

DLI #2 VERIFICATION METHODOLOGY

(3rd ROUND OF VERIFICATION)

Atal Bhujal Yojana

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1. Background:

Quality Council of India (QCI), as Third-Party Government Verification Agency (TPGVA) for Atal Bhujal Yojana has conducted the 1st and 2nd round of verification of DLI#2. The 1st round was carried out from 12th October 2021 to 18th November 2021 and the reassessment of 1st round was carried out from 16th January 2022 to 15th February 2022. The 2nd round was carried out from 11th April 2022 to 18th May 2022. This was done through an extensive and thorough field verification to assess the extent of consultative process and scheme awareness in the preparation of the Water Security Plans at the Gram Panchayat level.

The verification criteria for the 1st Round and 2nd round of DLI#2 was relaxed considering the situation during the pandemic after the 1st Round, in consultation with NPMU, Ministry of Jal Shakti and World Bank.

As the TPGVA, QCI carried out the on-field verification of 20% of the total approved Water Security Plans, to gauge the extent to which the process of establishing a community led Water Security Plan was followed with reference to the scheme. The sampling was done across all the districts to ensure uniformity and spatial spread. The field verification included interviews of PGWM (Participatory ground water management) committee and Gram Panchayat community members, who were a part of the meetings to prepare & approve the Water security plan.

A detailed questionnaire was prepared by QCI to understand the extent of community participation through the following parameters:

- i. Consultative Process*
- ii. Scheme Awareness*
- iii. Women Participation*

After corroborating the results based on the aforementioned indicators, the Gram Panchayats were categorized into 'Adequate' and 'Needs Improvement' as per the assessment protocols. Following this standard, Gram Panchayat found 'Adequate' for all the three the parameters mentioned above were considered as adequate for overall Community Participation assessment. The number of successful occurrences of water security plans were arrived through extrapolation of the 'Adequate' Gram Panchayats out of the sample. The Gram Panchayat falling under the category of 'Needs Improvement' were reverted back to the States with detailed remarks for further rectification and improvement.

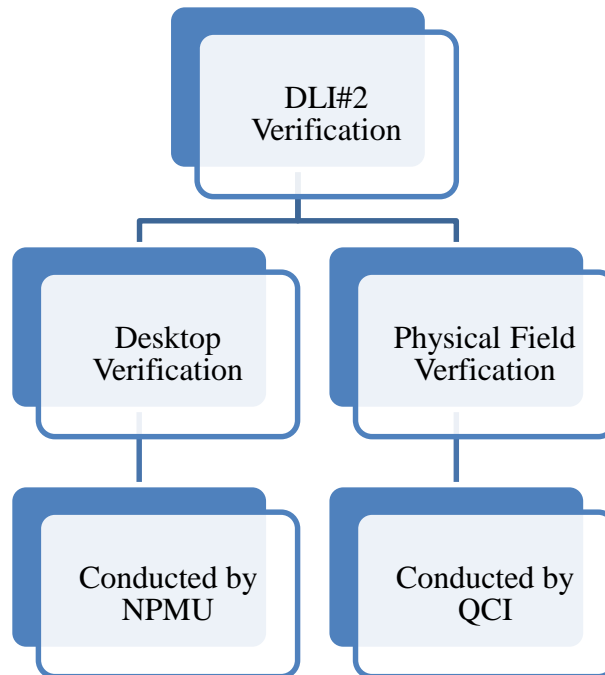
The Methodology for Verification towards DLI#2 (3rd Round)

2.1 Timeline

- The SPMUs to upload the water security plans in the MIS by 30th June 2022.
- 3rd round of verification for DLI#2 by TPGVA will be carried out from 8th July 2022 to 20th August 2022.

2.2 Methodology

A two-stage verification will be carried out based on the following:



The results of the desktop assessment of the approved WSPs uploaded on the MIS, carried out by NPMU shall be shared with TPGVA for field verification.

The field verification shall be carried out by the TPGVA in a systematic manner to verify the extent of consultative approach and scheme awareness in the Gram Panchayat during the preparation of the WSPs.

Process of Verification

1. QCI team will physically verify 20% sample of the total approved Water Security Plans submitted on MIS. The sample shall be drawn across all the districts to ensure uniformity and spatial distribution
2. QCI team shall physically visit the sampled GP to conduct interviews of both PGWM committee and GP community members, on the pre notified date and time, to understand consultative approach and scheme awareness
3. In addition, random citizen across the GP shall also be interviewed to understand the extent of scheme awareness
4. QCI team shall observe the women participation in preparing water security plan at the Gram Panchayat Level and the awareness generated through the IEC materials
5. After corroborating the results based on the three parameters, the Gram Panchayats shall be categorized into 'Adequate' and 'Needs Improvement'
6. Gram Panchayat found 'Adequate' for all the three the parameters will be considered as adequate for overall Community Participation assessment
7. The number of successful occurrences of water security plans shall be arrived through extrapolation of the 'Adequate' Gram Panchayats out of the sample
8. The Gram Panchayat falling under the category of 'Needs Improvement' shall be reverted to the NPMU, Ministry of Jal Shakti/SPMUs with detailed remarks for onward sharing with States for further rectification and improvement

Please note: Additionally, QCI team shall conduct random citizen survey and random observation well survey, which would aid in assessing the awareness of the Community about the scheme.