)</b>
5	Odisha	Angul	2	10	₹82.30	₹17.00	2
		Baripada	4	47.6	₹49.53	₹24.00	4
		Ghumsur South	1	10	₹45.60	₹22.00	1
		Jeypore	1	5	₹29.75	*Absent	0
		Kalahandi South	1	20	₹7.86	Nil	1
		Keonjhar	1	20	₹22.21	₹9.00	1
		Koraput	1	10	₹11.33	Nil	0
		Rairakhhol	1	10	₹27.27	Nil	0
		Sonepur	1	10	₹6.41	Nil	0
		Athagarh	3	20	FA pending	NA	NA
		Bonai	1	10	FA pending	NA	NA
		<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>172.6</b>	<b>₹282.26</b>	<b>₹72.00</b>	<b>9 (33.43)</b>

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### 1) Assam

- Sh Rajendra Garawad, IFS, SNO, Assam attended the meeting.
- The physical and financial progress of most land parcels in Assam has been unsatisfactory, with no funds utilized in Goalpara, Kamrup West, and Western Assam Wildlife.
- Progress updates on the GCP Portal remain pending for all land parcels in the state.
- The SNO, Assam, and IO, Kamrup West Division, due to encroachment issue a 15-hectare land parcel in the division, a proposal of a new site within the same division as an alternate site will be submitted to the administrator.

### 2) Bihar

- Sh S. Chandrashekhar, IFS, SNO, Bihar attended the meeting.
- Bihar has shown mixed progress. While Rohtas and Nawada have significantly utilized their allocated funds (100% and 82%, respectively), Munger and Jashpur have not done any fund utilization.
- Kaimur has reported partial utilization of ₹275 lakh out of ₹352.31 lakh.
- Progress of uploading the digital cost estimate was not found satisfactory.
- DFO, Rohtas stated that advance eco-restoration work has been completed in his division.

### 3) Chhattisgarh

- The SNO of Chhattisgarh was unable to attend the meeting, and Ms. Garishmi Chaand, IFS, DCF, Land Management from his office attended on his behalf.
- Only 50% of the first instalment has been released to concerned IOs by the SNO.
- The progress of eco-restoration work under the Green Credit Programme seen inconsistent.

- IO Janjgir-Champa has stated that four land parcels are updated on the portal and 33% of funds have been utilized.
- Despite having maximum sites (17), the physical and financial progress of IO Marwahi was found unsatisfactory.
- IOs Surajpur and Raigarh have shown slow progress despite receiving fund in September and October 2024. Several divisions, including Jashpur and Kanker, have not provided financial updates.
- Marwahi Division has 17 significant land parcels for fund utilization but physical and financial progress was found unsatisfactory.

#### 4) Madhya Pradesh

- Sh. Purushottam Dhiman, IFS, SNO, Madhya Pradesh attended the meeting.
- Singrauli has shown utilization of ₹200 lakh out of ₹340.99 lakh, with four GCP sites updated on the portal. Khargone and Sidhi Divisions have reported moderate progress.
- North Betul, Rewa, West Chhindwara have low fund utilization and incomplete updates. IOs have committed to accelerate the progress of works and updating on the portal on priority.

#### 5) Odisha

- The SNO of Odisha could not attend the meeting, and Sh. Ashwini Kaar, IFS, CCF from Headquarters, attended on his behalf.
- In case of Baripada and Angul Divisions it was stated that utilization of 50% and 20% of the allocated funds, respectively was done. However, Jeypore, Koraput, and Sonepur Divisions have not utilized any funds. It was also stated that some divisions, including Athagarh and Bonai, are awaiting financial approval.
- The SNO has assured that necessary approvals will be expedited, and all pending updates will be reflected on the GCP Portal soon.

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4	Sh. Purushottam Dhiman, IFS	SNO Madhya Pradesh
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