

MINUTES OF VIDEO CONFERENCE ON 4.6.2013 TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES (SOLAR ENERGY BASED DUAL PUMP PIPED WATER SYSTEMS IN 1000 RURAL HABITATIONS) WITH SUPPORT FROM NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY FUND

1. A video conference chaired by JS(Water) , Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation was held to review the status of implementation of schemes (Solar Energy Based Dual pump pipe water supply system in 10000 rural habitations) with support from National Clean Energy Fund on 4th June 2013 with the officials of the respective rural water supply departments in the States of Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Orissa and Chattisgarh .

2. The Ministry of Drinking and Sanitation had prepared a Project for Setting up of Solar Energy Based Dual Pump Piped Water Supply Schemes in 10000 rural habitations in 82 IAP districts of the country . The Cost of the Project is Rs 553.26 crore. Out of the Project cost the component of National Clean Energy Funding is Rs. 221.30 (40% of the project cost). Rs. 331.96 crore is to be co- funded by State and Central Governments under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme.(30% each for Central and State Governments).The Rural Water Supply Departments of the 9 IAP State Governments (viz. Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh) are the implementing agencies of the programme. Technical assistance is from the Ground Water Survey and Development Agency (GSDA), Government of Maharashtra.

3. In his opening remarks JS (Water) emphasised the importance of the project and impressed upon all the States to carry out work related to implementation of the scheme expeditiously. He stated that that the scheme was a very important one and was being constantly monitored by the Prime Minister's Office , Ministry of Finance and this Ministry.

4. The review was taken up individually with respective State Government officials as follows :-

- (i) **Maharashtra** - The State was represented by the Director , GSDA Mr Singh and Joint Director GSDA Mr Deshpande. Mr Deshpande stated that as per the earlier instructions of the Ministry he had visited the States of Jharkhand and Chattisgarh and had meetings with the State officials regarding the implementation of the scheme. The Project Director informed that spot identification for installation of scheme has being done in the State of Maharashtra the process has been completed. The resolution/ approval of Gram Panchayats for installation of the systems would be completed by the

end of June,2013 and thereafter the contract for procurement of the systems would be given and actually work commenced. He stated that the funds which were released by the Ministry (NCEF Component) has been received. JS(Water) advised the officials to stick to the timelines.

- (ii) **Andhra Pradesh-** The representatives of the State informed that spot identification for installations of the system is in progress and simultaneously the approval of Gram Panchayat is also being taken. He stated that the work related to these would be completed by 30.6.2013. JS(W) asked them to expedite the work as the progress appeared to be slow.
- (iii) **Bihar-** The State representative , informed that spot identification for installation of 150 schemes has been done. The approval of the Gram Panchayat regarding this is being obtained and would be completed by the end of June,2013. The tendering process by the State Government for procurement of the systems would be done after that. He informed the Ministry, that one pilot project has been commenced and is located in Jehanabad district and the response of the people is very good and people are very happy with this project.
- (iv) **Jharkhand-** The State representative stated that spot identification for installation of the scheme is still on and has not been completed. Consultation with Village Panchayats has also not been initiated and is pending. JS (Water) impressed upon him to expedite the process as no work seems to have been done so far after the disbursement of the fund on 28 March, 2013. The State Govt. representative informed that 6 pilot projects have been taken up in this State and the response of the people is very good.
- (v) **Chattisgarh -** E in C ,PHED, Chattisgarh informed that spot identification for installation of the scheme is going on in the State and would be completed by the end of the month. He was also asked by JS (Water) to expedite the work as the quantum of work carried out so far is very less.
- (vi) **Orissa-** The Joint Secretary in the Rural Water Supply Department Orissa informed that spot identification for installations of the scheme has been done and resolution of Gram Panchayat has been taken. JS(Water) asked him to take the help of the Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA) in this regard and also find out from other State like Chattisgarh and Jharkhand . Regarding the unit cost , State was informed that it has already been worked out and intimated which was Rs 5.10 lakhs/Unit with the Central (NRDWP), State and NCEF components to be 30%, 30% and 40% respectively.
- (vii) **Madhya Pradesh-** The Chief Engineer , informed that all 1199 habitations for installation of the system have been identified and resolution of Gram

Panchayats for the same has been obtained regarding 900 habitations. State Government contract for procurement of the systems would be completed by the end of June 2013 and installation work would commence by the end of July, 2013.

(viii) **West Bengal** The State representative informed that spot identification of all 704 habitations in the State have been completed. However they have not been able to take the approval of Gram Panchayat as Panchayat elections have been announced in the State which are to be over by 14th July, 2013. This work would be taken up after the elections are over. A pilot project has been commenced in Paschim Midnapur district of the State and has been well received. JS (Water) asked the State to expedite the work of taking approval of Gram Panchayat after the Panchayat elections.

(ix) **Uttar Pradesh-** The State representative informed that spot identification of installation of the scheme is on going and about 30% of the work has been completed. Regarding the resolution of Gram Sabha he stated that the work is in progress and would be completed by 26.6.2013. The tender for procurement of this system would be over by the end of June, 2013.

5. The other issues which came up during discussion were regarding the possibility of a DGS&D rate contract for the procurement of the system which would bring uniformity in the cost. JS (Water) informed that the Ministry would study this matter but the process is likely to take time and hence advised the States that they should take up procurement process on their own to expedite the work.

6. D. Raj Shekhar Deputy Advisor in the Ministry impressed upon the States of Orissa and Jharkhand, the States which have high content of iron contamination in their water sources to have Terracotta Filters installed in the system so that high iron content in the water could be reduced.

7. JS (Water) emphasized the need for training at all levels especially for Junior and Middle level officers and urged all States to send their officials for training to GSDA to understand the process of installation/maintenance aspects of the system. He stated that NRDWP(Support) funds could be utilized to meet the expenditure related to this.

8. Director(W) informed all the States that the implementation of the schemes is being monitored closely and urged all States to adhere to the timelines regarding the completion of the installations, as funds allocated to those States which are found lagging could be given to better performing States. The timeline or schedule is given below in tabular form and should be strictly followed.

Name of State	Number of Habitations for which fund released (1 st Instalment) dt 28.3.2013.	Total Amount Released – NCEF Component (In lakhs)	Identification of spot for Installation of System (by 15 th June 2013)	Approval of Gram Panchayats (by 30 th June 2013)	Completion of Procurement Process (by 31 st July 2013)
Maharashtra	38	77.52	Done	Would be completed by 30.6.13	-
Andhra Pradesh	153	312.12	In progress	In progress .Would be completed by 30.6.13	-
Bihar	281	573.24	Done for 150 habitations.	In progress.Would be completed by 30.6.13	-
Jharkhand	1072	2186.88	In progress	Not started	-
Chattisgarh	960	1958.40	In progress and would be completed by 30.6.13	Not started	-
Orissa	1762	3594.48	Done	Done	-
Madhya Pradesh	669	1364.76	Done for 1199 habitations. In progress for remaining.	Obtained for 900 habitations. In progress for remaining.	-
West Bengal	393	801.72	Done for all 704 habitations	Not done because of Panchayat Elections.Would be take up after 14.7.13.	-
Uttar Pradesh	96	195.84	Done for about 30% habitations.	Not done. In progress and would be completed by 26.6.13.	-
Total	5424	11064.96			-

9. The conference ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Joint Secretary(Water)