MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2013-2014 UNDER NBA FOR STATE OF BIHAR

- 1. A meeting to discuss Annual Implementation Plan 2013-2014 of State of Bihar was held at 2.00 PM on 20th March 2013. The meeting was chaired by Joint Secretary (Sanitation), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. The list of the participants is annexed.
- 2. At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the participants and mentioned that during the year 2012-13, the state has made very slow progress and it remains a matter of deep concern. He further intimated about Census 2011 reporting of sanitation coverage of 18.60 % in Bihar. This need to be accelerated to align it with 12th plan objective of 50% Nirmal Grams by 2017 as well as to meet the vision of NBA of 100% ODF by 2022.

Achievement made by the State during the fiscal year 2012-13 against the approved project objectives is intimated to be as under:

2.1 Physical Progress: As against cumulative objective of 6195779 individual household latrines (IHHL) for BPLs, 4975535 IHHL for APLs, 2362 Sanitary Complexes, 102268 for School toilets and 16444 for Anganwadi toilets, the achievements are 3365429 of individual household latrines (IHHL) for BPLs, 1068663 IHHL for APLs, 877 for Sanitary Complex, 84499 School toilets and 5226 Anganwadi toilets have been constructed till January, 2013.

During 2012-13, against annual objectives of 791355 individual household latrines (IHHL) for BPLs. 453336 IHHL for APLs, 301 Sanitary Complexes, 28687 for School toilets and 13598 for Anganwadi toilets, the achievements are 484004 of individual household latrines (IHHL) for BPLs, 184088 IHHL for APLs, 102 for Sanitary Complex, 11953 School toilets and 2607 Anganwadi toilets have been constructed till January, 2013. Achievements in current year are less than achievements of last year in all components, particularly for School and Anganwadi toilets.

- 2.2 Financial Progress: The State has a high opening balance of Rs. 8669.88 lakh. Fund released in 2012-13 is Rs. 47814.57 lakh. The expenditure reported of Rs. 15899.55 lakh is low as against the funds available in the year 2012-13.
- Under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, provision of incentive has been extended to APLs who belong to SC. ST. Small and Marginal farmers, landless labourers with homesteads, Physically handicapped and women headed households along with BPL households w.e.f 01/04/12. SLWM has also been emphasized to be taken up in project mode for each Gram Panchayat (GP) with financial assistance capped for a GP on number of household basis to enable all GPs to implement sustainable SLWM projects.

State has proposed following objectives under Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for 2013-2014 as per the modified provisions of NBA:

3.1 Physical Objectives for 2013-14:

Components	Approved Project Objective	Cumulative Project Performance upto 31.1.2013	Balance Objectives	Proposed Objectives for the year 2013-14
IHHL (BPL)	6195779	3384336	2811443	736478
IHHL (APL)Total	4975535	1080686	3894849	477139
IHHL(APL(Identi fied category)				429425
Community Sanitary Complex	2362	902	1460	368
School Toilets	102268	87541	14724	12523
Anganwadi Toilets	16444	6617	9827	6019
SLWM	-	-		871
Identified GPs for Nirmal Grams				599
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- 3.2 Financial Objectives for 2013-14: State has projected total requirement of Rs 72255.36 Lakh from Central share. This however includes the fund requirement for APL general category also which is not as per NBA provision.
- 4. The above objectives as proposed by Bihar was noted down for consideration subject to approval of PIP to be approved by NSSC in due course. State was also appraised of position of toilet construction in IAY houses in the state. Against 3600776 no. of houses constructed so far , toilets have been provided only for 80584 no. of houses. During 2012-13, only 6567 no. of toilets constructed out of 481254 nos of IAY houses.

Further as per census 2011, State has 9765 latrines having night soil removed by humans. State has 29779 latrines having night soil removed by animals. These in- sanitary latrines need to

into sanitary latrine on priority basis after identification and proper survey to comply with the manual scavengers act.

5. State was requested to add IAY toilets as well as insanitary toilets including dry latrines also in the annual objectives 2013-14. As per NBA Guideline, State has identified 599 GPs for NGP this year. The marking of projected GPs as Nirmal Gram based on the conjoint approach of water and sanitation should be entered online by 30th April, 2013. It was also stated that priority to be accorded to these identified GPs, however total annual objective may also include demand from other GPs as 'demand driven approach' is the basic essence of NBA programme.

As per discussion held, State was further requested to revise some of the objectives specifically that of SLWM based on financial allocation of funds made by the Central Govt, during 2013-14 & Opening Balances as on 1/4/13. and upload the same in the website through online monitoring system. Hard copy of the revised AIP for 2013-14 signed by a senior officer should be sent by 30th April, 2013. District-wise AIP objectives for 2013-14 along with identified GPs should be entered on online Monitoring System. It was informed that the recommendation of PAC for 2013-14 shall be valid for this financial year only.

- 6. Funding Eligibility: Eligibility for release of funds in 2013-14 shall be finalized based on eligibility of the Districts after progress report of all the Districts as on 31st March, 2013. However the actual releases during the year 2013-2014 would be subject to:
 - Approved demand of the State.
 - Availability of funds in the budget.
 - The submission of necessary documents that is UC/ASA and certificate by the State Secretary that the Districts to which funds are proposed to be released have compiled with the conditions of release and Audit reports, Utilization Certificates and Progress Reports have been received and scrutinized.
 - The State bringing down its unspent balance to reasonable levels.
 - The fund released in the first installment shall be 50% of the amount approved in the PAC and shall be reduced by the amount of opening balance in excess of 10% of the previous year's release to the State.
- 7. During discussion following issues were raised by state Government:
 - Regarding funds for the survey IEC funds which are lying unutilized may be utilized for the purpose. Services of professional agencies like NCAER may be undertaken for the purpose.
 - The problem of lack of space for toilet construction was pointed out due to densely habituated populations. It was suggested that row toilets may be constructed ensuring proper mechanisms for operation and maintenance of these toilets.
 - The State Government pointed out they had prepared a list of school sanitation targets in coordination with SSA. However this needs to be updated keeping in view that the targets

are as per the convergence mechanism that all Schools before 2007 must be covered by NBA and after 2007 through SSA funds. The issue of toilets in Madarsas in Government Schools was raised. Regarding School Sanitation, it was made clear that the states will be responsible for implementing the supreme court directive.

- 8. State was requested to accelerate the progress against all component of NBA so that to meet the physical as well as financial objectives projected by state. State was also asked to expedite progress made in by state covering all schools as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- 9. At the end, state was requested to forward the PIP after completing the base line survey so that total revised project outlay can be sanctioned by NSSC.

Annex-I

List of participants

S.N.	Name	Designation			
Minis	Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation				
1.	Shri Saraswati Prasad Joint Secretary(Sanitation)				
2.	Smt. Pratima Gupta	Director(NBA)			
3.	Ms. Urvashi Prasad	Consultant, SSHE			
State	Government				
4.	M.S. Jawaid,	Director			
5.	S.N.Mishra	Executive Engineer(Monitoring)			
6.	Rabindra Panwar	Principal Secretary, P.H.E.D, Bihar			