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(Water Quality Section)

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Dated, the 10th October, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 5th Apex Committee meeting held on 05th October, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DWS).

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the Minutes of 5th Apex Committee meeting for techno-economic review of State Governments’ schemes under National Water Quality Sub-Mission held on 05th October, 2017 at Pt. Deendaya Antyodaya Bbawan, 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 5th Techno-Economic review committee (Apex Committee) meeting held on 05th October, 2017

The 5th Techno-Economic review committee (Apex Committee) meeting was held on 05th October, 2017 in Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DWS) to consider the proposal of second time release of funds to Ongoing Schemes under National Water Quality Sub-Mission. The list of participants is given in Annexure.

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary (Water) briefed the committee about the decision by the High Level Meeting held on 23rd May, 2017 at PMO with the Chief Secretaries of 4 worst affected states (West Bengal, Rajasthan Assam & Bihar). Subsequently direction was given to the ministry to complete all ongoing schemes for tackling the water quality issues on priority so as to make most efficient use of infrastructure being created. It was further informed to the committee that, financial and physical progress of 588 ongoing piped water supply schemes have been analysed. It has been decided that while giving this focus funding for the second time, which is in additionally to the normal NRDWP funding to States, we should consider only such ongoing schemes wherein arsenic / fluoride affected habitations are at least 25% of the total habitations targeted under a particular project so as to cover maximum arsenic / fluoride affected habitations under NWQSM. This is justified as in order to cover the arsenic / fluoride affected habitations in ongoing schemes, it will not be possible to exclude funding for en-route habitations since the ratio of enroute habitations to arsenic / fluoride affected habitations is high and States are not in a position to provide their State funds for completing these ongoing schemes. Hence it was decided to fund balance central share as on date (50% maximum ceiling for Non-NE States and 90% for Assam, as per NRDWP norms) to cover all habitations in this phase of funding under NWQSM for the ongoing schemes. Approval of competent authority has already been taken on this issue.

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

It is decided to fund second time to those ongoing schemes as on 23rd May, 2017, wherein arsenic / fluoride affected habitations are at least 25% of the total habitations. It is further decided to give 50% weightage to affected habitations and 50% weightage to the physical progress of the schemes as on date while releasing funds to the affected States. In other words, schemes with a higher percentage of water quality (arsenic / fluoride) affected habitations and schemes which are nearer to completion will get priority (50% weightage to each of the two parameters). Under no circumstances, Central Share should exceed 50% of total project cost for Non-NE States and 90% of total project cost for NE States as per NRDWP guideline as NWQSM is part of NRDWP.

4. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the 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. Dr. Dinesh Chand, Add. Adviser, MDWS
5. Smt. Pratima Gupta, Director (Finance)
7. Shri. Padma Kant Jha, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
8. Shri D Rajasekhar, Dy Adviser (WQ), MDWS
9. Shri Santosh R, Assistant Advisor (WQ), MDWS