

**Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP
Annual Action Plan 2015-16 of Kerala State**

1 An Annual Action Plan meeting with the representatives of Kerala Government was held in the Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 04.02.2015 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The list of participants is given in Annexure.

2 **NRDWP**

- i. The anticipated allocation to the States for 2015-16 will be Rs 130.211 Cr which will be communicated to the State once the communication is received from Finance Ministry. **However, the actual allocation will be communicated to the State after Union Budget is in place.**
- ii. **Hence State was advised to prepare their plan two times of the quantum of available funds after considering the quantum of funds required for the completion of ongoing schemes.**
- iii. JS (Water) reviewed the targets and achievements of the State for the year 2014-15 during the AAP meeting which is as follows. State was advised to prepare their plan after the final allocation of fund.

Particulars	Target for 2014-15	Achievement 2014-2015 (upto Dec end, 2014)	Total Anticipated Achievement from 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015
Partially Covered Habitation	898	113	340
Quality Affected Habitation	87	32	60
Pipe Water Supply	985	145	400
House Hold Connection	200000	42209	60000

It has been observed that the physical progress of NRDWP has been unsatisfactory as against the target during the Year 2014-15. JS (Water) suggested the State to increase the achievement pertaining to the Water Quality affected habitation, State has provided piped water supply only in 15% (145 rural habitations against the target of 985 rural habitations) of the targeted rural habitations during year 2014-15. Further, house hold tap connection provided by

the state is 0 % (0 rural habitations against the target of 2 lakh rural habitations).

- iv. **JS (Water) advised that the State should focus on Pipe Water Supply , House Hold Connection , Quality Water Affected Habitation and involvement of PRI**

3 **The gist of the discussion is as follows**

- i. JS (Water) enquired regarding for the delay in implementation of the schemes more than 5 years. In response, the Kerala officials informed that delay is because they have to take clearance from different department for land acquisition, road cutting etc.
- ii. State informed that 116 schemes/projects are lying pending for completion in the State for more than 5 years. It was directed by JS (Water) these schemes should be pursued for completion by March, 2016. 167 water supply schemes are more than 10 years old and remain incomplete.
- iii. JS (Water) directed that only water quality projects with fluoride affected areas will only be undertaken in Kerala and no other scheme would be sanctioned in the FY 2015-16.
- iv. JS(Water) informed that the State has undertaken 33 new schemes in the FY 2014-15. It may be brought to notice that the aforesaid decision is not in concurrence with the directions of this Ministry as per MOM FY 2013-14.
- v. JS (Water) pointed out, it is serious concern that Non quality schemes have been taken up by the State due to political pressure. He also informed that the matter may come to the notice of PMO.
- vi. It was brought to notice of this Ministry that total pipe coverage is 33% instead of 99% as reported by Kerala Govt. in IIMS. The State promised to rectify the mistake in data entered by the State. JS (Water) did not approve the way of working of Kerala Govt. and told that State must be accountable for providing wrong information to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- vii. TD (NIC) may be allowed to change the data in IIMS.
- viii. JS(Water) has pointed out that State targeted for 900 schemes in AAP during FY 2014-15 but not able to achieve the target by March, 2015. He has directed that a DO letter should go to Chief Secretary, Kerala.

- ix. The officers from Government of Kerala assured that by March, 2015, 705 projects will be completed.
- x. All drinking water sources should be tested at least once in a year for ascertaining presence of chemical contaminants & twice in a year for bacteriological contamination. State must upgrade the instrumentation facilities at State laboratories.
- xi. During the discussion it was requested by Government officers of Kerala that as the rainfall in Kerala is for more than 3 months (more than 1500 mm) the sustainability structure is not required, hence the fund of Sustainability may be allowed under coverage by the State.
- xii. The work done in all school and Anganwadis in the field of water supply and sanitation was appreciated. However it was pointed out that it must be ensured that all schools and Anganwadies be provided with water supply and toilets facilities as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court without any delay.
- xiii. Government Officers of Kerala informed that it is a fact that people have no interest in sending their children to Govt. schools and taking their wards to join private schools having more facilities.
- xiv. JS (Water) noted that the progress of Support fund is not satisfactory .State should undertake training of Engineers, grassroots workers like masons, pumps mechanics , VWSCS in planning, monitoring & managing PWSS under Support activities

Particulars	Physical Target 2014-2015	Physical achievement 2014-2015 (upto Dec end, 2014)
No. of Gram Sabhas proposed to be held in targeted habitations	0	0
No. of VWSCS members to be trained in planning, monitoring & managing PWSS	9780	0
No. of PRI members to be trained to be trained in Planning monitoring & managing PWSS	0	48
Number of piped water supply schemes handed over to panchayats	68	55
Other Training programmes		

No. of Engineers to be trained in the year	0	0
No. of grassroots workers like masons, pumps mechanics to b trained in the year	9780	0
Others	0	0

4 Once the exact allocation is communicated to the States, they can prepare the final AAP document and send 3 copies to the Ministry for approval.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the chair.

Annexure

List of Participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2015-16 held on 04.02.15 in the Office of the Joint Secretary (Water) at Paryavaran Bhawan ,New Delhi.

Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Sl. Non	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	JS (Water & Admin)
2.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director(Water and Parl.)
3.	Shri A.K. Srivastava	US(WQ)
4.	Shri S Sanyal	US(WQ)
5.	Anisur Rahman	NRC Consultant M&E
6.	Shri Rupesh Kr Maurys	Jr Stat Officer

Officials from the State of Kerala

Sl .No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri T C Subraor	MD in Charge, Kerala Water Authority
2.	Shri Pradeep	FM & CAO, Kerala Water Authority
3.	Shri G. Sree Kumar	Dy. Chief Engineer, Kerala Water Authority