

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN 2013-2014 UNDER NBA OF STATE OF ASSAM IN NEW DELHI ON 25TH
FEBRUARY, 2013**

A meeting was held to discuss **Annual Implementation Plan 2013-2014 of Assam** at 2.00 PM on 25th February, 2013. The meeting was chaired by **Joint Secretary**, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. List of Participants is annexed.

At the outset, the chairman welcomed the participants and said that the state need to get its act together . He further said that allocations cannot be done looking at future predictions and the state will have to increase its thrust in sanitation if funds are to be released from the centre. He further intimated about census 2011 reporting of sanitation coverage of 61.50 % of Assam. This need to be accelerated to align with 12th plan objectives of 50% Nirmal Grams by 2017 as well as to meet the vision of NBA of 100 % ODF by 2022.

Achievements 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 2220017 for Individual household latrines (IHLL) for BPLs, 1161020 for APLs, 211 for sanitary complexes, 34772 for school toilets and 16819 for Anganwadi toilets, the state has achieved 1659966 for individual household latrines (IHHL) for BPLs, 431720 IHHL for APLs, 63 for Sanitary Complex, 33736 for School toilets and 10997 for Anganwadi Toilets.

During 2012-13 against Annual Objectives of 503210 of individual household latrines (IHHL) for BPLs, 271501 IHHL for APLs, 54 Sanitary Complexes, 1807 for School toilets and 2012 for Anganwadi Toilet. the achievements are 153867 of individual household latrines (IHHL) for BPLs, 20922 IHHL for APLs, 11 for Sanitary Complex, 47 for School toilets and 61 for Anganwadi toilets have been achieved till January, 2013.

2.2 Financial Progress : The state has a high opening balance of Rs. 9473.11 lakh. Fund released in 2012-13 is Rs. 11943.31 lakh. The expenditure reported of Rs. 7579.63 lakh is low as against the funds available in the year 2012-13.

3.0 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 Objective for 2013-14:

Components	Approved Project Objective	Cumulative project performance up to 31/2/2013	Balance Objectives	Proposed Objectives for the year 2013-14
IHHL (BPL)	2220017	1659966	560051	350000
IHHL (APL)	1161020	431720	729300	2,50,000
Total				
IHHL (APL) Identified category				2,50,000
Community Sanitary Complex	211	63	148	50
School Toilets	34772	33736	1036	5000
Anganwadi Toilets	16819	10997	5822	5000
SLWM				413
Identified GPs for Nirmal Gram	2674			111

3.2 Financial Objectives for 2013-14: State has projected total requirement of Rs 30557.5 Lakh from Central share.

4. The above objectives as proposed by Assam 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 1189374 no. of houses constructed so far, toilets have been provided only for 348904 no. of houses. During 2012-13, only 5060 no. of toilets were constructed out of 64868 nos of IAY houses.

Further as per census 2011, State has 15,961 latrines having night soil removed by humans. State has 32.034 latrines having night soil removed by animals. These in- sanitary latrines need

to be converted 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 111 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. 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.

8. **Key issues raised by the State:** The state attributed the slow pace of work in IHHL sanitation to ethnic clashes and PRI elections in the state. It was pointed out that work in five districts of the state were badly affected due to the clashes. The state also said that another reason for the slow progress was due to the shift from TSC to NBA and the failure of convergence with NBA.

The low coverage of toilets in Anganwadis was attributed to space congestion (lack of space). The state government is planning to address this issue by shifting anganwadis to nearby houses.

The officials said that some districts are well performing districts while some districts are under performing districts. The worst performing are Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills. The state also said that 14 districts were facing shortage of funds.

The state is carrying out a baseline study which commenced in December 2012 which is expected to be completed by April, 2013. Presenting a sample of the baseline survey conducted in Dhubri District, around 20 to 25 % dysfunctional toilets in the district were reported. It was pointed out that one of the main reason behind dysfunctional toilets was the old design pattern (single pit) which was not workable.

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 .

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