

## **Minutes of the meeting of State Directors of WSSO and CCDU State Coordinators**

A meeting of State Directors of WSSOs and CCDU State Coordinators was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012 at Paryavaran Bhawan. Ms. Vilasini Ramachandran, Secretary (MDWS) chaired the meeting. Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, JS (W) and Shri J.S. Mathur, JS (S&A) were also present in the meeting. The list of participants is annexed.

The meeting began with the introduction of representatives of different States. Joint Secretary (Water) explained the following agenda items of the meeting:-

1. Setting up of WSSO, DWSM, BRCs
2. Recruitment of staffs to WSSO, DWSM, BRC.
3. Induction training to newly recruited staffs.
4. TNA workshops by States
5. Training Calendar – Status
6. Training Modules –for each stakeholders
7. Deputation of Engineers /Managers for training to KRCs
8. Refresher training of 1 or 2 grass root workers in every Panchayat on Field Test Kits
9. Setting up of District level KRCs
10. Training by NIC
11. Development of State wise IEC programmes -Status.
12. Uploading the data on the IMIS regarding community involvement, formation of VWSC and training of VWSC members.
13. Submission of reconciled ASAs and UCs on Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance, MIS, CCDU, Support activities fund.

At the start, Joint Secretary (Water) reiterated that provision of Support fund was made since 2009-10 to improve the quality of NRDWP implementation. He said that almost 03 years have passed but utilization of Support funds by States and physical progress was not satisfactory. He requested States to share problems therein and solutions to improve progress.

Secretary (MDWS) desired that State representatives present the action taken report on the discussion held in previous WSSO/CCDU meeting dated 9th June, 2011. She desired to obtain State wise feedback on the following points also:

1. No. of State KRCs identified for helping the State in capacity building of water and sanitation
2. No. of IEC activities conducted in the States for water and sanitation
3. Computerization of subdivision - Nos. covered

4. Whether Extension Training Centre and state Institute of Rural Development support are taken for capacity building programmes
5. Whether Toll free number based Grievance Redressal System is in place

State wise information on the above points is at Annexure. The information presented in Annexure is on the basis of information given by States on IMIS and in hard copies in the meeting.

**State specific issues:-**

1. Haryana – State officials said that 01 person alone is not sufficient at BRC level. There is a need to induct more persons at BRC.
2. Himachal Pradesh – Secretary DWS appreciated the effort being made by the State in the field of sanitation.
3. Uttarakhand – Lab work for water quality testing is being outsourced. State officials expressed concern on Uranium contamination in ground water. DA (DR) informed that BARC (Mumbai) can be requested to conduct studies in this regard.
4. Bihar – For training of staff involved in water and sanitation sector, services of Bihar Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development (BIPARD) may be utilized. By 10th February, 2012, data on IMIS will be updated.
5. Jammu & Kashmir – Because of Panchayat elections, BRCs could not be established.
6. Kerala – KRWSSA has been authorized as state level WSSO for Water & Sanitation sector.
7. Odisha – Secretary DWS emphasized on imparting training on soft skills to Junior Engineers. This suggestion is applicable to all States.
8. West Bengal – Secretary DWS expressed concern over sluggish progress in the State. A G.O. has been issued by State Government that VWSC is a part of Gram Panchayat.
9. Chhattisgarh – Because of increase in number of district from 18 to 27, BRCs in all blocks could not be formed.
10. Sikkim – Secretary DWS applauded the good work done by Sikkim in Sanitation and drinking water areas.
11. Andaman & Nicobar – UTs are supported in the areas of water & sanitation by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. Additional funds above the UT allocation cannot be provided by MDWS.
12. Gujarat – WASMO has a good network of mobilizers up to village level. This cadre should be used for both water & sanitation.

13. Maharashtra – Extension Training Centres may be used for imparting trainings on Field Test Kits.
14. Assam – Services & expertise of local theatrical groups are being hired for IEC campaign. Extensive IEC campaigns are undertaken among tea garden workers.
15. Rajasthan – Staff is not commensurate with the quantum of work. JS (W) asked the State official to send proposal of water.

#### **Action Points emerging from discussions**

1. JS (W) cited an example of Karnataka State, where IEC funds available in all development programmes are being pooled at district level and are being utilized for an integrated IEC campaign. He emphasized on adopting this model by States for better utilization of IEC funds.
2. Secretary (MDWS) suggested that the States where water and sanitation are being dealt by two different departments/agencies, a lot of synergy is required in order to achieve desired results. She also said that block is crucial unit for implementation of NRDWP. Training efforts in all the States must be focused at Block level especially on communication area. Communication strategy must be evolved for achieving desired impact. She emphasized on training technical staff especially Junior Engineers on soft skills.
3. Secretary DWS expressed concern over low utilization of Support funds by States. It was learnt from the discussion that lack of clarity on guidelines on use of support funds is one of the reasons thereof. JS (W) clarified that Support fund may be utilized for various activities related to CCDU, MIS, WQM&S, setting up of labs, trainings of VWSCs/Engineers/Masons/PRI members etc. It may also be used for recruitment of staff and their induction training.
4. JS (W) pointed out State's poor performance as regards to data entry on IMIS. He emphasized on regularly updating data on IMIS by States.
5. JS (W) informed that very soon training of Chemists organized by NEERI, Nagpur will commence. Secretary DWS suggested that this training should be on regional/State basis.
6. Secretary DWS said that in 11 States, different agencies/departments are working parallel to water & sanitation sectors. She said that these agencies/departments may continue their work with existing structure. There is no need of merging, but some sort of coordination mechanism may be put in place.

## Information, Education & Communication (IEC)

7. Secretary DWS said that in Annual Action Plan, focus should be on IEC activities. She observed that where good IEC campaigns are undertaken by different agencies, programmes have produced better results. She emphasized on undertaking only IEC work in the first 3-4 months prior to actual programme implementation. Commissioner, RD Gujarat stated that in the IEC campaign undertaken by Gujarat State the following activities are undertaken:-

- Award for Cleanliness
- Organizing School Courts
- Parivartan Programme
- Good Villages – Film produced
- Pad Yatra / Nirmal Doot

Such activities may be adopted by States for better results. Secretary DWS suggested that periodic studies may be undertaken for assessing the impact of IEC work.

## 8. Status of ASA, UC and Audit Report in respect of Support Fund released to States

Director (Water) presented Status of ASA, UCs and Audit Report in respect of Support Fund for reconciliation of Accounts from the year 2005-06 to 2009-10 (As on 2.02.2012).

### List of States, from which statement with supporting documents are received

1. Andhra Pradesh	12. Meghalaya
2. Arunachal Pradesh	13. Mizoram
3. Assam	14. Nagaland
4. Gujarat	15. Odisha
5. Haryana	16. Punjab
6. Himachal Pradesh	17. Rajasthan
7. Jharkhand	18. Sikkim
8. Karnataka	19. Tamilnadu
9. Kerala	20. Tripura
10. Maharashtra	21. Uttarakhand
11. Manipur	22. Uttar Pradesh

Out of these 22 States, only 02 States namely Jharkhand & Karnataka produced reconciled statement. Letters were sent to the remaining 20 States for sending revised reconciled statements. In response, replies from Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura have been received and documents are under scrutiny. Other States were requested to send revised statements by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.

## **Presentation on Community involvement in NRDWP**

A Presentation on Community involvement in NRDWP was made by Director (Water). This presentation was made on the basis of information fed by States in IMIS. As per the information available in IMIS, performance of States was found to be poor. Only 03 States namely Himachal Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir & Rajasthan have performed fairly well in achieving target under community involvement in NRDWP.

## **Ranking of States on the basis of performance in data entry on IMIS**

A ranking of States on the basis of performance in data entry on IMIS was presented by Technical Director (NIC). States of Tamilnadu, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka topped the list.

## **Other Action Points**

- Institutional set up needs to be strengthened in all States
- All the water quality labs must have internet connectivity.
- FTK refresher trainings are to be organized in all the States.
- For capacity building, SIRD and ETC support may be obtained.
- Training of Staff as well as officers of line departments especially on soft skills is of utmost importance.
- State/area specific IEC programmes for awareness generation are required.
- Staff recruitment for Laboratories can be done on outsourcing basis or contract basis.
- Induction training to newly recruited staff is necessary.
- Preparation of Training Calendar and uploading on MDWS website is urgently needed.
- Uploading data on IMIS has to be regularly done by the States.
- UCs have to be completed and submitted on time.
- Successful models in water and sanitation programmes have to be replicated.
- Field visits of the State staff have to be conducted.

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

Point No. 01 to 08

Annexure

Points	1			2			Recruitment			6	7	8
	WSSO	DWSM	BRC	DWSM meetings	WSSO	DWSM	BRC	Induction training	TNA workshop			
Andhra Pradesh	Y	Y	Y	No	3 consultants comp	64 in 22 districts comp	797 Mandal Coordinators	Y	Done	Prepared		
Arunachal Pradesh	Y	Y	Y	1			In-progress	Y	Done	In-progress		
Assam	Y	Y	Y	1	In-progress	24/72	87/130	proposed	Y	AS per Annual Plan		
Bihar	In-progress	Y		1	In-progress	In-progress	402 Block coordinators	Y	Done	Prepared		
Chhattisgarh	Y	Y	91/149	Apex - 01, Exec - 03	comp	proposal prepared	Block/Cluster TSC Coordinators	Module prepared	To be conducted	After TNA		
Goa	proposed			No	No new staff	NA	NA	Y	Proposed	Prepared		
Gujarat				1	comp	comp	In-progress	Y	done	Prepared		
Haryana	Y	Notification issued	n	2	In-progress	In-progress	In-progress	to be recruited	Proposed	Prepared		
Himachal Pradesh	Y	Y	Y	2	In-progress	In-progress	outsource	Given to existing staff	Done	In-progress		
Jammu and Kashmir	Y	Y	n	5	In-progress		No	No	Mar-12			
Jharkhand	Y	Y	In-progress	To be held	In-progress with UNICEF	In-progress with UNICEF	In-progress	After recruitment	to be	After TNA		
Karnataka	KRWSSA as WSSO			No	Done	DSUs as DWSM	Done	Done	No	Done		

Y - Yes, N - No

Kerala	KRWSA as WSSO			1	In-progress	no	no	no	no	Y	no
Madhya Pradesh		Y	Y	1	In-progress	In-progress	In-progress	After recruitment	1	Prepared	
Maharashtra	Y	33	351	2	GOI - 8/10, UNICEF 5/9	165	1297	DWSM comp. BRC by End January 2012	3	Prepared	
Manipur	Y			Apex 2, Exec -02,	8 in CCDU	Nil	Nil	Y	Feb-12	In-progress	
Meghalaya	Y	Y	NA	1	comp	Nil	NA	Feb-12	done	prepared	
Mizoram	Y	Y	Not Required	2	Done	Not Required	NA	NA	1	In-progress	
Nagaland	Y	Y	Not Required	1	Completed	Completed	NA	Y	No	No	
Orissa	Y	30		No	3+2 UN ICEF	38	to be	Y	Y	prepared	
Punjab	Y	Y	Y	1	Completed	Completed	141 coordinators	Theory only, no practical	End Feb-12	No	
Rajasthan	Y	Y	End Feb-2012	1	Completed	117/165	To be end Feb-2012	Done for WSSO/DWSM. BRC Feb-2012	Completed	No	
Sikkim	Notified	Y		2					Done	Merged with SIRD Calendar	
Tamil Nadu	Y	Y	TSC Coordinators	No	No	Ad hoc	NA	No	State Level	Prepared	
Tripura	Y	4	In-progress	No	In-progress	In-progress	NA	No	done	After AAP 12-13	
Uttar Pradesh	Y	Y	Y	Apex 1, Exec -01	Completed	After election	Agencies finalized	Proposed	Done	Prepared	
Uttarakhand	Y	Y	NA	12	Done	Done	NA	Y	Feb-12		
West Bengal									done	Prepared	

Y - Yes, N - No

Point No. 09 to 19

Points	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
States	Training modules	Manager Engg. for training @ KRCs	Refresher training for FTKs	KRC identified	IEC activities conducted	Spcl. & Specific IEC *	Computerization of Sub-division	IMIS Updating	Reconciled UC/ASA	Extension training Centre	Toll Free No.
Andhra Pradesh	No	258 Enggs	Nil	6	4		280	After election of local bodies	Up to 2009-10	Y	In progress
Arunachal Pradesh	4	45	105	3	16		40	VWSCs formed not uploaded	All Up to 2010-11	Y	No
Assam	2	6	Nil	1	1604		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	In progress
Bihar	In progress	114	Nil	2			In progress		submitted	Y	No
Chhattisgarh	1	33	18	3	7		77/93	In progress	In progress	Y	18002 330008
Goa	After TNA-WS	15	11	1	Adv. published		By State Govt.	Community involvement nil	In progress	Y	Proposed
Gujarat		58	657	3	986		In Progress	In Progress	Up to 2010-2011	Y	In progress
Haryana	No	34	Completed	3	22		all 165 covered	to be started	submitted	Y	In progress
Himachal Pradesh	4	201	2100 GRWs trained	2	22363		187	2668 VWSCs formed. 1090 members trained	Upto 2010-2011	In progress	No
Jammu and Kashmir	1		Y11-12 - 230, Y08-09 - 214	In progress	10		25	700 VWSCs formed	Upto 2010-2011	Line dept's services	In progress



Jharkhand	2	137	4	10 NGOs identified		In progress	15794 VWSCs formed.	Submitted	Y	Two nos.
Karnataka	15	To be done	60	To be identified.	220	In progress	to be	to be	Y	In progress
Kerala	2	68 Engg, 9 Chem, 5 Mgrs	106	No	13	No	605 members trained	Upto 2009-10	1	Y
Madhya Pradesh	17	on water	178	3	6	177/214	42000 VWSC formed	within 02 months	Y	155343
Maharashtra	13	In progress	to be	2	9747	All covered	In progress	Y	Y	(E-Pani)
Manipur	5	30	8	Nil	51	Nil	Nil	Y	Y	no
Meghalaya		14	95	Nil	16	Nil		Upto Dec 2011	In progress	no
Mizoram	In progress	Nil	Nil	1		Fully covered	Done	Y	no	In progress
Nagaland	2	6	11	1		39 PHE sub-divisions	Committees in 1130 villages	Upto 2009-10	Y	No
Orissa	12	168	200	7		44 covered	100 VWSC formed	Upto 2009-10	Y	18003 456770
Punjab	4	108		1	13	174 covered	In progress	Upto 2009-10	Y	Y
Rajasthan	14	649	Nil	5	10	404 covered	VWSC formed in all villages 2000 VWSCs entered.	In progress	Y	18001 806088
Sikkim	1		FTKS discontinued	Not Needed			IMIS training required.	being produced in meeting	Y	No
Tamil Nadu	4	In progress	505	1	820	341 covered	In progress	Upto 2009-2010	Y	No
Tripura	After TNA WS	Nil	in 2012-13	In progress	9	36/49		Up to 2010-2011	2	No

Uttar Pradesh	15	66	263	2		proposed	1856 VWSCs formed. 574 members trained	In progress	Y	1800 1800525
Uttarakhand	12	02 State level Agencies engaged.	20	2	6	40/56	In progress	Done	Y	180018 04100
West Bengal	5			5						

\* States are undertaking various kinds of IEC activities in their respective States. All the activities are not accommodated in the above table.

§ Blank cells in the above table represent information not received on that particular issue from the State.

#### Abbreviation

Chem – Chemists, Engg – Engineer, Mgrs – Managers, PHE – Public Health Engineering, WS – Workshop