

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

1. An Annual Action Plan meeting with representative of Rajasthan State was held on 25/02/2015 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	1773	792 (Expected 900)	44.6%
2	Coverage of PC habitations	52,414	45,522	86.8%
3	Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes	4031	1137	28.2%
4	House Hold connections provided	7000	14555	Target achieved

3. The gist of the discussion is as follows:

- I. There is a balance amount of Rs 3351.04 lakh for Support funds and Rs 2846.69 lakh for WQMS funds for 2014-15 which State should try to take at the earliest.
- II. Director (Water) said that the State has still not complied with CAG para on some points on NRDWP. CAG Para was received in the Ministry in 2008 and State should comply with the same at the earliest.

- 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. There are overall 109 ongoing drinking water projects through which State would cover nearly 7000 habitations. Cost of these schemes are nearly Rs 31,000 crore.
- V. State officials informed that since 2013, State has installed nearly 700 RO plants in water quality affected habitations. The process was reviewed last year and it was decided that it would be more appropriate to go for Open technologies.
- VI. JS (Water) enquired about the JICA project in Rajasthan. State officials informed that it has not taken off so far. However, it is likely to start soon. The project will cover 916 villages of Nagaur district.
- VII. State is testing drinking water quality in laboratories. State has not procured FTKs recently as there were high variation between the test results of samples obtained through FTKs and in laboratories. State also requested the Ministry not to emphasize upon procurement of FTKs.
- VIII. The State was advised to engage sufficient manpower in laboratories for proper water sample testing. It was also suggested to recruit/engage Microbiologists as there are no microbiologists in PHED-Rajasthan. State may also like to engage experts on Hydrogeology.
- IX. The Ministry will monitor status of quality affected habitations in State irrespective of Central allocation.
- X. 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.
- XI. Director (Water) suggested the officials of the State to also send the UC of State share of NRDWP.
- XII. 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.

- XIII. 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.
- XIV. 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.
- XV. 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.
- XVI. 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.
- XVII. 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.
- XVIII. 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.
- XIX. 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 the Chair.

Participating Officials to discuss Annual Action Plan (2015-16) for Rajasthan State

Date of Meeting: 25/02/2015

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

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Participants from RWSS, Government of Rajasthan		
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