

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

1 An Annual Action Plan meeting with the representatives of Himachal Pradesh Government was held in the Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 18.02.2015 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 150.90 Cr 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. 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	1983	1440	1983
Quality Affected Habitation		-	-
Pipe Water Supply	2000	1864	2000
House Hold Connection	25000	21450	25000

It has been observed that the physical progress of NRDWP has been satisfactory as against the target during the Year 2014-15. JS (Water) suggested the State to increase the achievement pertaining to the Water Quality affected habitations, State has provided piped water supply only in 93% (1864 rural habitations against the target of 2000 rural habitations) of the targeted rural habitations during year 2014-15. Further, house hold tap connection provided by the state is 86 % (21450 against the target of 25000).

- 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 is as follows

- i. State has received Rs 164.62 Cr (including O.B) under NRDWP Central fund in 2014-15 of which, Rs 79.56 Cr (48%) was utilized till December 2014. It was informed to the State of Himachal Pradesh that the financial progress was not satisfactory. It emerged during the AAP meeting that fund utilization(45%) under Sustainability was not optimum.
- ii. It was decided in the AAP meeting that the project with a cost of more than Rs 5 Cr may be sent to STA. Less than Rs 5 Cr project may be decided at PHED level.
- iii. JS (Water) suggested that State should keep minimum instruments for testing of water quality in the Sub-Divisional laboratory.
- iv. State informed that the resource person for the Laboratory is being out sourced. The manpower agency was selected through tendering process.
- v. It was observed that the state had reduced their physical target in 0-25% and 25 - 50% populations group and advised the State not to continue this practice. It was emphasized that the focus should be more on 0-25% and 25 -50% population group. It was also informed to the State officials that provision of House hold connection through Piped Water Supply is the priority of the Ministry.
- vi. Further it was decided in the meeting that all new schemes should cover the 0-25% and 25 -50% population on priority basis.
- vii. The State officials stated the physical target for the year 2014-15 does not contain quality affected habitations ,since there is no quality affected habitation . and due to this reason most of their drinking water sources are surface water based.
- viii. State informed that 53 schemes/projects are lying pending for completion in the State for more than 5 years. It was directed to the states that these schemes should be pursued for completion by March, 2016, depending upon the availability of fund.
- ix. The State had reported that there are no water quality affected habitation in the State as on 1.4.14 ,as most of their drinking water supply sources are surface based. However the State was advised to reassess the water quality status considering that the sources of these schemes which are surface based may have turbidity and bacteriological quality problem.

- x. It was advised that Bacteriological tests should be done before and after rains to avoid health problems. 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.
- xi. JS (Water) informed that State should focus on installation of solar based pumps next year onwards.
- 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. It was decided that Sanitary Survey of all sources should be complied during FY 2015-16.
- xiv. The state should update IMIS data regularly and promptly so as to facilitate, proper monitoring and release of fund under various components.
- xv. JS (Water) advised that State should target in FY 2015-16 should be more than 10 percent of achievement of FY 2012-15
- xvi. JS (Water) observed that the achievement against the target for various support activities during FY 2014-15 is satisfactory.

Particulars	Physical Target 2014-2015	Physical achievement 2014-2015 (up to Dec end, 2014)
No. of Gram Sabhas proposed to be held in targeted habitations	199	120
No. of VWSCS members to be trained in planning, monitoring & managing PWSS	6400	4947
No. of PRI memebbers to be trained to be trained in Planning monitoring & managing PWSS	3200	12006
Number of piped water supply schemes handed over to panchayats	226	211

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No. of Engineers to be trained in the year	285	246
No. of grassroots workers like masons, pumps mechanics to be trained in the year	3200	2402

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 18.02.15 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 D. Rajasekhar	Dy. Adviser(PHE)
4.	Shri A.K. Srivastava	US(WQ)
5.	Anisur Rahman	NRC Consultant M&E
6.	Shri Junaid Ahmed Usmani	Consultant M&E

Officials from the State of Himachal Pradesh

Sl .No.	Name	Designation
1.	Mr P C Dhinan	ACS (IPM), PHED
2.	Mr Anil Bahri	CE (IPM), PHED
3.	Mr Suman Vikanel	SE P & I I, PHED
4.	A K Vadiya	CE (IPM), WASSO