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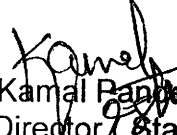
**Shri Saurabh Kumar Das**  
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Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 19/3/2014 at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of West Bengal

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to send a copy of minutes of the meeting held on 19/3/2014 to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of West Bengal at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi for further necessary action.

Yours Faithfully

  
(Kamal Ranby)  
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 West Bengal**

A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (AAP) (2014-15) of West Bengal was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 in the Office of the Joint Secretary, MDWS in Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, GOI. The State of West Bengal was represented by Shri Sourabh Das, IAS, Principal Secretary, Government of West Bengal and other Officials of PHED. The list of participants is annexed.

2. It was informed to the State of West Bengal by the Joint Secretary that keeping in view the presently communicated allocation for NRDWP during 2014-15 to the Ministry, the State will have a tentative allocation Rs. 418.4140 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 43.9353 crore. The exact allocation will be communicated to the State in the month of April/ May, 2014

3. The gist of discussions is as follows:

I. It was observed during the presentation that against the target of 2013-14 Physical Achievement was 61% in all habitations, 25% in Quality Affected habitations and 85% in Partially Covered (PC) habitations, 94% in Minority Districts, 85% in SC concentrated habitations, 51% in ST concentrate habitations and 45% in LEW/ AIP Districts.

The Joint Secretary stressed that the Physical progress need to be expedited, especially in WQ Affected habitations, ST concentrated habitations and LEW/AIP districts where performance was poor. He further advised that target of 2013-14 should be re-defined, so that it is more than 2013-14.

Since the achievement in respect of Dual Solar Energy operated Schemes was revealed nil in IMIS, the Joint Secretary advised the pay special attention to this component in 2014-15, at least in IAP districts.

II. It was observed that the Financial Achievement in 2013-14, against the available fund was 53.27% in Program, 41.66% in Support, 45.13% in WQMS and 69.04% in Earmarked category. The Joint Secretary opined the Financial Progress as low and advised for gearing up, so as to utilize the available budget in a time bound manner

III. In respect of RFD it was observed that in 2013-14 against the 20 point target of PC habitations and QA affected habitations the achievement was 85% and 25% respectively.

The Joint Secretary opined that the performance in respect of QA habitations was very low in 2013-14, despite the fact that WQ is a serious issue in the state and advised

focused attention and time bound action in WQ affected habitations. The JS suggested increasing the following targets in 2014-15:

1. Target under achievement in coverage of rural population with piped water supply a target should be 30 lakh, in modification of proposed target of 23,296,600.
  2. The Target in respect of coverage of rural habitations with piped water supply was re-fixed as 2700, in modification of the proposed target of 2049.
  3. In respect of coverage of individual households with piped water supply the target was re-fixed as 1,50,000 against the proposed figure of 75,000.
  4. The target of WQ tests with FTKs was modified from proposed figure of 34100 to 50000.
  5. In respect of sustainability structures, the target should be 200, in modification of proposed 74.
  6. The target under number of piped water supply schemes handed-over to Panchayats should be drastically revised from the proposed target of 106.
  7. The target for training VWSC & PRI members in respect of management of Schemes were re-fixed as 32,000 in modification of proposed target of 23478.
- IV. It was observed that out of 1731 ongoing schemes (Format 5), 111 (6 %) were 3-5 years old, 308 were of 5-10 years old (18%) and 14 were more than 10 years old (0.81%).
- Joint Secretary clarified that no NRDWP fund will be available from the Ministry in respect of schemes which are being implemented for more than 5 years and no new schemes will be considered till these schemes are completed. He further stipulated that the priority should be given to WQ affected areas and PC1 & PC2 habitations.
- V. In respect of proposed 1600 hand pumps the Joint Secretary clarified that priority in 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period is piped water supply with household connection.
- Joint Secretary advised that state should ensure effective utilization of available funds under various components.
- VI. Joint Secretary advised to identify PC1 & PC2 habitations from WQA areas as well as PC1, PC2 areas of SC, ST & Minority Concentrated areas, which will help to meet up the mandated priorities for SC, ST & Minority concentrated habitations, as well as cover PC habitations as per our objectives.
- VII. Joint Secretary requested that the availability of drinking water and toilets should be ensured in every schools and Anganwadis, as a statutory obligation, in compliance to the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

He further suggested that for schools and Anagnwadis functioning in private premises Stand Post/Spot Source can be provided in close proximity of the premises or PVC/HDPE Tank may be installed in the institution building. In case the owner of the Private Premises is keen to have piped water supply connection in the premises, against connection charge, the connection may be provided, so that school /Anaganwadi children can have water.

- VIII. Joint Secretary advised the state to increase the targets of sustainability structures especially in the districts of Purulia, Bankura, Birbhum and East & West Medinipur .He further suggested that for sustainability structures, fund under various programmes like MGNREGA, Watershed Development Programme, Irrigation Department Programme should be explored and utilized. Since the Principal Secretary is in charge of RD, Panchyati Raj and PHED, the state should take advantage of this in respect of effective convergence of funds under various programmes. The Principal Secretary, West Bengal advised the Chief Engineer to follow up on this with him in the state for effective convergence for sustainability.

He further advised that Injection Well and Rain Water Harvesting should be taken up in addition to other structures. The exposure visits of Engineers to Tamil Nadu and Karnataka should be taken up. He also advised for introduction of rain water harvesting structures in Schools and Anganwadis and in Darjeeling District/ Hilly districts.

- IX. For 2013-14 neither any target nor any achievement has been shown (Format 10) in respect of O & M amount transferred to GPs, Blocks and District Panchayats. For 2014-15 also no target was fixed.

Joint Secretary advised the states to re-work on Format 10 and advised to incorporate O & M component while TOR is being formulated, so that in the contract itself post-implementation O & M by the contractor is ensured.

- X. Joint Secretary advised the state to formulate State Advocacy and Communication Strategy for NRDWP, keeping with the National Water Advocacy and Communication Framework and formulate IEC Plan for various levels in accordance with the state specific strategy.
- XI. It was advised that the target for WQ Monitoring (format 13) should be reworked to take care of unfulfilled target and new requirement of the year.
- XII. Joint Secretary advised that all consultants for WSSO, DWSMs, and BRCs should be engaged in a time bound manner, since the matter is pending for years in the state, which is affecting quality and pace of implementation of NRDWP & NBA at various levels.
- XIII. It was advised that the convergence of NRDWP with NBA should be planned properly. No report on target and achievement has been reported in respect of 2013-14. For 2014-15 a target of 130 NGP GP has been proposed for providing piped water supply, against 1306 ODF GPs .

- XIV. Joint Secretary advised that the TNA workshop should be immediately ensured for various levels of Officials of PHED and functionaries involved in NRDWP, followed by preparation of Calendar of Trainings for each categories of officials/functionaries, so that training modules can be prepared and training can be imparted in a time bound manner.
- XV. Joint Secretary advised that STA should be selected from reputed Institutes like IIT, NIT, Jadavpur Engineering College, and Shibpur Engineering College etc.
- XVI. The state was advised that 20 % of water samples testing should be taken up in each district after collecting samples during pre-monsoon and post-monsoon seasons for bacteriological analysis and once a year for chemical analysis. In all the JE/ AES affected districts, bacteriological testes should be done in all GPs.
- XVII. Joint Secretary advised that Solar Pumps should be planned and installed at least in all AIP districts of the state.
- XVIII. Facilities should be ensured for testing of arsenic, fluoride, toxic elements, uranium, heavy metals/ pesticides in the State Laboratory.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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## Annexure

**LIST OF OFFICIALS, WHO ATTENDED AAP (NRDWP) MEETING OF WEST BENGAL HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2014.**

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Address
	<b>OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF</b>	<b>DRINKING WATER AND</b>	<b>SANITATION</b>
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2	Shri M .M. Singh	Director	..
3	Shri Rajsekhar	Deputy Advisor(WQ)	..
4	Jayman	Consultant ( M &E)	..
5	Dr.T.K.Das	NRC Consultant(Doc. & IEC)	MDWS, 11 <sup>th</sup> Block (6 <sup>th</sup> Floor), C.G.O. Complex., New Delhi-11003.
	<b>OFFICIALS OF GOVT. OF</b>	<b>WEST BENGAL</b>	
6	Shri Sourabh Das, IAS	Principal Secretary	Govt.of W.B.
7	Bappa Sarkar	Engineer in-Chief	PHED,GOWB
8	Stayabrata Bhattacharya	Chief Engineer	..
9	Animesh Bhattacharya	Assistant Chief Engineer	..