

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

1 An Annual Action Plan meeting with the representatives of Punjab Government was held in the Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 24.02.2015 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 Punjab 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. State was advised to prepare their plan after the final allocation of fund.

Particulars	Target for 2014-15	Achievement 2014-2015 (up to January, 2015)	Total Anticipated Achievement from 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015
Partially Covered Habitation	850	456	850
Quality Affected Habitation	1000	53	63
Piped Water Supply	489*	286*	--
House Hold Connection	75000*	101002*	--

- III. 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. Especially in case of water Quality affected habitations the achievement was noted to be very low. JS (W) stressed on coverage of Water Quality affected habitation on

priority and advised to expedite the fund utilization in the Water quality affected areas. It was suggested the State to increase the achievement during year 2014 -15.

- IV. JS (Water) advised that the State should focus on Pipe Water Supply, House Hold Connection, Water Quality Affected Habitation and involvement of PRIs in water supply schemes.

3 The gist of the discussion is as follows

- I. Water quality is the major issue in the State. However, the reported issues are only from the habitations which come under 40 lpcd water availability criteria.
- II. In the Financial Progress of NRDWP (Format-2), the Joint Secretary (W) observed that the fund utilization is very less. He also expressed his displeasure on the fund-utilized by the State. Not a single Quality Affected (QA) habitation has been taken-up from the central share, all the central share money has been spent in coverage.
- III. JS (W) also highlighted that a sum of total approx. 15 Cr. has been consistently been given to State for past 3 financial years, which has not been utilized wisely by the State.
- IV. RO Installation: A total of 1824 ROs have been installed by the state government. A cumulative number of 1875 ROs have been installed so far, out of which 52 are installed in 2014-15. The same has been entered in IMIS as well.
- V. JS (W) stated that at least 20 Cr amount should have been utilized from the Central share of the funds, in water quality. He also emphasized on spending the additional funds on water quality, and not only on minimizing the slip back habitations.
- VI. The State also discussed the issue of construction of structures in water logged areas, as the cost is higher due to construction at a height 1-2 ft above the ground. Also, contaminant concentration is higher due to water logging in such areas. However, Moga, Barnala and Bhatinda are the three districts where World Bank supported projects are being implemented. JS (W) emphasized that the long-term solution has to be taken-up gradually, which is bulk water supply.
- VII. The state officials informed that all the govt schools and anganwadis are covered with drinking water supply.
- VIII. It was also mentioned by the state that Canal water (surface water) is covering 4-5 districts in Punjab. Rest all are groundwater based habitations. However, the canal water goes to Haryana and Rajasthan also. The state suggested for submitting bulk water proposals, but

since it is cost-intensive, JS (W) suggested that the state can request an additional amount of 30-40 cr only for bulk water supply later.

- IX. The state requested to allow entry of heavy metal affected areas in IMIS. JS ((W) requested the Technical Director (NIC) to allow the entry of the same in IMIS.
- X. The JS (W) also advised that the State should plan for schemes twice the amount of allocation being made, so that the adequate shelf of projects is readily available.

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.

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 Punjab State held on 24th February, 2015 in the Office of the Joint Secretary (Water) at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.

Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	JS (Water & Admin)
2.	Shri Dinesh Chand	Addl. Adviser (PHE)
3.	Shri. Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water)
4.	Shri. D. Rajashekhar	Dy. Adviser (WQ)
5.	Shri. G. R Zargar	Sr. Consultant (Water)
6.	Smt. Saumya Srivastava	WSP Consultant
7.	Smt. Seemantini Sengupta	Tech. Director (NIC)
8.	Shri. R.K. Maurya	Jr. Stats. Officer

Officials from the State of Punjab

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1.	Karanbir Singh	XEN (MIS)
2.	Ratesh Garg	XEN (DWSS), Punjab
3.	Veenakshi Sharma	XEN (CCDU)
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