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(Drinking Water and Sanitation)
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Civil Secretariat
Agartala 799 001.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 25/3/2014 at Niman Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan-2014-15 in respect of Tripura

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to send a copy of minutes of the meeting held on 25/3/2014 to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan-2014-15 in respect of Tripura at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi for further necessary action.

Yours Faithfully

( Kamal Pandey)
Deputy Director (Stats)

Encl: As above

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Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP
Annual Action Plan 2014-15 of TRIPURA State

A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2014-15) of Tripura State was held in the office of Secretary – MDWS in Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi on 25/03/2014. The meeting was chaired by Shri Pankaj Jain Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation-Gol. Tripura State was represented by Shri G. Kameswara Rao, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura, Shri S.C. Das, Additional Chief Engineer, PHED, Shri Rajib Masumder State Co-ordinator, WSSO and Shri Manojit Debanath, Consultant, WSSO. The list of the participants is annexed.

2. NRDWP

Officials of the Tripura 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 Tripura that the State will have a tentative allocation Rs. 57.60 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 0.32 crore. The exact allocation will be communicated to the State in the month of April/May, 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.

3. The gists of the discussions are as follows:

1. Secretary, MDWS, observed that the State should give equal focus on all components of NRDWP and not only to the NRDWP-Program Funds. The performance of the State in Program component is not up to the expected level. There is large unspent balance still remaining and hence should try to bring down the balance considerably. There is also huge balance in support funds and warrants immediate attention of executing the support program and spending the money. JS pointed out that the expenditure in Water Quality Monitoring Surveillance and 5% earmarked funds are not promising. Unspent balance in water quality funds are also large and needs special attention. In water quality monitoring component, considering the 5003 nos of quality affected habitations in the State, more fund should be utilized.
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 in the Quality Affected habitations is comparatively low, 78%. 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. JS emphasized the state to provide realistic targets.

III. JS (Water) pointed 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. All these areas should be supported with 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 the PHED may approach the government 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, Gol, there are 16.6% SC and 31.50% ST population in the state.

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:

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The RFD targets set forth in respect of laboratory tests targeted, number of habitations where at least one laboratory tests is carried out, coverage of individual household with piped water, number of water quality tests carried out in laboratories, are found to be
low. These items need suitable enhancement. Similar is the case with training of VWSC and PRI members.

Secretary DWS instructed the State to give priority for quality affected and take up all the remaining Quality Affected Habitations in the State. There are 5003 quality affected habitations in Tripura and needs of these habitations should be addressed on priority.

VII. Deputy Advisor (Water Quality) requested the State that whenever the water quality analysis is carried out for determination of iron, presence of manganese also needs to be checked.

VIII. There are 85 water supply schemes with 3-5 years old since start remaining 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 cost overrun over the delayed years for any incomplete schemes. The state has targeted to cover 24 habitations under spill over and 153 new habitations for coverage under Handpumps, amounting to Rs 1132.75 lakhs.

IX. 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.

X. 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. The targets provided for training of VWSC members, Engineers and Grass root workers are to be revised to 2050, 150, and 5195 respectively. 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.

XI. State should cover all Government rural schools as per directions of the Supreme Court. All Anganwadis in Public/Government buildings, if not covered previously, should be provided drinking water. JS observed that there are still some schools and Anganvadis in the state to be covered with running piped water supply.
These should be covered on a priority basis and should be covered during this plan year positively.

XII. 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 all IMIS entries on AAP are completed.**

XIII. 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 honorarium of Rs 75 available as decided by the Ministry for promoting tap connection in each household in addition to Rs 75 for toilet construction and usage.

XIV. The process of taking GPS coordinates of all drinking water sources in the State may be expedited.

XV. State may try to cover institutional buildings like schools, health centres, Panchayat offices etc with roof water harvesting in 2014-15 under NRDWP (Sustainability). The physical target shown under roof water harvesting seems to be very low considering the outlay proposed. This may be revised using realistic costs.

XVI. All drinking water sources should be tested at least once every year for chemical constituents & twice for bacteriological contamination. The target of number of tests proposed both with FTKs and in the laboratory are very low and the state should revise their targets, with a minimum of 49917 for FTKs. Another 63000 sources in the laboratories should be tested for 20-25% sources both carried out for pre monsoon and post monsoon alongwith GPS coordinates. Such data shall be made available to NRSC under intimation to the Ministry for insertion of GIS layer on water quality into the HGM maps. The state may also set up at least 20 new sub-divisional laboratories for tests of water quality and to start with 5 may be targeted for 2014-15.

XVII. State does not have BRC co-coordinators; JS opined that there can have one co-coordinator for two or three blocks.

XVIII. The state should also think of transferring of O&M funds to the local bodies in order to qualify for better allocation under management devolution index.

XIX. The state should think of involving the grama panchayats in activity mapping.

XX. The state has to initiate measures for starting a grievance redressal mechanism, with SMS based monitoring system. They may also think of toll free numbers in each district so as to inform the grievances of consumers.
XXI. It is observed that out of 469 grama panchayats declared as open defecation free 312 are without piped water system. State should give priority for such GPs for provision of piped water supply.

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

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Annexure

List of participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2013-14 held on 06\textsuperscript{th} April, 2014 in the Conference Room of office of Secretary, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

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