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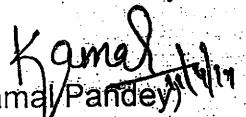
To,
Shri Vineet Chaudhry
Secretary
Irrigation & Public Health Engineering Department
Government of Himachal Pradesh
H.P. Secretariat
Shimla 171002.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 18/3/2014 at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Himachal 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 Himachal Pradesh on 18/3/2014 at Paryavaran 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 on the NRDWP Annual Action Plan

2014-15 of Himachal Pradesh State

1. A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2014-15) of Himachal Pradesh State was held on 18/03/2014 in the Chambers of Joint Secretary (Water & Admn.) , MDWS 9th Floor Paryawaran Bhawan MDWS, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Satya brata Sahu, Joint Secretary, MDWS. The Additional Chief Secretary, PHED, Government of Himachal Pradesh led the delegation from Himachal Pradesh. The list of participants is annexed.
2. The gist of the discussion is as follows:

I. Physical Progress:

Total number of habitations		Target (as marked into IMIS for 2013-14)	Habitations reported covered (during 2013-14)	Remaining PC & QA habitations (after 2013-14)	Target Habitations as per AAP 2014-15		
					Quality Affected	Non Quality Affected	Total
FC	PC						
29911	23693	2500	2328	21365	-	2500	2500

The Joint Secretary (Water & Admn.) observed that the State had reduced their physical target year by year in the past and advised the State not to continue this practice. It was emphasized to them that the focus should be more on quality affected habitations and Partially covered habitations (0-25, 25-50, 50-75%....). It was also informed to the States officials that provision of House hold connection through Piped Water Supply is the priority of the Ministry.

The Joint Secretary (Water & Admn.) advised the State officials that the proposal should comprise of a write up of above 20 pages and then followed by necessary formats and cited Tamil Nadu model as an example.

For the year 2014-15, the State have targeted to complete 2500 habitations comprising of PC₁ - 920, PC₂ - 731, PC₃ - 651 and PC₄ - 198 habitations. The State was asked to cover all these habitations with 55 lpcd.

The State officials expressed their difficulty in encountering the problem of "Freezing" due to sub-zero temperature in implementing and managing drinking water supply schemes. The JS (Water) advised them to discuss this issue with PHED officials of Jammu & Kashmir State so as to overcome the problem of "Freezing".

The JS (Water) pointed out that as per IMIS data, the percentage of rural population covered with piped water supply is 80% whereas, as per census 2011, the percentage is 88.70% and hence directed the State officials to sort out this issue.

The State's officials stated the physical target for the year 2014-15 does not contain quality affected habitations since as per the current status of habitations there is no quality affected habitation owing to the reason that most of their drinking water sources are surface water based.

It was pointed out to the State officials that the number of piped water supply schemes proposed to be handed over to the Gram Panchayats is very low and advised to hand over more number of schemes. Further the Addl. Chief Secretary, PHED, Himachal Pradesh informed that they would hand over 500 piped water supply schemes to the Gram Panchayats during the year 2014-15. While handing over the State was asked to ensure whether the handing over is done with Forms, Funds and Functionaries.

When it was pointed out to the State officials that the number of water quality tests proposed to be done using FTK for the year, 2014-15 is very low, and needed to be increased.

The JS (Water) observed that the number of habitations where at least one source is proposed to be tested in the laboratory for the year 2014-15 is very low (only 3000), the State officials agreed to increase the target from 3000 to 13000.

As far as covering minority habitation is concerned, the State had not indicated target for the year 2014-15 even though there 76 partially covered minority habitations in the State and hence the State's officials were asked to fully cover these 76 minority habitations during the year 2014-15.

II. Financial Progress:

State had Rs.198.13 crore (including O.B) under NRDWP in 2013-14 of which, total expenditure in 2013-14 is Rs.79.49 Crore (40.12%) till 3rd March 2014. It was informed to the State of Himachal Pradesh that keeping in view the presently communicated allocation for NRDWP during 2014-15 to the Ministry, the State will have a tentative allocation Rs.141.96 crore (Based on the criteria for State level allocation with the Census 2011 population data). 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.0.82 crore. The exact allocation will be communicated to the State in the month of April, 2014.

The State have to plan for 2-2 ½ times the quantum of available fund (Allocation + Unspent Balance) while preparing shelf of projects.

JS (Water) pointed out that the expenditure so far incurred under 2013-14, is much less and hence instructed the state officials to expedite the financial progress. The JS (Water) also pointed out that the Financial Progress does not commensurate with the Physical progress (Fin-49.27%, Physical 93.12%) and instructed the State Officials to ensure that Physical and Financial Progress should go in tandem. The State received the partial 2nd Installment. The State can claim the release of pending partial 2nd installment only when the expenditure under program fund is achieved 60%. Therefore the State was asked to expedite the expenditure as the expenditure as per IMIS is only 40%. It was also informed to the State officials that they can claim the 2nd installment of support activities after achieving a expenditure of 60%.

JS (Water) Pointed out there are 95 schemes which are pending more than 5 years and also another 38 schemes which are pending more than 3-5 years requested to complete these schemes on priority basis without further delay. The State was also informed that they should utilize the available fund for completing these schemes and no fund will be allocated from MDWS.

III. Water Quality.

The State had reported that there are no water quality affected habitation in the State as on 1.4.2013 as most of their drinking water supply sources are surface source based. However the State was advised to reassess the water quality status considering that the sources of these schemes which are surface source based may have turbidity and bacteriological quality problem. Targets for many of the activities are not indicated in Format – 13. Further the target indicated for FTK testing FTK training, water samples to be tested in laboratories is very low. The target may be increased. As such Format-13 may be revised.

IV. Sustainability.

It was pointed out to the State that the achievement made under Sustainability is not yet marked in IMIS. The State had targeted to provide 105 sustainability structures for the year 2014-15.

The State was advised to adhere to the NRDWP guidelines for providing sustainability structures. For providing check dams, the State shall execute the work with other line Department fund. The JS (Water) desired that the State may send a team of officials to Karnataka for studying the various water harvesting structure under taken by that State.

The JS (Water) also advised the State officials to explore the possibility of adopting bore blasting techniques, V-wire injection well technology.

V. Support Activities

The JS (Water) observed that the achievement against the target for various support activities (2013-14) is very low. The State officials stated that considerable achievement had been made in the field but not entered in the IMIS. The State was advised to make entry in the IMIS if completed already.

The State was asked to revise the Format for the following activities indicated in Format-12 as indicated below since the proposed target is very low.

- (i) No of VWSC members to be trained - 6400
- (ii) No of Engineers to be trained - 500
- (iii) No of Grass root workers to be trained - 3200

It was pointed out to State officials that out of 2750 ODF Gram panchayats, 914 Gram Panchayats are having less than 100% piped water supply and hence the State was advised to take action to provide 100% piped water supply to these panchayats for ensuring convergence with NBA.

3. Important Action Points for the State

- (i) Priority should be on quality affected and 0-25 and 25-50% partially covered habitations in order to avoid audit objections.
- (ii) The State had not indicated target for convergence details of sustainability plan for 2014-15 in Format-17A and the same may be included.
- (iii) The State shall follow the NRDWP Guidelines for Selecting State Technical Agency and as well as for fixing salary for BRC Staff.
- (iv) The State shall furnish details in the report to accompany the formats about what is the grievance mechanism proposed and what is proposed under R&D Projects (Format-14).
- (v) The details on waste water management plan is not furnished in Format-16 and the same may be furnished by the state.
- (vi) Physical and Financial status/progress of all spill-over schemes should also be reflected on online IMIS of the Ministry.
- (vii) State should raise the norms of providing drinking water to rural habitations from present 40 lpcd to at least 55 lpcd.
- (viii) State should mark all targeted habitations and other targets on the IMIS by 31st March 2014.
- (ix) PWSS coverage should be expanded and individual tap connections should be increased.
- (x) The process of taking GPS coordinates of all drinking water sources in the State may be expedited.
- (xi) State should install bulk meters in PWS schemes.
- (xii) HGM maps should be used to identify and locate ground water recharge structure.

- (xiii) All drinking water sources should be tested once in every year for chemical constituents & twice for bacteriological contamination.
- (xiv) State should provide water quality results of all rural drinking water sources along with GPS coordinates so that a GIS layer on drinking water quality can be mosaiced with the existing HGM maps.
- (xv) The NRDWP fund meant for setting up of laboratories should not be used for construction of buildings.

Officials participated in discussion on Annual Plan (2014-15) for Himachal Pradesh State.

Date of Meeting: 18/03/2014

Venue: Chambers of IS(W),
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Paryawaran Bhavan
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S.No.	Name	Designation
Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation		
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (water & Admn), MDWS
2.	Dr. Dinesh Chand	Addl. Adviser
3.	M.M. Singh	Director (Water)
4.	D. Rajasekar	Deputy Adviser
5.	A.K. Srivastava	Under Secretary (Water)
6.	A.G. Shanmugasundaram	Consultant (PHE)/NRC

Participants from Government of Odisha

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Vineet Chaudhry	Addl. Chief Secretary, PHED, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh
2.	R.K. Sharma	E in Chief (IPH)
3.	A.K. Vaidya	CE (WSSO)
4.	Naveen Puri	SE (IPH)