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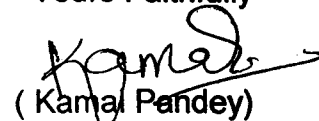
To,
Dr. S.K. Sharma
Secretary
Public Works Department
Andaman & Nicobar Administration
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Port Blair 744 101.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 7.3.2013 at Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2013-14 in respect of A & N Islands.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to send a copy of minutes of the meeting held to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2013-14 in respect of A & N Islands on 7.3.2013 at Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi for further necessary action.

Yours Faithfully



(Kamal Pandey)

Deputy Director (Stats)

Encl: As above

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1. Director(Water)

2. Technical Director (NIC) for hosting the minutes on Ministry's website.

Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan 2013-14 of Andaman & Nicobar UT

1. A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2013-14) of Andaman & Nicobar UT was held on 07/03/2013 in Conference Room, 12th Floor, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri T. M. Vijay Bhaskar, Joint Secretary-Water, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (GoI). Andaman & Nicobar was represented by Smt. Punya Salita Srivastava, Commissioner cum Secretary, and Shri Jose P. John, Director-SWSM, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The list of the participants is annexed.
2. Total allocation to Andaman & Nicobar Islands under NRDWP was Rs 1.15 crore in 2012-13 of which Rs 58 lakh was released by the Ministry. The UT has requested for 2nd installment of NRDWP funds informing the Ministry that the expenditure till 20th February 2013 is Rs 47.89 lakh. The expenditure, though, has not been reported on IMIS of the Ministry.
3. The AAP meeting with Andaman & Nicobar UT was conducted for the first time. Secretary, Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, made a presentation on the status of drinking water and on expectations of the UT from the Ministry. The gist of the presentation and the discussions are as follows :
 1. There are 504 habitations (reported on IMIS of the Ministry is 491) in A & N islands. Most of the habitations are dispersed and are remotely located. Out of 504 habitations, 98 habitations have population above 1000, 62 habitations have between 500-1000, 139 habitations between 100-500 and 205 habitations have less than 100.
 2. There are no Water Quality affected habitations as such in the UT. Salinity ingression in ground water in some areas is the major problem in water quality.
 3. The average annual rainfall in the islands is 3100 mm. A & N islands are mostly dependent on rain water for drinking water except for the islands of Car Nicobar, Kamorta, Nancowry, Neil and Little Nicobar, where ground water is used for water supply.
 4. Approx. 60% of the population in 129 habitations are provided treated water.
 5. Under 12th Five Year Plan, all habitations in the islands with population higher than 250, are to be provided treated water.
 6. Construction cost of water supply schemes in the islands are high as the islands are far away from the mainland of the country which raises the cost due to a). transportation of materials from mainland-island or inter-island by ships and through headloads in remote areas. b) Skilled labour brought from mainland India.

C). Design of the structures/schemes are made considering the areas under seismic Zone -V.

7. ANSWSM established in July 2010. DWSM has also been set up in the islands.
 8. There are presently 9 ongoing water supply schemes, costing Rs 9.45 crore and covering 17 habitations (7929 population). These schemes are likely to be completed by December 2013.
 9. Using NRDWP Support Funds, 3 Consultants, one each for IEC & HRD, MIS and Sanitation & Hygiene have been appointed. Director, Accountant and Data-entry Operator in SWSM is already in place.
 10. 66 field water quality kits (FTK) procured from TWAD board, Chennai. Distribution of the FTKs to PRIs are underway. Training for use of FTK by grass root level workers have also been commenced - 98 Grassroot workers have been trained till Feb 2013.
 11. Awareness programmes for the villagers on sanitation and hygiene also commenced.
 12. UT has requested for :
 - I. Financial Support for procurement of computer hardware and software for headquarter (SWSM) and for 3 districts.
 - II. Training of staff for uploading data on online IMIS of the Ministry.
 - III. Allocation of the fund should be increased to Rs 15.87 crore from the current allocation of Rs 1.21 cr for the year 2013-14.
 - IV. One time allocation under Support fund for establishment of the Mission head quarters and district/ sub-divisional offices may also be given.
 - V. In view of the administrative exigencies, district/block level resource personnel may be allowed to be appointed & expenses for salaries etc to be borne at state level.
 - VI. Fund sharing should be relaxed like North Eastern States and J & K. 90% share should be provided by the centre.
 - VII. Financial support for sewerage system in Port Blair for which DPR has been prepared by the UT.
4. On request of the Secretary, Government of A & N islands, for providing additional funds under NRDWP, JS (Water), MDWS, said that the request of the UT for one time grant for setting up State level laboratory cum Training institute, building and for MIS activities (like purchasing Computers, Printers and other items) may be examined by the Ministry. He suggested the Secretary, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, to submit the proposal on this regard. On further additionality of NRDWP funds to the UT, JS (Water) observed that availability of the funds to the UT would depend upon utilization of atleast 60% of the available NRDWP funds. Recurring cost /Operation &

Maintenance cost of all infrastructure pertaining to drinking water as well as the salary of the permanent staff should be borne by the State.

5. On request of the Secretary, Government of A & N islands to financially support the sewerage system in Port Blair, JS (Water) said that the proposal may be submitted to the Ministry which would examine and consider recommend for funding from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

6. Important Action Points for the Andaman & Nicobar islands:

- I. The A & N islands will have a tentative allocation of about Rs. 1.21 crore (Central share) in 2013-14. The UT should plan AAP for 2013-14 based on total tentative allocation of Rs 1.21 crore in 2013-14 (as Central share) plus opening balance as on 1/4/2013. The Programme Fund + 5% Water Quality Earmarked Fund allocation will be Rs 96.8 lakh of which 11.86 % of funds should be earmarked for TSP (Tribal Sub Plan) component. Percentage wise allocation for ST can not be reduced.
- II. UT has not indicated Physical target for 2013-14. All Annual Action Plan formats on IMIS of the Ministry are also required to be filled up for achievement in 2012-13 and targets for 2013-14. This should be done on priority basis. UT should mark all targeted habitations and other targets on the IMIS by 31st March 2013. First installment in 2013-14 would be released only after marking is completed.
- III. UT may submit a proposal for one time grant for construction of a building for SWSM headquarter, setting up a State level laboratory cum Training institute and for establishment of MIS (Management Information System) etc. for the Ministry to examine.
- IV. UT should submit UC and ASA (if due/pending) in support of expenditure made under NRDWP, for early release of 2nd installment of the NRDWP funds from the Ministry.
- V. UT has informed that there are 504 habitations but, on IMIS of the Ministry, it has been reported as 491 habitations. It should update the number of habitations on IMIS of the Ministry as per the latest data.
- VI. Uniform Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Protocol, released by the Ministry recently, may be referred for guidance on water quality monitoring & surveillance activities. Technology Manual (Second edition) which provides detailed information on technologies available for treatment of various contaminants and cost of the treated water per litre etc may be referred. Ministry will send "Uniform Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Protocol" and "Technology Manual (Second edition)" to all the States/UTs soon.
- VII. There are 56 habitations under 0-25 % population category as reported on IMIS of the Ministry. UT should prioritize covering this. All 491 habitations (as

- reported on IMIS) should be targeted in 2013-14 and covered with piped water supply during 2013-14.
- VIII. UT should raise the norms of providing drinking water to rural habitations. It should plan to provide 24x7 water supply in pilot areas of the State.
 - IX. As per Census 2011 report, 17.6 % of rural households in the State of Andaman & Nicobar, have to travel more than 500 metre for fetching drinking water. State should prioritise providing drinking water and tap connections to habitations with such households.
 - X. As per Census 2011 report, percentage of households using water from uncovered wells, untreated taps and other sources are 10% 22.5% and 10.80% respectively in the State. Uncovered wells should be covered and untreated water from PWSS/taps or any other drinking water sources must be treated before supplying drinking water.
 - XI. PWSS coverage should be expanded and individual tap connections should be increased. As per NSSO estimate, UT has only 17.46 % of households having individual connections.
 - XII. As per DISE data, there are 31 rural schools (out of 322 rural schools) which don't have drinking water facility. Hon'ble Supreme Court order in the record should be complied with by 31/3/2013. UT 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. The ASHA workers should be informed about the Rs 150 available as decided by the Ministry for promoting tap connection and use of toilet in each household. (Rs 75 for tap connection and Rs 75 for toilet construction and usage).
 - XIII. The process of taking GPS coordinates of all drinking water sources in the UT may be expedited. UT may consider outsourcing the work to a suitable agency.
 - XIV. UT should install bulk meters in PWS schemes. It should undertake Water & Energy audit of large water supply schemes.
 - XV. Training Calendar for 2013-14 should be prepared by May 2013 and implemented. UT should train 2-3 GPWSC members of the GPWSC's in 2013-14, either as initial or as refresher training.
 - XVI. UT may try to cover institutional buildings like schools, health centres, Panchayat offices etc with roof water harvesting in 2013-14 under NRDWP (Sustainability). Traditional water bodies using sustainability funds.
 - XVII. All drinking water sources should be tested at least once every year for chemical constituents & twice for bacteriological contamination.
 - XVIII. UT should provide water quality results of all rural drinking water sources along with GPS coordinates so that a GIS layer on ground water quality can be mosaiced with the existing HGM maps.

- XIX. UT should set-up computerized a Call Centre as has been done in Punjab for addressing public grievances. The work may be undertaken using the Support fund.
- XX. IEC activities have to be intensified with focus on inter personal communication (e.g. incentive to ASHA workers).
- XXI. Solar energy based dual pump water supply schemes may be installed in these UT to manage the diesel generated pumps system.

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

Participating Officials to discuss Annual Action Plan (2013-14) for Andaman & Nicobar islands

Date of Meeting: 07/03/2013 **Venue:** Conference Hall, Parvavaran Bhavan, New Delhi

S. No.	Name	Designation
Officials from Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation		
1.	Shri T. M. Vijay Bhaskar	Joint Secretary (Water), MDWS (in the chair)
2.	Shri Sujoy Mojumdar	Director (Water), MDWS
3.	Ms. Sandhya Singh	Joint Director –M & E, MDWS
4.	Shri G. Balasubramanian	Deputy Adviser, MDWS
5.	Shri Kamal Pandey	Deputy Director-Statistics, MDWS
6.	Dr. P.K. Jha	Consultant (Sanitation), MDWS
7.	Dr. T.K. Das	Consultant (IEC), MDWS
8.	Dr. Brajesh K. Shrivastava	Consultant (WQ), MDWS
9.	Shri Jaimon	Consultant (M & E), MDWS
10.	Dr. G. Murugan	Consultant(Stat.), MDWS
Participants from Government of Andaman & Nicobar islands		
1	Smt. Punya Salita Srivastava	Commissioner cum Secretary, Government of Andaman & Nicobar islands
2	Jose P. John	Director-SWSM, Andaman & Nicobar islands