

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

1. An Annual Action Plan meeting with representative of Karnataka State was held on 02/02/2015 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.** Hence, State was advised to prepare their Plan two times of the quantum of available funds after considering the quantum of funds required for the completion of ongoing schemes.
- III.** 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 important focused area of NRDWP:

S. No.	Focused area under NRDWP	Target for 2014-15	Achievement	% ach.
1	Coverage of quality affected habitations	1520	592	64 %
2	Coverage of PC habitations	32900	3192	10.3%
3	Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes	10077	7264	72.6%
4	House Hold connections provided	500000	100990	24.5%

State was advised to focus more on all the above 4 areas. Progress of State on coverage of PC habitations and on providing HH connections through PWS is low.

- IV.** It was observed that the performance of the State in utilizing NRDWP O. & M. funds and Support funds during 2015-16 has not been satisfactory (9 % and 12 % utilization respectively). However, performance of the State on utilization of Programme funds has been relatively good.

3. The gist of the discussion is as follows:

- I. State should expedite taking 2nd installment of NRDWP-WQMS and NRDWP-Support funds. There is a balance amount of Rs 1598.33 lakh for Support funds and 794.13 lakh for WQMS funds for 2014-15 which State should take at the earliest.
- V. 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 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.
- II. Shri T. M. Vijay Bhaskar, Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka informed that nearly 6000 more water quality affected habitations have emerged-mostly due to fluoride, in State due to increased testing of drinking water sources in laboratories. He said that additional funds are required to tackle these newly emerged habitations. JS (Water), MDWS advised the State to validate the data first. He said that the issue would be brought to the knowledge of Secretary-MDWS for further action.
- III. ACS, Govt. Of Karnataka further said that the demand for Water ATM is very high in rural areas in the State. This is because of the success of the Water ATM by the State. Upscaling the same require higher funding. JS (Water), MDWS advised the State to show the number of such ATMs on online IMIS of the Ministry combining these with achievement on water quality affected habitations. State has already been provided the minimum targets under Community water purification scheme and hence may like to go ahead with the available funds under NRDWP.
- IV. 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.
- V. Karnataka is highly water scared State, next only to Rajasthan. Hence, State should focus more on Sustainability for recharging groundwater.
- VI. State has not indicated % expenditure on SC, ST and minority concentrated habitations on IMIS of the Ministry. It should enter the data on online IMIS.
- VII. 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.

- VIII. 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. Letter from Secretary (MDWS) to Chief Secretaries to all the States have been sent on this regard.
- IX. 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.
- X. 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.
- XI. 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.
- XII. Effort of the State in installing bulk meters in PWS schemes was appreciated. 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.
- XIII. HGM maps should be used for proper identification of sustainable borewells. Defunct borewells should be rehabilitated/restored for its original yield by application of boreblasting and hydro-fracturing technologies wherever applicable. State may nominate 2 officials for training to be provided by NRSC at Hyderabad, date of which, would be communicated to the State later on.
- XIV. 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 and from the Chair.

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

Date of Meeting: 02/02/2015

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

S. No.	Name	Designation
Officials from Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation		
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (Water), MDWS
2.	Shri D. Rajasekhar	Deputy Adviser-WQ, MDWS
3.	Shri A. K. Srivastava	Under Secretary (Water), MDWS
4.	Shri Anisur Rahman	Consultant (M & E), NRC, MDWS
5.	Dr. Brajesh Shrivastava	Consultant (WQ), MDWS
6.	Shri Rajesh Maurya	Jr. Stat. Officer, MDWS
Participants from Government of Karnataka		
1	Shri T. M. Vijay Bhaskar	Addl. Chief Secy., Government of Karnataka
2	Shri B. N. Krishnaia	Commissioner, RWSS, Government of Karnataka
3	Shri R. P. Kulkarni	CE-RWSS, Government of Karnataka
4	Shri B. Krishnappa	Addl. Director (SBM), Government of Karnataka
5	Shri H. N. Srinivas Murthy	AEE, Technical wing, Water Supply, Government of Karnataka

