

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

A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2015-16) of "Jharkhand" State was held on 27th February, 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. State Government of Jharkhand was represented by Shri A. P. Singh, Secretary DWSD of Govt. of Jharkhand. 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 Jharkhand that the exact financial allocation for the year 2015-16 of the state will be communicated, once the confirmation is received from Finance Ministry. The state was advised to plan for 2015-16 taking into account the unspent balance also available at the end of the current financial year.

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 Water Quality affected habitations, Coverage of Partially Covered habitations (giving top priority to 0%-25% coverage followed by 25%-50% and so on), Enhancement of Piped water supply 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. The state was advised to complete all the pending drinking water schemes on priority basis.
- 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:

S. No.	Particulars	Target for 2014-15	Achievement 2014-15 (up to January, 2015)	Total anticipated achievement up to 31 st March, 2015
1.	Partially covered habitations	14,751	4,943	14,751
2.	Quality Affected Habitations	203	03	03
3.	Piped Water Supply	1,258	1,453	1,502
4.	Individual House hold connection	18,458	32,082	34,158

iii. Joint Secretary (W) observed that the financial progress reported by the state for Support and WQMS components of NRDWP is not encouraging. The State was still to lift the NCEF fund for the current financial year. State officials were advised to expedite the utilization of Support, WQMS and NCEF fund.

iv. **State shall follow NRDWP Guidelines in letter & Spirit and should not violate any provision of the Guideline.** State was advised to follow the NRDWP Guidelines in letter and spirit. It was noted that the physical performance of the State partially covered habitations and Quality affected habitations are not satisfactory. Out of targeted 14751 PC habitations only 4943 habitations have been covered till last report. State officials assured that all the targeted PC habitations will be covered by the end of March, 2015. However all targeted Quality Affected habitations will be covered by June, 2015. Joint Secretary (Water) advised state to go for short term solutions for QA habitations, in continuation with planning for long term and sustainable solution on priority basis. Joint Secretary (W) advised the State to cover all the Quality affected habitations (especially Fluoride and Arsenic affected habitations) with 8-10 liter per day drinking Water and to keep it on topmost priority. State officials replied that Sahebganj Mega RPWSS in Sahebganj District, Baralota & Chukru RPWSS in Palamu District and Pratappur RPWSS in Garhwa District are under construction and by June, 2015 all the targeted Quality affected

habitations will be covered. The state officials informed that a survey to identify the fluoride affected habitations is being done.

- v. The state officials informed that there are 32 no. of Multi Village RPWSS surface water schemes ongoing in the state. Joint Secretary (Water) advised the state to complete the ongoing schemes on priority.
- vi. The state was asked to provide the pre monsoon and post monsoon data along with GPs coordinates of the source in the state.
- vii. State was informed that all new Drinking Water schemes should be planned with enhanced 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.
- viii. It was observed that as per IMIS there are 25 ongoing Schemes for more than five years. State officials informed that no scheme for more than five year is pending in the state. However there are 133 schemes which are ongoing for more than 3 years. Joint Secretary (W) said the state officials to rectify the data in IMIS without any delay. Joint Secretary (Water) advised the state to complete the ongoing Schemes on priority basis. It was advised to the state to properly use the NRDWP logo for the Drinking Water Schemes.
- ix. State was advised to focus on surface water supply schemes such as piped water supply schemes rather than spot sources. State was informed not to go for new hand pump schemes in future. Only replacement of Hand pump is allowed. And replacement of hand pump should not be promoted, rather the habitation is to be tried to be covered with piped water supply. Joint Secretary (W) advised the state to motivate the people to have piped water supply connections. State officials replied that the target under piped water supply will be covered by March, 2015. And under Jal Sahiya scheme the ASHA workers are being paid Rs. 75 per household piped water connections in the state.
- x. It was observed that the data of no. of Water Quality affected habitations in IMIS is different from the State's reporting. State was advised to update the data in IMIS on priority basis. State officials informed that 300 nos. of Fluoride Affected Habitations will be covered by Electro Defluoridation Unit Powered by Solar Energy. And 125 nos. of Arsenic Affected Habitations will be covered by Arsenic Removal Plant vetted by NEERI Powered by Solar Energy in the state. Installation of 100 Units RO System is in progress.

- xi. Joint Secretary (Water) advised the state to properly follow Operation & Maintenance protocol for the drinking water projects in the state.
- xii. The state was advised to update the IMIS data regularly.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. State should cover all Government Rural Schools as per the directions of Honble Supreme Court. All Public Anganwadies in Public/Government buildings, if not covered previously, should be provided with drinking Water facility without any delay.
- xv. 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.
- xvi. All drinking Water sources should be tested at least one every year for chemical constituents & twice for bacteriological contamination.
- xvii. Joint Secretary (W) informed to state that the Ministry is going to launch "National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week" during 16th to 22nd March, 2015. Joint Secretary (W) 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 27th February, 2015 in the conference room of office of Joint Secretary (W), Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi

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4	Shri Manoj Kumar	SC (M&E)	Government of Jharkhand
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