• The salient feature of the new guidelines and modified implementation methodology are as under:-

• SNA shall prepare project proposal as per the requirement in the new format and will send to NIWE for the review, recommendations and forwarding it to MNRE for final approval.

• Budgetary Requirements:-

The programme will be implemented in a cost sharing ration of 80:20 with 80% (CFA) and 20% SNA share. The ministry will release 80% of the CFA share to NIWE in a phased manner. 20 % of the project cost has to be shared by SNAs from their own source. The state share is for the operation and maintenance of the stations as per the responsibilities allocated to them and no need to release to NIWE. Accordingly, NIWE will co-ordinate the programme with the active co-operation of the state nodal agencies.

• Release of funds by NIWE:-

- 1. Rs. 1.50 lakhs per station along with the sanction order.
- 2. The next installment will be released after submitting statement of expenditure along with order copy of the procurement of wind mast by the SNAs.
- Balance will be based on the progress report, statement of expenditure and utilization certificate by 31st March of the financial year.

• Responsibility of SNA:-

- Sending of proposal to NIWE, with number of stations required, details of proposed sites and the fund requirement in the given format.
- Procurement of 80 m masts, transportation to the respective sites, civil and installation of mast with instruments, operation and maintenance of the stations.
- Watch and ward, insurance coverage during the project period
- Lowering of mast during the source of data collection for rectification work if any. NIWE will provide necessary instruments/sensors for replacement.

- Monthly chip collection from the station including battery replacement.
- Sending of collected chips to NIWE regularly.
- Sending of statement of expenditure and UC to NIWE every year.
- Dismantling of the mast at the end of the data collection, and safe keeping of the masts and instruments.

• Responsibility of NIWE:-

- Examine and forward the proposal received from the SNA to Ministry with recommendations.
- > Selection/finalization of sites with active participation of the SNA.
- Procure necessary instruments and hand over it to the SNA at the time of installation.
- > Provide necessary blank chips regularly for data collection.
- Process the chips received from SNA, compile data and prepare report at the end of the specified data collection period.
- Impart training to the officials of SNA for handling the instruments and the routine O & M of the stations.
- Release of necessary fund to the SNA for the implementation of the project on submission of UCs and request for release of fund.

• Duration of the Project:-

The data collection will be for a continuous period of 24 months with a total period of 30 months. 4 months are given suffix and two months are given prefix to the 24 months for necessary groundwork and data processing respectively.

Accordingly, the project proposal (along with the consents of the concerned land owners) for 25 stations with a 80 m height mast is prepared for sending to NIWE for onward recommendation to Ministry for sanction.