OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 3rd Apex Committee meeting held on 28th June, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DWS).

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the Minutes of 3rd Apex Committee meeting for techno-economic review of State Governments' schemes under National Water Quality Sub-Mission held on 28th June, 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 / Haryana / Jharkhand / Karnataka / Kerala / Madhya Pradesh / Maharashtra / Odisha / Punjab / Rajasthan / Telangana / Uttar Pradesh / West Bengal

3. Shri. Shiv Kumar, Programmer, NIC Cell. (for uploading minutes on to website)
Minutes of the 3rd Techno-Economic review committee (Apex Committee) meeting held on 28th June, 2017

The 3rd Techno-Economic review committee (Apex Committee) meeting was held on 28th June, 2017 in Pt. Deendayal Antyodyaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri. Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary (DWS) to consider the revised National Water Quality Sub-Mission Guidelines. The list of participants is given in Annexure.

2. At the outset Joint Secretary (Water), briefed the committee about the changes proposed to the National Water Quality Sub-Mission guidelines and the decisions taken in the consultation meeting held at Prime Minister Office on 23rd May, 2017 with the worst affected arsenic and fluoride states regarding National Water Quality Sub-Mission. During the meeting, states have expressed their difficulty in proposing surface water based piped water supply schemes to all affected habitations on priority basis as affected habitations are scattered in nature and large number of en-route habitations are to be included in the scheme. This will increase the cost of the schemes and the State share. The States have expressed their inability to meet the additional fund requirements. Taking these difficulties faced by the States into consideration, it was decided to modify the National Water Quality Sub-Mission Guidelines to include safe ground water based piped water supply schemes and ground water based schemes with treatment technology / Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs) along with surface water based piped water supply scheme, wherever possible for optimizing the cost.

3. Joint Secretary (W) informed the committee that, first installment funds for new projects under NWQSM couldn’t be released to Telangana since the guidelines are under the process of change. The committee decided to go ahead and release the first installment to Telangana.

4. The case of Rajasthan was discussed in detail and after detailed deliberations, following decisions were taken by the committee:
   
   (i) It was decided to modify the National Water Quality Sub-Mission Guidelines to include safe ground water based piped water supply schemes and ground water based schemes with treatment technology / Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs) along with surface water based piped water supply scheme, wherever possible for optimizing the cost.
   
   (ii) The conditions for taking up schemes for Community Water Purification Plants shall be same as the CWPP schemes taken up under one time NITI Aayog assistance (except for fund sharing). i.e, 50:50 for Non-NE States and 90:10 for NE States.

5. Important changes proposed in NWQSM guidelines to give effect to changes proposed by consultation meeting are as below:-

5.1 Types of schemes States can take up and minimum service delivery must be ensured:
(i) Surface water based piped water supply scheme: at least 40 LPCD
(ii) Safe ground water based piped water supply scheme: at least 40 LPCD and
(iii) Ground water with treatment technology based scheme / Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs): 8 to 10 LPCD as per NITI Aayog norms.

5.2 Water Conservation measures:
Wherever Ground water based schemes are taken up, the State must take up water conservation measures in convergence with other programmes like MGNREGA, IWMP, RKVY, PMKSY and other state water conservation programmes etc.

5.3 State matching share:
The State commitment for State matching share corresponding to release of Central share for Arsenic and Fluoride affected habitations and entire share corresponding to en-route non-arsenic/ non-fluoride affected habitations, towns/city and industries.

The meeting ended with thanks to chair.

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Annexure

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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 Rakesh Maurya, Director, MoS&PI
7. Shri A.C. Arora, Deputy Secretary, MoHFW
8. Shri. Padma Kant Jha, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
9. Shri D Rajasekhar, Dy Adviser (WQ), MDWS
10. Shri Santosh R, Assistant Advisor (WQ), MDWS
11. Shri Sumit Priyadarshi, Assistant Advisor (W), MDWS