

**Guidelines for States for Formulation of PDS Proposal
under National Hydrology Project**

1. The Purpose Driven Studies (PDS) should be formulated to find out the solution to some real-life problem of the concerned area/State.
2. The States can take the assistance of Academicians/Experts from IITs, recognized Universities and Agricultural Colleges, Experts from Implementing Agencies (IAs) under NHP, Experts from various State Govt. Departments, or retired Experts from various Govt. Organizations for the formulation of the project proposals. Expenses towards the expert assistance (for experts other than IAs under NHP) are to be borne from the NHP funds for the concerned State towards PDS.
3. Experts from IAs under NHP can be associated in the study team of the States as Co-PIs of the project. However, the PI has to be from the concerned State Organization as it will be the real beneficiary of the project. Further, experts from Organizations other than IAs can be hired as Consultants in the study and their expenses are to be borne from the NHP funds for the concerned State towards PDS.
4. For a PDS, the end-user Department/ Organization/Agency that will use the outcome of the study should be clearly specified.
5. In general, the period of a PDS may not exceed 3 years. However, the exceptions (up to a maximum of 5 years) will be considered depending on the requirement of the study.
6. DST guidelines may be followed for hiring of manpower for the project.
7. There will be annual review of the progress of study in the form of presentation. However, progress reports of the study need to be submitted at 6-monthly interval.
8. Research publications emanating from this work should acknowledge the financial support under the National Hydrology Project.

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