

**Minutes of the Meeting held to discuss the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) 2015-2016
Under SBM(G) for the State of Himachal Pradesh**

1.1 A meeting to discuss **Annual Implementation Plan 2015-2016** of the State of **Himachal Pradesh** was held at **11:30AM** on **18th February, 2015** in the Conference Room, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, 4th Floor Paryawaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by **Joint Secretary (Sanitation)**, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. The list of the participants is annexed.

1.2 At the outset, Joint Secretary (Sanitation) raised concern against negligible progress against **AIP-2014-15** targets. Moreover, the State is also lagging behind on almost all aspects of the AIP 2014-15.

1.3 Physical Progress: During **2014-15**, against annual objectives of construction of IHHLs (BPL & APL), the State Coordinator-SBM(G) informed that the progress as of now is **19.34%** (45002 IHHLs); and it is estimated to achieve around 36.14% (84,060) IHHLs by the end of March, 2015. The data entry in IMIS corresponding to the progress would be also be accomplished soon. The State raised issue of some errors in BLS and subsequent difficulties in the entries of BLS 2012 data. It was suggested by Joint Secretary (Sanitation) that the overall targets as communicated by the BLS 2012 as of now are frozen at the State level. The State has the liberty to make necessary rectification within districts. Once a year the BLS 2012 data may be reopened for necessary rectification and revision subject to overall ceiling after due process.

State also raised same issue about me approved PIP. The State was advised that the PIP had been finalized using the formula communicated to them and if there were issues regarding the PIP, the State may represent to the Ministry along with detailed reasons.

1.4 Financial Progress: The State has an opening balance of **Rs19.52 crore** as of **1st April, 2014**. Fund released in **2014-15** is **Rs.52.39 crore**. The expenditure reflected in the IMIS is only **Rs. 13.21 crore**. State Coordinator-SBM(G) informed that an expenditure of **Rs. 22.30 crore** has been incurred by the State so far.

Director (SBM-G) suggested that the Provisional Utilization Certificate may be furnished to the Ministry at the earliest so that the Ministry can process the same for release of balance amount to the State.

2. State has proposed following objectives under **Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for 2015-2016** as per the modified provisions of SBM(G) :

2.1 Physical Objectives for 2015-16:

Components	HHS without toilet as per BLS 2012-13	HHS without toilet (as approved by GOI)	Toilets constructed from date of BLS to Jan 2015	Anticipated toilets constructed from date of BLS to 31-03-2015	Household expected without toilets as on 01.04.2015	objective for the year 2015-16
IHHL (BPL)	45933	26829	7890	8800	18029	18029
IHHL (APL)	163074	175917	31245	37630	138298	138298
IHHL-APLs-SC	46524	49603	8827	10707	38896	38896
IHHL-APLs-ST	12046	11957	1708	2623	9334	9334
IHHL-APLs-Small and marginal farmers	55084	59780	12620	14330	45450	45450
IHHL-APLs-Landless labourers with homestead	2360	2336	156	391	1945	1945
IHHL-APLs-Physically handicapped	1374	1398	63	188	1221	1221
IHHL-APLs-Women headed households	20549	20923	3179	3899	17024	17024
APL Others	25137	29920	4692	5492	24428	24428
Defunct Toilets	59089	0	0	0	59089	59089
Community Sanitary Complex	1593	56	101	1492	1492	190
RSM	0	0	0	0	0	0
PC	0	0	0	0	0	0

The State Coordinator-SBM(G) mentioned that the State would achieve the total target of IHHLs, and make the State ODF by the year 2016-17.

3. State has identified **800 GPs** for making Open Defecation Free for the year 2015-16. The marking of projected GPs for ODF should be entered online by **30th April, 2015**. It was also stated that priority to be accorded to these identified GPs, however total annual objective may also include demand from other GPs as ‘demand driven approach’ is the basic essence of SBM(G) programme.

4. State has taken up target of **400 GPs** for Solid and Liquid Waste Management for the year 2015-16. Joint Secretary(sanitation) suggested that State may take more SLWM targets. Director, SBM(G) mentioned that Himachal Pradesh being one of the leading states to have adopted IPC on a massive scale in earlier years needs to rework the IEC plan for the year 2015-16 and place a larger focus on IPC.

5. Financial Objectives for 2015-16: State has projected total requirement of **Rs.20991.22 lakh** from Central share.

6. State was asked to finalise the target as discussed and upload the same in the website through online monitoring system within one week of meeting. Hard copy of the revised **AIP for 2015-16** signed by a senior officer should be sent by **31st March, 2015**. District-wise **AIP objectives for 2015-16** along with identified GPs should be entered on online Monitoring System. It was informed that the recommendation of **PAC for 2015-16** shall be valid for this financial year only.

7. **Tentative Allocation for 2015-16** : Tentative Allocation for **2015-16** shall be made after progress report of expenditure of all the Districts as on **31st March, 2015**. However the actual releases during the year **2015-2016** would be subject to:

- The submission of necessary documents that is UC/ASA and certificate by the State Secretary that the Districts to which funds are proposed to be released have complied with the conditions of release and Audit reports, Utilization Certificates and Progress Reports have been received and scrutinized.
- The fund released in the first installment shall be 50% of the amount approved in the PAC and shall be reduced by the amount of opening balance in excess of 10% of the previous year's release to the State.
- Availability of funds in the budget.

8. State was requested to accelerate the progress against all component of SBM(G) so that to meet the physical as well as financial objectives projected by state.

ACTION POINTS: The following Action Points may be noted :-

(a) It was emphasized that State should focus on behavior change and usage of toilets. It was further stressed that in order to entail health benefits, the entire village should become open defecation free. Therefore, the State, although free to decide its own approach, may try the community based collective behavior change approach, as suggested in the SBM guidelines.

(b) The State was also advised to ensure that all Government employee, including the teachers, police personnel, anganwadi workers, etc. have a toilet in their house within the next three months.

(c) The State was advised to initiate Whatsapp Group, Involving State officials and all DCs/other key stakeholders to constantly share ideas on Swachhta

(d) State to ensure availability of adequate state share required as per SBM(G) Guidelines. State has to expedite release of the Central share to the Department, as per guidelines for which penal provisions are there.

(e) While planning for Community Sanitary Complexes, the department has to ensure provision of water supply and O & M.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

List of participants

S.No.	Name	Designation
Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation		
1.	Shri Saraswati Prasad	Joint Secretary(Sanitation), MoDWS, New Delhi
2.	Shri Sujoy Mojumdar	Director, SBM(G), MDWS, New Delhi
3.	Shri Junaid Ahmed Usmani	Consultant-Database, NRC, MoDWS, New Delhi
4.	Shri Hemant Khosla	STC_World Bank, MoDWS, New Delhi
State Government		
5.	Shri Hemis Negi	Dy. Secretary (RD) & State Coordinator, SBM (G), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh
6.	Shri Vishal Chandel	State Consultant, SBM (G), Dept. of Rural Development, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh