Office Memorandum

Subject: Minutes of Apex Committee meeting held on 01st May, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DWS).

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 01st May, 2017 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)
2. Principal Secretary/Secretary-in-charge of Rural Drinking Water Supply in the states of:
   Andhra 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
3. Shri. Shiv Kumar, Programmer, NIC Cell. (for uploading minutes on to website)
The 2nd Techno-Economic review committee (Apex Committee) meeting was held on 01st May, 2017 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 Government of Telangana to take up the schemes as per the National Water Quality Sub-Mission Guidelines. The list of participants is given in Annexure.

2. At the outset Joint Secretary (Water) 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 Joint Secretary (Water) 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 frozeed at Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 11,500 on design population respectively. An amount of Rs. 814.14 crore was released in January/February 2017 towards partial funding of ongoing schemes in arsenic and fluoride affected habitations.

3. For new projects the Ministry has issued a letter on 10th February, 2017 asking the States to submit requisite documents along with proposal. Accordingly only Government of Telangana has submitted all the requisite documents along with proposals so far to cover 966 fluoride affected habitations.

4. It was informed by DA (WQ), MDWS to the committee that, proposals submitted by the Government of Telangana and documents satisfies all the requirements. Based on the examination of the proposals, total cost of the projects comes around Rs. 1595.14 crore and central share will be around Rs. 797.57 crore. The Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana vide letter dated 28/1/2017 addressed to the CEO, NITI Aayog requested for permitting the State to utilize the already released amount of Rs 94.58 crore from NITI Aayog towards permanent measures proposed through ongoing schemes of Mission Bhagiratha under NRDWP-National Water Quality Sub-Mission instead of installing community water purification plants. Therefore the net eligible central share under National Water Quality Sub-Mission to Telangana State will be Rs 702.99 crore.

5. The Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser asked the status of Mission Bhagiratha and when they will be able to cover all the fluoride affected habitations. The Engineer-In-Chief, RWSS, Government of Telangana explained about the status of Mission Bhagiratha and informed the committee that, all the fluoride affected habitations will be covered by December 2017.

6. The Committee felt that, fund received under NRDWP is less and earmarked fund for National Water Quality Sub-Mission during 2017-18 is Rs. 1000.00 Crore (Rs 500 crore for arsenic affected habitations and Rs 500 crore for fluoride affected habitations).
The Committee decided to release the funds to Government of Telangana under National Water Quality Sub-Mission in four installments seeing the progress and also the demand from other States. Therefore the fund to be released as first installment of Central share is Rs. 175.75 Crore. State should ensure matching State share.

7. The committee also decided to inform all the arsenic and fluoride affected states that, if the proposals with all requisite documents as per Ministries letter dated 10th February, 2017 for release of funds are not submitted to the Ministry before 01st June, 2017, then the funds set apart under National Water Quality Sub-Mission will be released on first cum first serve basis.

The meeting ended with thanks to chair.

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Annexure

Minutes of the 2nd Techno-Economic review committee (Apex Committee)
meeting held on 01/05/2017

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Shri. Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary (DWS) – in the Chair
2. Shri. Anshu Prakash, AS &FA
3. Shri. Satyabrata Sahu, Joint Secretary (Water), MDWS
4. Shri. Rajesh Kumar, Director (Water), MDWS
5. Smt. Pratima Gupta, Director (Finance)
6. Shri D Rajasekhar, Dy Adviser (WQ), MDWS
7. Shri Santosh R, Assistant Advisor (WQ), MDWS
8. Shri. Vidyasagar, ASO (WQ) MDWS
9. Shri. Ashok Kumar Jain, Adviser (RD), NITI Aayog
10. Shri. P. K. Jha, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
11. Shri Rakesh Maurya, Director, MoS&PI
12. Shri Zile Singh Vilal, DS, MoH&FW
13. B. Surender Reddy, Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department,
    Government of Telangana
14. Shri Ravindra Reddy, DEE, RWSS, Govt. of Telangana
15. Shri Narasimha Rao, Consultant (M&E), RWSS, Government of Telangana