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Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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To,

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Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 25/2/2014 at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Punjab

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to send a copy of minutes of the meeting held on 25/2/2014 to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Punjab at Paryavaran Bhawan, 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 2014-15 of Punjab State**

1 A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2014-15) of Punjab State was held in office of Joint Secretary – Water in Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 25th February, 2014. The meeting was chaired by JS (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation-Gol. Punjab State was represented by Shri R.L Kauldar EC (Cord), Shri. Ratesh Garg , Executive Engineer H/O and Srimati Veenaksh Sharma, EE Communication and Capacity Development Unit. The list of the participants is annexed.

JS (Water) reviewed the targets and achievements of the State for the year 2013-14 during the AAP meeting. State was advised to prepare their plan on the pattern of Tamil Nadu a copy of which was provided to them.

2 NRDWP

State of Punjab that was informed about the tentative allocation for NRDWP during 2014-15 to the tune of Rs 82.31 Crore (Based on Census 2011 population data). This allocation excludes Management Devolution Index based Incentive funding which will be communicated later on under Water Quality Special Focus Fund Project (Subject to approval of cabinet), Rs 149.20 Cr will be allocated to the State. **State was advised to prepare their plan two times of the quantum of available funds Keeping in view the quantum of funds required for the completion of ongoing schemes .**

3 The gist of the discussion is as follows

- i. JS (Water), MDWS, observed that performance of the state was better as compared to other states.
- ii. It was impressed upon the State to follow NRDWP Guidelines in letter & Spirit. It was stipulated by the Joint Secretary (Water) that priority should be given to PC habitations and WQ affected habitations, while preparing the AAP for 2014-15.
- iii. It was noted that the physical performance of the State was only 47.55% in term of coverage of partially covered habitations and 5.61% in respect of Quality affected habitations on priority basis. State was also informed that all new schemes should be planned with a provision of 55 lpcd as per the 12th Five Year Plan objective but all habitations of the State must get 40 lpcd first.
- iv. JS (Water) pointed out that there are 4 major areas in terms of which the Ministry would like to measure the impact of NRDWP in all the States. They are: 1. Coverage of Partially Covered habitations (giving top priority to 0-25 % coverage followed by 25-50 % coverage and so on), 2. Enhancement of Piped Water Supply schemes 3. Enhancement of Household taps connections and 4. Coverage of water

quality affected habitations. All these areas invariably cover the other components of NRDWP which includes institutional arrangements like WSSO/DWSM/BRC etc, Training, HRD Activities, MIS, Laboratory setting/upgradation etc.

- v. It was also informed that from FY2014-15, NRDWP Funds would be released to in State Government account and not to the Authority, Board, Jal Nigam etc.
- vi. AAP should also reflect proposed expenditure on SC and ST concentration habitations on IMIS separately. As per the latest data provided by Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI, in respect of Minority concentration habitations, 100% expenditure should be made in consonance of Government of India Norms.
- vii. The state should update IIMS data regularly and promptly so as to facilitated, proper monitoring and release of fund under various components.
- viii. It was pointed out that O & M fund was not being transferred to GPs in the state as a result the performance of state in MDI is poor. They were urged to take up the issue with the competent Authority in the state Government.
- ix. It was impressed upon the state that no central fund will be utilized for ongoing schemes which are more than five years old, these will have to be completed by the state from their own resources.
- x. State should plan to minimize installation of hand pump and focus on implementation of piped water supply schemes.
- xi. State should take up all the remaining Quality Affected Habitations in Punjab and complete it in the 2014-15 so that Punjab can become a State without Quality affected habitations. It was also noted that the expenditure under 5% earmarked funds is low and State has to cover the quality affected habitations from this 5% earmarked funds so that normal funds can be utilized for coverage of partially covered habitations, through piped water supply.
- xii. It was decided that under special Water Quality Project state should target 1100 habitations and 972 habitations under normal program.
- xiii. All drinking water sources should be tested at least once in a year for ascertaining presence of chemical contaminants & twice in a year for bacteriological contamination. State may upgrade the instrumentation facilities at State laboratory for pesticide monitoring considering high amount of fertilizers and pesticide/insecticide are used in States.

- xiv. The achievement against some of the RFD targets during the year 2013-2014 is less, effort have to be made in this regard by state.
- xv. For example the State target was to take up 1025 sustainability structure during 2013-14 and they achieved only 3.41 % with an expenditure of only 2.93%, hence it was suggested that state has to improve expenditure in sustainability component.
- xvi. The Ministry has circulated the model activity mapping to all the states. Implementation of the same is expected quickly.
- xvii. Training Calendar for 2014-15 should be prepared at the earliest, and shared with the Ministry. State should undertake human resource training in such a way that all officers from a specific division should be included but not at same time and in different batches. Also, 2-3 VWSC members from each village should be trained in 2014-15. Exposure visits/Workshops etc on important and relevant issues should be conducted. State should also submit TNA requirements and plan for TNA Workshop as well at State level.
- xviii. The work done in all school and Anganwadis in the field of water supply and sanitation was appreciated. However it was pointed out that it must be ensured that all schools and Anganwadies be provided with water supply and toilets facilities as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court without any delay.
- xix. State 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 incentive of Rs 75 fixed by the Ministry for promoting tap connection in each household in addition to the incentive of Rs 75 for toilet construction and usage. The payments should be made timely, so as to encourage and motivate the ASHA workers
- xx. The state should submit the new proposal under Support fund utilization at the earliest.
- xxi. State should try to cover institutional buildings like schools, health centres, Panchayat offices etc with roof top rain water harvesting in 2014-15 under NRDWP (Sustainability) component.
- xxii. State has not set up BRCs till date. State should complete recruiting professionals in BRC WSSO/CCDU, DWSM, etc at the earliest.

- xxiii. The Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Department has not engaged any State Technical Agency (STA) for pre scrutiny of scheme. Hence it is necessary that Department should engage STA at the earliest, and conform the number.
- xxiv. The State was asked to bring out a document on the success of their Grievance Redressal System, which is doing well in Punjab, so that other States can replicate this model.
- xxv. The salary of BRC staff should be as per NRDWP guidelines. In case the state wants to pay more to BRC staff, it may be paid from the state fund.
- xxvi. Ministry requested the state to fill up the all the vacant posts at District, Block level and Sub-Block level position of Engineers to handle large projects of water supply effectively in the coming year.
- xxvii. It was suggested that the Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Department should send their Engineers to KRC for training and the expenditure may be booked under Support Fund provided by Gol.
- xxviii. The State Government was advised that women, SC, STs and poor sections of the village should be given due representation in the VWSC and at least 50% members of VWSCS should be women.

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

List of participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2013-14 held on 25th February, 2014 in the office of JS (Water), Paryavaran Bhawan , New Delhi

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6.	Shri A.K. Srivastava	US(WQ)	Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
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