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To,

Shri K. Phanindra Reddy
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Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 6/2/2014 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Tamil Nadu Pradesh

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to send a copy of minutes of the meeting held to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Tamil Nadu on 6/2/2014 at Nirman Bhawan New Delhi for further necessary action.

Yours Faithfully


(Kamal Pandey)
Deputy Director (Stats)

Encl: As above

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1. Director (Water)
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**Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP
Annual Action Plan 2014-15 of Tamil Nadu State**

A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2014-15) of Tamil Nadu State was held in office of Secretary – MDWS in Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi on 06/02/2014. The meeting was chaired by Shri Pankaj Jain Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation-GOI. Tamil Nadu State was represented by Shri C. Vijayaraj Kumar, Managing Director, TWAD Board, Government of Tamil Nadu and Shri R Ganesh, Joint Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Government of Tamil Nadu. The list of the participants is annexed.

NRDWP

Officials of the Tamil Nadu Government made a presentation on implementation of NRDWP in 2013-14 and the proposed Annual Action Plan (2014-15) for the State.

Secretary DWS and JS Water reviewed the different AAP formats provided by the State during the AAP meeting. It was informed to the State of Tamil Nadu that keeping in view the presently communicated allocation for NRDWP during 2014-15 to the Ministry; the State will have a tentative allocation Rs. 266 Crore (based on the criteria prescribed in NRDWP guidelines). This allocation excludes Management Devolution Index based Incentive funding and the same will be communicated after evaluation. Under Water Quality Special Focus Fund Project (Subject to approval of cabinet) the State is eligible to get another Rs 1 crore. The exact allocation will be communicated to the State in the month of April, 2014. **State should prepare the plan with the estimated cost of schemes taken up at least two times of the quantum of available funds after considering the quantum of funds required for the completion of ongoing schemes as specified in the guidelines.** The State should plan for 2014-15 taking into account the unspent balance also available at the end of the current financial year. State was communicated to revise the AAP with the inputs provided in the discussion.

The gist of the discussion is as follows:

- I. Secretary, MDWS, observed that the **State should give equal focus on all components of NRDWP** and not only to the NRDWP-Programme Funds. The performance of the State in Programme component is satisfactory where as the expenditure in Water Quality Monitoring Surveillance and 5% earmarked funds are not promising. State hasn't claimed the second installment of the 5% earmarked funds. JS also noticed the poor expenditure of the State under the natural calamity funds available with the State and urged the State to expedite the expenditure.
- II. **State shall follow NRDWP Guidelines in letter & Spirit and shall not violate any provision of the Guideline.** This was made clear to the State as the Ministry has observed that some of the States have taken fully covered habitations as a target in 2013-14 and, are not giving priority to partially covered habitations and water quality affected

habitations. It was noted that the physical performance of the State was only 50.59% in partially covered habitations and 10.19% in the Quality Affected habitations. State was urged to expedite the coverage of Quality affected habitations on a 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 and the old schemes also needs to be upgraded with a provision of 55 lpcd rather than the previous norms of 40 lpcd.

III. JS (Water) pointed that there are 4 major parameters on which the Ministry would like to focus so that the objectives of NRDWP is achieved. 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 parameters inevitably cover the other soft components of NRDWP which includes institutional arrangements like WSSO/DWSM/BRC etc, Training, HRD Activities, MIS, Laboratory setting/upgradation etc.

IV. It was also informed to the State that from now onwards, NRDWP Funds for 2014-15 and for subsequent years would be released and deposited in State Government account and not to in the Account of TWAD Board etc. TWAD board officials should work closely with the State Government in order to avail the funds timely and utilize it.

V. AAP should also reflect expenditure on SC and ST concentrated habitations on IMIS of the Ministry from Central and State share. State was also informed that as per the latest data provided by Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI, there is a minority concentrated district (Kanniyakumari) in Tamil Nadu State where water supply projects should be taken up.

VI. After due deliberation and review of the targets taken in 2013-14, the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, has suggested the State to take following targets for 2014-15:

Total number of habitations	Target Habitations for 2014-15		
	Target for Quality Affected Habitations	Other habitations (Partially Covered)	Total
98179	63	5937	6000

Secretary DWS instructed the State to take up all the remaining Quality Affected Habitations in Tamil Nadu and complete it in the 2014-15 so that Tamil Nadu 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.

- VII. Deputy Advisor (Water Quality) requested the State of Tamil Nadu that whenever the water quality treatment plants are set up, State should give priority to set up Lamella Clarifier for addressing issues related to turbidity/suspended particles. State was also advised to have water quality testing in the districts of Virudhanagar, Dindigal and Sivaganga for nitrate as well as pesticide residues. However he suggested the State to discuss with State Agriculture Department and then decide the pesticide affected districts.
- VIII. There are 32 water supply schemes (10 schemes with 3 - 5 years and 22 schemes with 5- 10 years) which still remain incomplete. State **should complete all incomplete schemes on priority**. If there are any cost overruns for those schemes running for more than five years, **State shall have to complete these schemes using its own resources**. NRDWP funds shall not be used for any Schemes remaining incomplete even after 5 years. Such schemes shall then be completed on priority using funds from State Plan.
- IX. JS (Water) appreciated the State on emphasizing on PWS. However mismatch in physical and financial progress during 2013-14 are concerns.
- X. **State should provide authentic data regarding the number of Rural population covered with Piped Water Supply (PWS), which should be updated at least up to 2012-13, and also the number of individual household tap connections in the State. The information should be provided district-wise to the Ministry in both hard copy and in soft copy in positively, one month timeframe.** To begin with, data should be collected from each GP by Junior Engineer and should be processed through Assistant Engineer and Executive Engineer for block level and district level respectively before reaching to Chief Engineer and finally to the Secretary-in-charge of RWS of the State.
- XI. Training Calendar for 2014-15 should be prepared at the earliest, should be shared with the Ministry and implemented. 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 but in different batches. Also, 2-3 VWSC members should be trained in 2014-15, either as initial or as refresher training. 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.
- XII. **State should cover all Government rural schools as per directions of the Supreme Court.** All public Anganwadis in Public/government buildings, if not covered previously, should be provided drinking water.

- XIII. State should **mark all targeted habitations and other targets** on the IMIS by 15th March 2014 after approval from the Ministry. **First installment in 2014-15 would be released only after marking is completed.**
- XIV. 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 Rs 75 available as **decided by the Ministry for promoting tap connection** in each household in addition to Rs Rs 75 for toilet construction and usage.
- XV. The process of **taking GPS coordinates** of all drinking water sources in the State may be expedited.
- XVI. State may try to **cover institutional buildings like schools, health centres, Panchayat offices etc with roof water harvesting** in 2014-15 under NRDWP (Sustainability).
- XVII. All drinking water sources should be tested at least once every year for chemical constituents & **twice 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.
- XVIII. State has not **set up BRCs till date**. State should complete recruiting professionals in BRC WSSO/CCDU, DWSM, etc at the earliest.
- XIX. To utilize funds on community water purification plants in water quality affected habitations, State should prepare district wise outlay plan with DPRs on projectised mode with district as **unit and submit to SLSSC (State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee)** for consideration. The proposal after vetting in SLSSC should be sent to CEC (Central Empowered Committee) of the Ministry for approval & release of funds.
- XX. It was also suggested to the State to prepare a plan for offering training to PHEDs of other States in various aspects related to Water. TWAD board being a Knowledge Resource Centre of the Ministry can contribute a lot to the training of the public health engineers and other social engineering fellows of other States.

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 06th February, 2014 in the Conference Room of office of Secretary, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

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4.	Smt. Sandhya Singh	Joint Director	Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
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