

Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) Annual Action Plan 2015-16 of Bihar State

1. An Annual Action Plan 2015-16 meeting with the representatives of Bihar Government was held in the Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 26th February, 2015 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The list of participants is given in Annexure.

2. NRDWP

The meeting started with the introduction of the participants and welcome address by the Joint Secretary (Water), MoDWS, Gol.

- i. It was informed to State officials of Bihar that the exact financial allocation for the year 2015-16 of the state will be communicated, once the confirmation is received from Finance Ministry. **State was advised to prepare the plan with the estimated cost of schemes taken up two times of the available funds after considering the quantum of funds required for the completion of ongoing schemes.** The state was advised to plan for 2015-16 taking into account the unspent balance also available at the end of the current financial year.
- ii. JS (Water) reviewed the targets and achievements of the State for the year 2014-15 during the AAP meeting which is as follows. State was advised to prepare their plan after the final allocation of fund.

Particulars	Target for 2014-15	Achievement 2014-2015 (upto January, 2015)	Total Anticipated Achievement from 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015
Partially Covered Habitation	9000	6939	9000
Quality Affected Habitation	4000	1757	3000
Pipe Water Supply	227	132*	227
House Hold Connection	25000	17017*	25000

It has been observed that the physical progress of NRDWP has not been satisfactory as against the target during the Year 2014-15 in Partially Covered and Quality Affected habitation. It was suggested the State to increase the achievement during year 2014 -15.

- iii. It was advised that the State should focus on Pipe Water Supply , House Hold Connection , Water Quality Affected Habitations and involvement of PRI in water supply schemes.

3. **The gist of the discussion is as follows**

- i. JS (Water) showed his displeasure for the State officials for not coming prepared with a presentation on the review.
- ii. Director (W) chaired the AAP session for the State of Bihar.
- iii. He also indicated that no fund will be released for the ongoing schemes which are more than five years old, these schemes are to be completed by using state's own share only.
- iv. It was observed that the State of Bihar had a cut in the funds due to mismatch in figures. However, this has been sorted out and the same has been submitted for gap filling. The State was suggested to submit the proposal latest by February 28, 2015.
- v. Similarly, Management Devolution Index (MDI) release was also reported as per the cut, and would be restored accordingly.
- vi. In support and WQMS funds, Utilization Certificate (UC) has been sent for the 1st installment.
- vii. It was also noted that the funds allocated under National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF), only 40% of the total allocated funds have been utilized by the State. Director (Water) advised to send the UC for the 40% funds.
- viii. With respect to the fund release of 2nd installment, State has not utilized 60% of the total allocation. It was suggested by Director (W) to send the proposal by 10th March 2015.
- ix. In the water quality affected habitations, it was noted that out of 4000 Quality affected habitations, Arsenic (107 Habitations) and Fluoride (543 habitations) are left. It was directed to take these numbers as anticipated targets, as mentioned as 100 and 400 respectively for the two contaminants, by the State.
- x. It was also suggested by Dy. Adviser (WQ) to take-up community treatment plants as short-term measure, but State should focus on Pipe water Supply as a long-term vision.

- xi. Also, the O&M protocol and Reject water Management and IEC component is suggested to be incorporated into the tender documents floated by the State Govt.
- xii. For use of HGM Maps, it was suggested by Addl. Adviser (WQ) to the State for conducting a workshop jointly with NRSC, Hyderabad. It can be a one-day workshop followed by a visit to the field.
- xiii. In SLSSC meetings (proposed to be held on 3rd March 2015), it was suggested to submit proposals for solar-power-based pumps, along with the MNRE and NCEF proposals.
- xiv. It was mentioned by the State that there are 1.36 lac samples been tested in WQ testing labs. In addition, 6.5 lac samples would be tested for making a WQ Map (in assistance from DFID) for the State.
- xv. Dy. Adviser (WQ) suggested that the samples shall be tested for pre and post-monsoon status, so that it can be sent to State RRSCs for GIS layer maps.
- xvi. With reference to State level WQ testing labs, it was reported by the State that NABL accreditation is proposed, and is 80% completed.
- xvii. The state should update IMIS data regularly and promptly so as to facilitate, proper monitoring and release of fund under various components.

4 Once the exact allocation is communicated to the States, they can prepare the final AAP document and send 3 copies to the Ministry for approval in March, 2015.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the chair.

Annexure

List of Participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2015-16 for Bihar State held on 26th February, 2015 in the Office of the Joint Secretary (Water) at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.

Officials from the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (Water & Admin)
2.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water)
3.	Shri. D. Rajshekhar	Dy. Adviser (WQ)
4.	Smt. Saumya Srivastava	WSP-SA

Officials from the State of Bihar

Sl .No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri B. Kumar	C.E. (U)
2.	Shri S.N.Mishra	E.E. (M)
3.	Shri Sanjay Kumar Sinha	State Coordinator (CD)
4.	Shri Ashok Kumar	E.E- M(II)

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