

Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of the meeting taken by Secretary (DW&S) on 5.7.2010 on various aspects of NRDWP for information and necessary action.



(P.N. Ashtamoorthy)
Under Secretary (Water)

To

Additional Adviser

Director (BL)

✓ Director (SM) / Tech Dir (NIC)

DA (KM)

DA (DR)

Senior Consultant

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JS(VB)

Sr. PPS to Secretary (DW&S)

Minutes of the meeting taken by Secretary, DW&S on 5th July, 2010

A meeting of the officers of the Department was held on 5.7.2010 at Paryavaran Bhavan. The meeting was chaired by Secretary, DWS. A presentation was made by JS (VB) to Secretary, DWS on various aspects of NRDWP and other ongoing activities. During the presentation, detailed discussions also took place and minutes of the same are, as under:

Sl. No.	Decision/ actionable point	Officer responsible
1.	State-wise number of households having access to water supply through tap connections & public taps to be prepared based on the information available from NFHS, DLHS & IMIS. Secretary, DWS desired that cost involved in providing PWSS to all remaining habitations be calculated and put up.	Director (WS)
2.	State-wise listing of different sources of funding O & M expenses of water supply schemes to be prepared.	Area Officers
3.	Nominate Technical officers in-charge of Water Quality, WQM&S, Sustainability, PWS, externally aided projects, R&D etc.	JS(VB)
4.	A note on optimum utilization of the 10% incentive being provided so as to drive reforms in the States should be prepared	DA (KM)/ Dir (WS)
5.	Fresh survey on the status of rural water supply sector in all aspects should be carried out which will become the base document for the XII plan period.	Dir (WS)
6.	Fund releases (first installment) for all States to be released by 20 th July, 2010	JS(VB)/ Dir (WS)/ All Area Officers
7.	Tackling water quality-affected habitations should be given the top most priority. A letter to all the States to be put up.	JS(VB)
8.	Secretary, DWS desired to know how many VWSHCs are trained by NRHM and whether water and sanitation module was suitably included in the training	DA (DR)/Dir (WQ)
9.	State-wise data about information of number of Village Water Sanitation & Health Committees to be submitted - information from NRHM also	Area Officer/ Dir (NIC)/ Dir (WS)
10.	Secretary, DWS desired to get inputs on how Pani Panchayats should be strengthened and the model replicated for taking up O&M.	Dir (WS)

11.	Split up quality-affected habitations into Iron and non-Iron problem habitations and prepare a strategy for coverage within the next 2 years.	DA (DR)/ Dir (WQ)
12.	State should be informed about who should be the custodian of the water supply kits provided to GPs	DA (DR)/ Dir (WQ)
13.	There are certain gaps in the Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme. Inclusion of Spectrophotometers in laboratories may be part of the guidelines. Secretary, DWS desired that the issue of what incentive could be given for testing per sample by grass root level workers be examined. He desired to know how we could ensure all sources are tested every year. Mention colour codes indicating contamination(s) of water sources. Lab technician can be hired or taken on outsourcing basis from 5% NRDWP-Support funds. Prepare revised WQM&S guidelines. He desired that norms for staffing of labs be sent to States.	DA (DR)/ Dir (WQ)
14.	Secretary, DWS observed the large number of habitations slipping back and desired inputs on how to ensure that virgin uncovered habitations and existing slipped back/ partially covered habitations are covered first before new slipped back habitations are considered. Secretary, DWS desired that all States should be addressed / reminded to set up district level laboratories wherever they were not set up.	DA (DR)/ Dir (WQ)/ Dir (WS)
15.	About 177 lakh bacteriological vials are procured. Secretary, DWS desired to know how many are actually used? Why reporting is not done? He desired that reports from States be obtained and put up.	DA (DR)/ Dir (WQ)
16.	Regular Video-conference on WQM&S should be done. One should be held before Parliament Session to get updated progress reports.	Director (WQ)/ JS(VB)
17.	Expand the scope of utilizing 5% Natural Calamity funds - guidelines to be submitted.	DA (KM)/ Dir (WS)
18.	List out 7-8 most important activities in rural water supply and document success stories.	Additional Adviser
19.	Preparing Training Modules for Block Resource Centres	Sr. Con/ Dir (WQ)
20.	Compile the list of technologies being used by States for Jalmani from the reports available in the Annual Action Plans.	DA (DR)/ Dir (WQ)
21.	Update information on household taps and cost involved per tap connection in the IMIS	TD(NIC)/ Dir (WS)
22.	A one-day review and sharing workshop may be held by calling World Bank, WSP-SA, UNICEF, etc. on World Bank and other Externally aided projects	DA (KM)/ Dir (WS)

23.	Get detailed information on water supply arrangements done including O & M, quality-testing, community mobilization, etc. from Sikkim	DA (KM)/ Dir (WS)
24.	To prepare a sustainable and low cost water supply model for Rajasthan.	D (KM)/ Dir (WS).

2. Secretary, DWS requested the officers present to ensure that the decisions taken in the meeting are followed up and put up on file after proper examination within a reasonable period.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.
