

Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan 2015-16 of Arunachal Pradesh State

1 A meeting to discuss on NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2015-16) of Arunachal Pradesh State was held in the Office Joint Secretary, MDWS, on the 4th Floor, Paryavran Bhawan, New Delhi on 30/01/2015. The meeting was chaired by Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Joint Secretary (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation – GOI and the State of Arunachal Pradesh was represented by Shree Tomo Basar, CE (D&P) and Dr Binod Pokhral, State Consultant (WQ). The list of the participants is annexed

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- i. The anticipated allocation to the States for 2015-16 will be Rs 146.12 Cr which will be told to the State once the communication received from Finance Ministry. However, the actual allocation will be communicated to the State after Union Budget is in place.

- ii. 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 (up to Dec end, 2014)	Total Anticipated Achievement from 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015
Partially Covered Habitation	*202	105	140
Quality Affected Habitation	46	0	20
Pipe Water Supply	Included under PC	Included under PC	Included under PC
House Hold Connection	5000	941	5000

*202 was approved AAP before reduction of allocation for state in 2014-15. It has been observed that the physical progress of Quality Affected Habitation (0%) was poor 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.

- iii. 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 was as follows:

- I. The Officials of the state clarified that since they got higher allocation in 2014-15, work was initiated all across the state in various locations and since the allotted fund was subsequently reduced substantially, they could not complete the works they started in anticipation. The state requested for additional fund.
- II. Against a target of 202 in 2014-15, only 119 were achieved scoring about 59%. Following the discussion the Joint Secretary stipulated a target of 160 under PC and 20 under WQ for being accomplished by the state by March, 2015.
- III. Since out of an allocation of Rs 65.64 Crore an amount of Rs 59.31 Crore was utilized by the state, the financial achievement was appreciated by the Joint Secretary and scaled as very good.
- IV. The state informed that out of the total population 92% are ST out of total expenditure of Rs 4927.41 lakhs in 2014-15 Rs 3570.90 lakhs was spent there by accounting for 72.47% and under minorities Rs 1356.51 Crores, so to say 27.53% was spent.
- V. In 119 Schools water supply was provided by drawing pipe lines against a target of 248. Since many schools are situated far way or having hostels requiring higher quantity of water, separate water supply schemes would be planned for such schools.
- VI. It was revealed during the discussion that in 362 habitations Terra cotta Iron Filter was installed in individual households and for community Iron removal plant is being installed costing Rs 1,40,000. The discussion revealed that due to remoteness of the state, difficult terrain, lack of road linkage to substantive villages, materials cost turn up exorbitantly high, thereby increasing per unit cost (Rs 19,000) of water supply schemes vis-à-vis other states. Hence, only higher allocation will help the state to resolve the issue. In a habitation with 3-4 households a separate scheme is necessitated resulting in higher program cost.
- VII. It was intimated by the state 96% of water supply is from surface water source and the rest from ground water source.
- VIII. Regarding the status of WQ testing facilities the state informed there are 30 Sub-Divisional laboratories, 17 District level laboratories and 1 state level laboratory.

and chemist and lab assistants were being engaged on contract basis .The Joint Secretary (Water) advised that in order to avoid future complication by way of litigations etc., the Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand model of engagement of laboratory staff an Agency may be hired by adopting transparent bidding process.

- IX. In respect of Support Fund the state received Rs 405 lakh as first installment and the JS advised the Finance Section release the second installment of Rs405 lakhs, against UC & ASA from the state.
 - X. The discussion revealed that against a target of 5000 household connections in 2014-15, only in 927 household connections could be provided. The Joint Secretary advised them to gear up and the state officials committed that by March, 2015 they will accomplish the target.
 - XI. In respect of 2015-16 the state was advised to organize 1783 Gram Sabha meetings, 3500 training VWSC members,4000 training for PRI members, handing over of 500 piped water supply schemes to community. Moreover 100 Engineers, 400 grass root level workers, 160 Block coordinators etc. would be trained in 201`5-16.
 - XII. Lastly, Joint Secretary informed that in 2015-16 out of a total allocation of Rs 11,000 Crore for rural water sector Arunachal Pradesh will be allotted Rs 133.00 for program, Rs8.11 Crore for support and Rs 4.87 for Water Quality .This amount is exclusive of MDI.
 - XIII. The Senior Consultant emphasized that Water Treatment System of Single Village Schemes should be upgraded with double Chambers of "Slow Sand Filter" ,so that the problem of "turbidity" in hilly areas with surface water source could be tackled reasonably.
 - XIV. The Joint Secretary stipulated that first the ongoing schemes should be completed out of the allocation and with remaining fund they should plan for about double the amount with priority on PC habitations, Water Quality habitations, piped water supply and household tap connections.
 - XV. JS water appreciated the work done in all school and Anganwadis in the field of water supply and sanitation. However J S (Water) pointed out that it must be ensured that all schools and Anganwadies should be provided with water supply and toilets facilities as per directions of Supreme Court without any delay
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The AIP meeting of Manipur finally concluded with vote thanks to and from Chair.

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Annexure

List of Participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2015-16 held on 30.01.15 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.	Dr. Dinesh Chand	Addl. advisor(PHE)
3.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water and Parl.)
4.	Shri A.K. Srivastava	US(WQ)
5.	Shree G Jargaer	Sr Consultant NRC
6.	Dr T K Das	Consultant NRC
7.	Anisur Rahman	NRC Consultant M&E

Officials from the State of Arunachal Pradesh

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1.	Shree Tomo Basar,	CE (D&P), PHED
2.	Dr Binod Pokhral ,	State Consultant (WQ), PHED