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Government of India  
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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To,  
Shri H. K. Borah  
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Guwahati 781 006.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 21/3/2014 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Assam

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 Assam on 21/3/2014 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)
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 Assam**

A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2014-15) of Assam state was held in office of Secretary – DDWS in Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014. The meeting was chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation-Gol. Assam State was represented by Shri Ranjit Kr. Sarmaly, Secretary PHED, Shri M.K. Nath, CE (PHE), Shri H.A. Ahmed, Superintending Engg., Shri Khanindrs Kr Baishya, Director, WSSO and Shri Pradyumna Bardalai A.E (PHE). The list of the participants is annexed.

Secretary (DWS) reviewed the different AAP formats provided by the state during the AAP meeting.

**A. FINANCIAL PROGRES**

1. It was informed to the State of Assam that keeping in view the presently communicated allocation for NRDWP during 2014-15 to the Ministry, the State will have a tentative allocation Rs.492.87 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 5.4 crore. The exact allocation will be communicated to the State in the month of April, 2014
2. 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 the Authority, Board, Jal Nigam etc.

**B. PHYSICAL PROGRESS**

3. State shall follow NRDWP Guidelines in letter & Spirit and shall not violate any provision of the Guideline. It was stipulated by the Joint Secretary (Water) that priority should be given to only PC habitations and WQ affected habitations.
4. Secretary (DWS) suggested that state should upgrade the activities. Secretary also desired that State should prepared long term and short term plan for the JE affected area.
5. Secretary (DWS) suggested that state should send a success story to the Ministry on rain water harvesting which is currently state is implementing.
6. JS Water pointed that there are 4 major parameters in terms of which the Ministry would like to measure the impact of NRDWP in all 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 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

7. JS Water indicated that no fund will be released for the ongoing schemes which are more than five years old.

8. State should plan to minimize installation of hand pump and focus more on implementation of piped water supply schemes.

### **C. WATER QUALITY**

9. 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.

10. Secretary (DWS) pointed out that the state water quality testing labs are not being properly maintained by the state. Hence it is suggested that the state should maintain properly.

11. Secretary (DWS) suggested that state should expedite the rain harvesting in the Fluoride and Arsenic effected area under sustainability structure scheme.

12. Secretary (DWS) suggested that at least 13000 numbers of water quality test should be done with FTK in each month.

13. JS (Water) informed that state should give priority on Florida, Arsenic and Iron affected area. State should go on regular water test to monitor water contamination.

### **D. RFD TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

14. Secretary (DWS) pointed out that the most of the RFD target fixed by the state is very low. State should improve.

15. JS (Water) pointed out that the state has poor performance against the RFD target. The State targeted for 645 water quality using FTK during 2013-14 and achieved is nil, hence it is suggested that state has to improve.

16. JS (Water) informed that the Ministry has circulated the model activity mapping to all the states submission of the same may be expedited.

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#### **E. PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY TO SCHOOL AND ANGANWADIS**

18. JS water appreciated the work done in all school and Anganwadis in the field of water supply and sanitation. However J S (Water) pointed out that it must be ensured that all schools and Anganwadies should be provided with water supply and toilets facilities as per directions of Supreme Court without any delay.

#### **F. SUPPORT FUND**

19. 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.

20. JS (Water) pointed out that Panchayat should involve in O & M of the water supply system.

21. JS (Water) informed that 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.

22. Ministry requested the state to fill up the all the vacant posts of District level, Block level, Sub-Block level position of Engineers to handle projects of water supply effectively

23. JS (Water) suggested that the Department should send their Engineers to KRC for training and the expenditure may be booked under Support Fund.

24. JS (Water) instructed the State 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.

#### **G. SUSTAINABILITY STRUCTURE**

25. JS Water suggested that the sustainability structure is not required due Goa falls under high rain fall area hence the sustainability fund may be used in program.

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

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List of participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2013-14 held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 in the office of Secretary (DWS), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

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S.N	Name and Designation	Designation	Office Address
1.	Shri Punkaj Jain	Secretary (DWS)	Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
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3.	Dr. Dinesh Chand	Addl. advisor(PHE)	Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
4.	Shri M M Singh	Director (WQ & Co-ord)	Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
5.	Anisur Rahman	NRC Consultant (M&E)	Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
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