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Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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Dated: 15 April, 2014


To,
Shri C.J. Venugopal
Principal Secretary
Rural Development Department
Government of Orissa
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Bhubaneswar 751 001.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 13/3/2014 at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Odisha

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 Odisha on 13/3/2014 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)
2. Technical Director (NIC) for hosting the minutes on Ministry's website.

Minutes of the Meeting on the NRDWP Annual Action Plan 2014-15 of Odisha State

1. A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2014-15) of Odisha State was held on 13/03/2014 in the Chambers of Joint Secretary (Water & Admn.), 9th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, MDWS, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Satyabrata Sahu Joint Secretary, (Water & Admn.) MDWS. The Principal Secretary, RD Department, Govt. of Odisha led the Odisha delegation. The List of participants is annexed.

2. The gist of the discussion is as follows:

A. 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
111297	13500	11957 (as on 12/03/2014)	99340	2200	11300	13500

During review, The Joint Secretary(W) MDWS pointed out that the physical achievement made under Water Quality affected habitation is very poor (only 39.20%). When the Principal Secretary (RO), Odisha informed that physical progress under quality affected habitation is besetted with problem of shortage in manpower, the Joint Secretary (W) suggested to explore the possibility of outsourcing persons through institutions as being followed in Andhra Pradesh and emphasized that target should be achieved in full otherwise releasing of fund for next financial year by MDWS would be difficult.

The Joint Secretary (W) observed that the State's proposal of taking as many as many as 18000 Hand Pumps Schemes for the year 2014-15 is against the priorities of the Ministry. He has also insisted upon giving priority to 0-25 and 25-50% covered Partially Covered habitation. The physical target for the year 2014-15 is 13500 habitations comprising of 2200 Quality Affected habitations and 11300 Partially Covered habitations (0-25 & 25-50%). He also advised the State to prioritize covering Partially Covered habitations in 0-25 & 25-50% with 55 lpcd.

The Joint Secretary (W) suggested that the proposal should comprise a write up of the about 20 pages and then followed by necessary formats and cited the Tamil Nadu model as an example.

B. Financial Progress:

The Joint Secretary (Water) observed that though the physical achievement under 2013-14 is good, the financial achievement needs to be expedited. The Joint Secretary (Water) pointed out to the State Officials that during the year 2013-14, the State did not get release under Support activities, Water Quality monitoring and Earmarked category because of high opening balance and hence informed to the State's officials that the opening balance under 2014-15 should be less than 10% of release in 2013-14 so that there will not be cut in the fund allocation during 2014-15.

It was pointed out to the State's officials that the expenditure under "Calamity" is very poor and needs to be expedited.

State had funds availability of Rs. 384.68 crore (including O.B.) under NRDWP in 2013-14 of which, total expenditure incurred in 2013-14 is Rs. 148.91 Crore (38.71%) till 12th March 2014. It was informed to the State of Odisha that keeping in view the presently communicated allocation for NRDWP during 2014-15 to the Ministry, the State will have a tentative allocation Rs. 221 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. 3.24 crore as Central share on 75:25 fund sharing pattern between centre and State. The exact allocation will be communicated to the State in the month of April, 2014.

The State has to plan for 2- 2½ time the quantum of available funds (Allocation + Unspent Balance), while preparing shelf of projects.

JS (Water) Pointed out there are 155 schemes which are pending more than 5-10 years for completion and also another 373 schemes which are pending more than 3-5 years and requested to complete these schemes before March-2014. The State was also informed that they should utilize the available fund for completing these schemes and no fund will be allocated from MDWS.

C. Water Quality.

As per IMIS of MDWS the State has reported existence of 8151 Water Quality affected habitations in the State. For the year 2014-15 2200 Quality Affected habitations are proposed to be provided with safe drinking water. These 2200 Quality Affected habitations comprises of 1498 Iron, 95 Fluoride, 607 Saline Affected habitations.

D. Water Supply to Anganwadis

The Joint Secretary (Water) instructed the States officials to ensure that all the 3250 Anganwadis functioning in Govt. buildings which have not been provided with water supply are covered during the year 2014-15 by providing suitable storage tank/stand

post inside premises. The state officials were also requested to ensure that all the government schools are provided with adequate water supply facilities.

E. Sustainability

The Joint Secretary (Water) pointed out that though the State has targeted to construct 6940 sustainability structures during the year 2013-14, the physical and Financial achievement was very poor (physical 0.79% & Financial 4.92%). The State officials assured that all works will be completed before March 2014. For the year 2014-15, the State has not indicated target for sustainability structures and they should indicate the same. The State officials were advised to take up sustainability structures under NRDWP in water starved areas like over exploited/critical/semicritical/and in quality affected area. It was also informed to them that under sustainability component construction of OHT shall not be taken up.

F. Support Activities

It was pointed out that the expenditure under support fund is poor (only 28.27%) and the State officials assured that the entire Rs.12.09 crore will be spent by March 2014. It was also pointed out to the State that the target provided for the year 2014-15 for training to gross root workers, testing by FTK, no of tests in laboratory are low and required to be increased.

The Joint Secretary (W) requested the State officials to fill up the sanctioned post of 79 District Level Engineers, 53 Block Level Engineers and also the geologists during the 2014-15 itself.

G. O&M Activities

It was observed that the State have not taken action to transfer O&M fund to the Gram Panchayats. When the State's officials informed that the Gram Panchayats are not equipped enough to take up O&M activities, the Joint Secretary (Water) informed them to identify at least 1000 Gram Panchayats by drawing a list of good performing Panchayats.

The Joint Secretary (Water) observed that the achievement made under RFD target 2013-14 viz quality affected habitations, rural population covered with piped Water Supply, no of tests done in laboratories, no of sustainability structure constructed are very poor and stressed the State officials to expedite the progress. In respect of year 2014-15 also the RFD target proposed for provision of piped water supply to households. no of tests to be done in laboratories is very low and for this the state officials agreed to revise the target respectively as 100000 households and 2,00,000 tests.

It was pointed out to the State officials that there are 832 ODF Gram Panchayats which are getting less than 100% piped water supply and these GPs should be provided with 100% piped water supply 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 officials shall take action to upload details of significant/special activities done by them in Ministry's Face Book.
- (iii) For Training Component, the State official may follow the SMS based model of Madhya Pradesh.
- (iv) The State shall provide the staff with computer, internet and laboratory facilities.
- (v) The State may indicate details of convergence planning for waste water management (format -16).
- (vi) The State may indicate details of convergence for sustainability plan in Format 17-A.
- (vii) The State shall furnish details in the report to accompany the formats about the grievance mechanism proposed and also about R&D proposals.
- (viii) Physical and Financial status/progress of all spill-over schemes should be reflected on online IMIS of the Ministry.
- (ix) The State should raise the norms of providing drinking water to rural habitations from 40 lpcd to 55 lpcd.
- (x) The State should mark all targeted habitations and of the target on the IMIS by 31st March 2014.
- (xi) Piped water supply coverage should be expanded and individual tap connections should be increased.
- (xii) The process of taking GPS co-ordinates of all drinking water sources in the state may be expedited.
- (xiii) The State shall install bulk meters in PWS schemes.
- (xiv) HGM maps should be used to identify and locate ground water recharge structures.
- (xv) The State shall ensure convergence of other line department programs in implementing plan for sustainability structures. The State should focus on sustainability structures like roof water harvesting in schools & panchayat buildings, injection well with V-wire technology, bore blasting and hydro fracturing while other structures like Check Dam and Percolation Ponds should be done by the Irrigation, Water Resources Departments, using MGNREGA funds.
- (xvi) The State shall provide water quality results of 20% rural drinking water sources uniformly distributed in each district during Pre & Post Monsoon season along with GPS coordinates so that a GIS layer on Ground Water Quality can be mosaiced with the existing HGM maps.
- (xvii) All drinking water sources should be tested once in every year for chemical constituents and twice in a year for bacteriological contaminations.

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

Date of Meeting: 13/03/2014

Venue: Conference Hall
12th Floor,
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MDWS, New Delhi.

Officials from Departmental of Drinking Water & Sanitation		
S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secetary (Water & Admn), MDWS
2.	M.M Singh	Director (Water)
3.	D.Rajasekar	Deputy Adviser (WQ)
4.	A.K Srivastava	Under Secretary (Water)
5.	A.G. Shanmugasundaram	Consultant (PHE)/NRC

Participants from Government of Odisha

S.No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri C.J. Venugopal	Principal Secretary, RD,
2.	Bhagaban Sahu	Chief Engineer-I RWSS, Odisha
3.	Janmejoy Sethi	Chief Engineer-III RWSS, Odisha
4.	Abhaya Kumar	Sup. Engineer/PMD I/CEO WSSO Odisha