

**Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the National Rural Drinking Water
Programme (NRDWP)
Annual Action Plan 2015-16 of "Mizoram" State**

A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2015-16) of "Mizoram" State was held on February 10th, 2015 in the Conference room of Joint Secretary (Water)-MoDWS, at Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Joint Secretary (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, GoI. And State Government of Mizoram was represented by Shri C. Lalremsiama, Chief Engineer, PHED and a team from Government of Mizoram. The list of the participants is annexed.

1. The meeting started with the introduction of the participants and welcome address by the Joint Secretary (Water), MoDWS, GoI.

It was informed to State officials of Mizoram that the state will have a same tentative allocation of Rs. 42.23 Crore (based on the criteria prescribed in NRDWP guidelines*). This allocation excludes Management Devolution Index based Incentive funding and the same will be communicated after evaluation. State was advised to revise the AAP 2015-16 with the inputs provided in the discussion. Once the exact allocation is communicated to the States, they can prepare the final detailed AAP 2015-16 document and send 3 copies to the Ministry for approval. **State should prepare the plan with the estimated cost of schemes taken up two times of the available funds after considering the quantum of funds required for the completion of ongoing schemes, deducting the amount which is to be expedited for the ongoing schemes.** The state should plan for 2015-16 taking into account the unspent balance also available at the end of the current financial year.

*** NRDWP guidelines are subject to be reviewed very soon.**

2. **The gist of the discussion is as follows:**
 - i. Joint Secretary (Water), pointed towards Ministry's focus on Bulk Drinking Water Supply Schemes, Coverage of Partially Covered habitations (giving top priority to 0%-25% coverage followed by 25%-50% and so on), Coverage of Water Quality affected habitations, Enhancement of Piped water supply schemes and Enhancement of Individual household tap water connections in the rural areas. All these parameters inevitably cover the other soft components of NRDWP which includes institutional arrangements like WSSO/DWSM/BRC etc, training, HRD

activities, IMIS, Laboratory setting/up gradation etc. and asked the state representatives to take it on priority basis as per the feasibility of the scheme (taking care of geographical location of the state).

- ii. Joint Secretary (Water) reviewed the target and achievements of the state for year 2014-15 by the different AAP Formats provided by the State during the AAP meeting which is as follows:

Particulars	Target for 2014-15	Achievement 2014-15 (up to Dec, 2014)	Total anticipated achievement up to 31 st March, 2015
Partially covered habitations	52	15	52
Quality Affected Habitations	No Water Quality affected habitations in the State	-	-
Piped Water Supply	52	15	52
Individual House hold connection	None*	37*	-

* IMIS data.

- iii. Joint Secretary (W) observed that the financial progress reported by the state for various components of NRDWP is not encouraging. The performance of the state in Programme fund is very low and even the first installment of WQMS 5% and Support fund has not been taken by the state. State officials replied that due to pending issues of UCs/ASAs the progress has been affected and it will claim the remaining balance in due course of time. State officials informed that the financial targets shall be fully achieved by the end of March, 2015.

- iv. **State shall follow NRDWP guidelines in letter & Spirit and should not violate any provision of the Guideline.** This was made clear to the State as the Ministry has observed that some the States have taken Fully covered habitations as a target in 2014-15 and, are not giving priority to Partially covered habitations and Water quality affected habitations. State was advised to follow the NRDWP Guidelines in letter and spirit. It was noted that the physical performance of the State is very poor.

Joint Secretary (W) sought the reasons for low performance. State replied that due to fund stagnation at state level they are unable to complete the schemes; once the fund is released they will complete and achieve the targets. Joint Secretary (W) advised the state to utilize the current year budgetary fund before March, 2015.

- v. State was informed that all new Drinking Water schemes should be planned with enhance service standard of 55 lpcd as per the 12th five year plan and old schemes also to be upgraded with provision of 55 lpcd rather than the previous norm of 40 lpcd.
- vi. The state officials informed that the state has no any Water Quality affected habitations although there are turbidity affected habitations in the state. Rain water harvesting structures and water tanks are being used in the state to provide adequate water to rural habitations. All the schemes are gravity based as per the requirement of the rural habitations.
- vii. The state was advised to Work closely and coordination with State Government's finance department in order to avail and utilize the fund timely.
- viii. After due deliberation and review of the targets taken in 2014-15, the state was suggested to mark the targets as per the previous year's target.
- ix. As per IMIS, there are 99 schemes (3 schemes with 3-5 years and 1 scheme with 5-10 years) which still remain incomplete or ongoing. State should complete all incomplete schemes on priority basis. For schemes running for more than five years, State shall have to complete these schemes using its own resources. NRDWP funds shall not to be used for any cost overrun over the delayed years for any incomplete schemes beyond 5 years of its start. It was directed to the State that the State should plan for new schemes only after completing the incomplete ones, especially those pending between 3-5 years by utilizing NRDWP funds and those pending over 5 years by utilizing state fund. State was advised not to take any new schemes under NRDWP fund for current financial year. State was advised to take up projects up to only worth Rs. 80 crore for the current financial year.
- x. The state was advised to enter the authenticated data on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS).
- xi. **State should cover all Government Rural Schools as per the directions of Supreme Court.** All Public Anganwadies in Public/Government buildings, If not

covered previously, should be provided with drinking Water facility without any delay.

- xii. Joint Secretary (W) observed that data entry from the State is not promising. It was advised the state to train the staff for data entry process. Support fund may be utilized for this purpose.
- xiii. The state was advised to utilize the WQMS and Support funds. These funds may be used for procurement of Mobile water treatment and Mobile water testing laboratories along with other water quality related activities and creating infrastructure for the data entry respectively.
- xiv. All drinking Water sources should be tested at least one every year for chemical constituents & twice for bacteriological contamination.
- xv. Joint Secretary (W) informed to state that the Ministry is to launch **“National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week”** during **16th to 22nd March, 2015**. And advised the state to plan for successful campaigning of the National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week in the State.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Annexure

List of participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2015-16 held on 10th February, 2015 in the conference room of office of Joint Secretary (W), Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi

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