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Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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To,
Dr. Rajiv Kumar Gupta
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Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 7/2/2014 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Gujarat

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to send a copy of minutes of the meeting held on 7/2/2014 to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Gujarat 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)
- ✓ 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 Gujarat State

A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2014-15) of Gujarat State was held in office of Secretary -MDWS in Nirman Bhawan New Delhi on 7/2/2014. The meeting was Chaired by Sh Pankaj Jain Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation-Gol Gujarat State was represented by Shri Mahesh Singh, Member Secretary GWSSB & CEO WASMO Gujarat, The list of participants is annexed.

NRDWP

Officials of the Gujarat 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 Gujarat that keeping in view the presently communicated allocation for NRDWP during 2014-15 to the Ministry, the State will have a tentative allocation Rs. 499.93 Crore (based on the criteria prescribed in the 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 5.45 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 current financial year. State was communicated to revise the AAP with the inputs provided in the discussion .

The gist of 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 .
- II **State shall follow NRDWP Guidelines in letter & Spirit and shall not violate any provision of the Guidelines.** This was made clear to the State as the Ministry observed that some of the States have taken fully covered habitations as a target in 2013-14 and not giving priority to partially covered habitations and water quality affected habitations State was also informed that all new schemes should be planned with a provision of 55 lpcd as per 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 out that there are 4 major areas 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 Execution period for completion of schemes should be minimized to avoid price escalation and all schemes more than 5 years old be wound up immediately and considered closed for central funding. No central funds shall be used for such schemes and these schemes be now completed with state funds as they cannot be left incomplete which would lead to infructuous expenditure. Spreading the funds too thin should be avoided as this leads to delay in execution due to poor annual funding.

IV It was informed by the state that they have covered all habitations with water supply rate of 70 lpcd which was appreciated by Secretary ,MDWS. After due deliberations and review of the targets taken in 2013-14 the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation suggested 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
34208	175	1325	1500

V. State has proposed to train 60000 rural people for water quality testing ,conducting 198000 water quality tests in laboratories and 125000 tests using FTKs during 2014-15 J S (Water) said that testing of drinking water in all water quality affected habitations should be done in 2014-15. Secretary MDWS desired that a study be made to check effect on excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides for agriculture use resulting in deteriorating drinking water quality He further stressed that testing of 20-25% water sources randomly be done twice a year i.e. once before and once after the monsoon along with taking readings of GPS Coordinates

VI J S (Water) pointed out that safe & adequate drinking water should be ensured in all schools .and Anganwadies along with toilets as per directions of Honorable Supreme court, & thereto no targets are fixed .It was informed by Member Secretary GWSSB that all the schools have been provided water supply as on date.

VII For the year 2013-14, 2190 sustainability structures were proposed against which only 235 have been reported completed up to 31/1/2014 as per IMIS by the state which is very low. .For the year 2014 -15, it has been proposed to construct 2178 sustainability structures.

VIII Secretary MDWS pointed out that complaint redressal system should be established on the lines similar of Punjab or Madhya Pradesh, so that grievances can be redressed efficiently.

IX It was appreciated by secretary MDWS that O & M of piped water supply schemes and funds transfer to Gram Panchayats is being done in the state

X State was asked to give priority to cover incomplete works/long pending schemes

XI State should cover all remaining quality affected habitations during 2014-15 on priority basis.

XII State should expedite according administrative sanction to all the projects /schemes taken under NRDWP ,immediately after SLSSC approves the same and the time gap between two activities should not exceed 2 ½ months

XIII The process of taking GPS Coordinates of all drinking water sources in the state may be expedited,

XIV State should get water and energy audit done for large water supply schemes.

XV HGM maps should be used to locate sustainability structures ,defunct bore wells ,should be rehabilitated /using bore blasting and hydro fracturing technologies or other injection methodologies

XVI Training calendar for training of workers / departmental staff and Engineers at all levels be prepared and strictly adhered to

XVII State should provide water quality test results of all rural drinking water sources with GPS Coordinates to NRSC under intimation to the Ministry for insertion of GIS layer on water quality into the ground water prospect (HGM) maps

XVIII At least 10 sub- district laboratories shall be set up during 2014-15

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

List of Participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2013-2014 held on 7/2/2014 in the Conference Room of office of Secretary Nirman Bhawan New Delhi

Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

S no	Name	Designation
1	Sh Pankaj Jain	Secretary(MDWS)
2	Sh Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (Water)
3	Dr Dinesh Chand	Additional Advisor
4	Sh V K Bathla	Assistant Advisor
5	Sh Jai Mohan	Consultant (M&E)

Officials from Gujarat State

1	Sh Mahesh Singh	Member Secretary GWSSB & CEO WASMO Govt of Gujarat
2	Sh BB Patel	Chief Engineer GWSSB