OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 04th July, 2016 under the Chairmanship of JS (W) to discuss the long term and short term measures being taken by the Arsenic affected State Governments.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the Minutes of Apex Committee meeting for techno-economic review of State Governments’ schemes under National Water Quality Sub-Mission held on 28th November, 2016 in Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DWS) for kind information and necessary action/compliance by all the concerned.

Encl: as above

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To

1. All officers who attended the meeting

(As per the list in the Annexure)

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1. Principal Secretary/Secretary-in-charge of Rural Drinking Water Supply in the states of:

Andhra Pradesh / Arunachal Pradesh / Assam / Bihar / Chhattisgarh / Gujarat / Haryana / Himachal Pradesh / Jammu & Kashmir / Jharkhand / Karnataka / Kerala / Madhya Pradesh / Maharashtra / Meghalaya / Odisha / Punjab / Rajasthan / Telangana / Tripura / Uttar Pradesh / West Bengal

2. Shri. Shiv Kumar, Programmer, NIC Cell. (for uploading minutes on to website)
Minutes of the Apex Committee meeting held on 28/11/2016

The Apex Committee meeting was held on 28th November, 2016 in Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri. Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary (DWS) for appraisal and assessment of preparedness of the States to take up the schemes as per the National Water Quality Sub-Mission Guidelines. The list of participants is given in Annexure-A.

At the outset Secretary (DWS) briefed about importance and prioritization for removal of arsenic and fluoride in drinking water and to provide safe drinking water from perennial source in four years. The Secretary (DWS) clarified that, apex committee is formed to see the preparedness of the State to take up the schemes under National Water Quality Sub-Mission, and not for approval of any schemes / projects. The Secretary (DWS) also informed that, arsenic contamination largely found in West Bengal and fluoride contamination largely found in Rajasthan. After consultation with states per capita ceiling for arsenic and fluoride were freeze at Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 11,500 on design population respectively.

Deputy Adviser (WQ) made a presentation and salient points are as below:-

- National Water Quality Sub-Mission is to provide safe drinking water from safe and perennial source to 28,491 habitations (Out of which 14,755 are arsenic affected habitations and 13,736 are fluoride affected habitations), 4,968 habitations will be covered under ongoing schemes and rest 23,615 habitations are new arsenic and fluoride affected habitations.
- Both ongoing and new habitations (as per IMIS as on 18/08/16) are eligible for funding under the Guidelines of the National Water Quality Sub-Mission.
- Funding will be restricted to population in arsenic and fluoride affected habitations only. The State has to commit in providing, State matching share corresponding to release of Central Share for Arsenic and Fluoride affected habitations and take up full responsibility of funding by the state to en-route non-arsenic/ non-fluoride affected habitations.
- Line Estimates can be entered into the Sub-Mission Dash-board.
- Source sustainability is the critical issue and all projects under Sub-Mission shall have prior approvals of State Irrigation/WR Departments for water availability.
- All necessary clearances for distribution network – rail, road, bridge, river, etc. shall be ensured.
- It is up to the State to decide the service level. Funding under Sub-Mission shall be based on apportioned cost for 55 lpcd.
- All schemes shall have the approval of the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC).
- Central funding shall be on 50:50 basis for affected population (90:10 for NE & Himalayan States).
Only habitations matching with IMIS data (F-18/C-17A) shall only be funded.
Project cost will be arrived by the formula = IMIS affected population x 1.3 x per capita cost (subject to above ceiling).
Monitoring and Surveillance shall focus on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), Geo-Tagging and monitoring by District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) at district level under Chairmanship of Member of Parliament (M.P.).

Joint Secretary (Water) opined that, ongoing projects which are low hanging and having last mile connectivity should be taken up on priority and completed so that safe water could be made available to affected population. Any additional allocation if found necessary could be met under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to complete these projects on time.

The session than followed by presentation / discussion with officials of Rajasthan, West Bengal and Telangana.

Principal Secretary Rajasthan, West Bengal and Engineer-In Chief Telangana informed the status of their ongoing projects and Detailed Project Reports (DRPs) which are already submitted, ready & waiting for SLSSC approval & DPRs under preparation in their respective States.

**After detailed deliberations, following decisions were taken by the committee:-**

- It is decided to give topmost priority to those quality affected (arsenic / fluoride) habitations, where short term measures are not taken.
- It is decided to give top priority to complete last mile connectivity of Piped Water Supply Schemes in arsenic and fluoride affected habitations.
- After detailed discussion, it was decided to consider actual per capita cost considering upper limit as Rs. 7,000 for arsenic and Rs. 11,500 for fluoride, irrespective of service level of delivery.
- In future, Apex Committee may not be termed as committee for appraisal but will be techno-economic review committee.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
1. Shri. Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary (DWS)
2. Satyabrata Sahu, Joint Secretary (Water)
3. Shri. Rajesh Kumar, Director (Water)
4. Smt. Pratima Gupta, Director (Finance)
5. Shri D Rajasekhar, Dy Adviser (WQ)
6. Shri Santosh R, Assistant Advisor (WQ)
7. Shri. Ramkishan, ASO,

NITI Aayog
8. Shri. Ashok Kumar Jain, Adviser (RD), NITI Aayog

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
9. Shri. Lav Agarwal Joint Secretary, MoH&FW

Department of Expenditure
10. Shri. N.K.Sinha, Director (PF-II), DoE

Ministry of Statistical and Programme Implementation
11. Shri. Mitter Sain, MoSPI

Public Health Engineering Department (RWS), Government of Rajasthan
12. Shri. J.C.Mohanty, Principal Secretary, PHED.Rajasthan

Public Health Engineering Department (RWS), Government of West Bengal
13. Shri. Savrabb Kumar Das, Principal Secretary, PHED
14. Shri Pronay Kumar Bhowmick, Engineer-in-Chief
15. Shri. Animesh Bhattacharya, Director WSSO

Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Government of Telangana
16. B. Surender Reddy, Engineer-in-Chief