

Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan 2015-16 of Jammu & Kashmir State

1. An Annual Action Plan meeting with representative of Jammu & Kashmir State was held on 18/02/2015 in the Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Joint Secretary-Water, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (GoI). The list of the participants is given in Annexure. The gist of the discussions is provided below:

2. NRDWP

I. The allocation to the State would be communicated later on depending upon the funds provided to the Ministry and targets would be taken up in consultation with the Ministry accordingly. The Ministry has not received information on allocation of NRDWP funds for 2015-16 so far.

II. JS (Water), MDWS reviewed the progress of the State in implementing NRDWP during 2015-16. State has reported following information on online IMIS of the Ministry regarding 4 implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16:

S. No.	Focused area under NRDWP	Target	Achievement	% ach.
1	Coverage of quality affected habitations	10	1	10%
2	Coverage of PC habitations	702	278	39.6%
3	Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes	763	368	48.2%
4	House Hold connections provided	32,646	12,899 (State is expecting to achieve the target by March 31, 2015.)	39.5%

State was advised to focus more on all the above 4 areas. Progress of State on all 4 focused areas of NRDWP is very low.

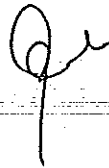
3. The gist of the discussion is as follows:

- I. Support funds could not be released to the State due to pending reconciliation issues from State side. There is a balance amount of Rs 2948.78 lakh for Support funds and 788.53 lakh for WQMS funds for 2014-15 which State should try to take at the earliest. Officials from the State informed that the proposal has been submitted to the Ministry for taking 2nd installment of both funds-Support as well as for WQMS.
- II. There has been issue of Reconciliation for WQMS as well as for Support funds. Regarding WQMS, reconciliation has been completed and the State has got 1st installment. However, for 2nd installment, UC is to be provided. Funds utilization has to be provided in tabular form, year-wise.
- III. State should first plan completion of incomplete schemes running between 3 to 5 years using NRDWP funds. Out of the balance funds, twice the capital cost of the project may be considered for approval in the SLSSC meeting duly prioritizing 1174 quality affected habitations and subsequently 0-25 % and 25-50 % population coverage and so on in this order. Irrespective of Central allocation, State should ensure that the ongoing schemes are completed with its own resources.
- IV. Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Pr. Secretary to Government of Jammu & Kashmir informed that the State has prioritized to cover all incomplete schemes and no new scheme has been planned 2015-16.
- V. Officials from the State informed that there are 805 schemes running between 3 to 5 years duration. It was understood that though these schemes are not fully commissioned, some people are getting water from these schemes.
- VI. State will get approx. 20 crore funds under Natural Calamity.
- VII. State has done extensive IEC activities. Pr. Secretary, Govt. of J & K informed that 17 districts out of 23 districts have been covered involving many agencies. Other remaining areas are rather difficult areas.
- VIII. State informed that regarding Household tap connection, the State is not taking any charges. Only, cost of Pipes and fittings inside the household premises has to be borne by the beneficiaries. Average charges for water is nearly Rs 500 per annum.
- IX. State shall delete wrong entry of heavy/toxic metals on online IMIS of the Ministry.
- X. The Ministry will monitor status of quality affected habitations in State irrespective of Central allocation.
- XI. State requested to provide HGM maps in easy format. DA-WQ informed that E-00 File would be provided.

- XII. State will cover all fluoride affected habitations during 2015. Keeping in mind that PWS takes around 3-5 years to commission and the people living in contaminated habitations can not be kept at risk till PWS is commissioned, JS (Water), advised the State to install water purification systems in quality affected habitations-especially in all fluoride affected habitations and provide them 8-10 lpcd of water for drinking and cooking purpose.
- XIII. Director (Water) suggested the officials of the State to also send the UC of State share of NRDWP.
- XIV. The Ministry has started e-office recently as a step towards e-governance. Hence, this is advised that most of the correspondences by the State should be sent through email duly scanning all documents.
- XV. All spillover incomplete schemes of more than 5 years should be prioritized and commissioned on priority using State resources. Use of NRDWP funds is not allowed for this purpose.
- XVI. The Ministry is organizing an National Awareness Week from 16th - 22nd March 2015 to mark the World Water Day. State should actively participate at all level to promote awareness on water and sanitation. Letters from Secretary (MDWS) to Chief Secretaries to all the States have been sent on this regard.
- XVII. State should send success stories duly framed in A0 size with good quality photographs pertaining to NRDWP apart from entering them into the online IMIS.
- XVIII. State should involve ASHA workers extensively for promoting household tap connections and use of toilets. This should be taken as a campaign and should also be widely publicized across the State.
- XIX. The process of taking GPS coordinates of all drinking water sources in the State may be expedited for water quality layer on HGM maps. Required water quality data in pre monsoon and post monsoon of nearly 20-25 % drinking water sources uniformly spread across each district in the State, should be provided to the NRSC at the earliest.
- XX. State shall undertake atleast one comprehensive Water & Energy audit of large water supply scheme which is aged more than 5 years. The aim is to attempt to reduce the O & M cost.
- XXI. State should cover all remaining uncovered rural anganwadis which are run in Government/community buildings with drinking water facility. All rural schools, if not covered previously, should be provided drinking water in conjunction with SSA. Even in the new water supply scheme, connection should be provided to all the nearby rural schools near to its periphery.

4. The exact allocation of funds to the State would be communicated to the State after receiving information about the total allocation to the Ministry for 2015-16. Accordingly, State should prepare the revised AAP and send 3 copies to the Ministry for approval.

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

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Participating Officials to discuss Annual Action Plan (2015-16) for Jammu & Kashmir State

Date of Meeting: 18/02/2015

Venue: Conference Hall, 4th Floor, MoDWS, Parvavaran Bhavan, New Delhi

S. No.	Name	Designation
Officials from Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation		
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary, MDWS
2.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water), MDWS
3.	Shri D. Rajasekhar	Dy. Advisor (WQ), MDWS
4.	Dr. Brajesh Shrivastava	Consultant (WQ), MDWS
5.	Shri Rupesh Maurya	Jr. Stats. Officer, MDWS
Participants from RWSS, Government of Jammu & Kashmir		
1	Shri Pawan Kotwal, IAS	Pr. Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir
2	Shri Muzaffar Lanker	Chief Engineer, PHE, Kashmir
3	Shri Imtyaz Ahmad	IMIS Coordinator
4.	Shri Sony Andrabi	MIS APM