



**Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) of  
"ASSAM" State**

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an NRDWP Annual Action Plan meeting for the year 2016-17 with the officials of ASSAM State on 11/03/2016 in the Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Joint Secretary (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (GoI). The list of the participants is given in Annexure.

2. **The summary of the discussion is as follows:**

- i. **Joint Secretary (Water), informed that the State of ASSAM has been allocated Rs. 227.84 crore under NRDWP during 2016-17. This allocation excludes the incentive for devolution of schemes under MDI (Management Devolution Index) which would be informed to the State shortly. Accordingly, the targets, which were shown by the State during AAP meeting, should be revised and submitted in hard copy as well as soft copy to the Ministry for approval.** Higher contribution of State share would be appreciated to maintain more inflow of fund to this sector. The state was advised to plan for the year 2016-17 taking into account of the unspent balance available at the end of the financial year 2015-16, if any.
- ii. Joint Secretary (Water), pointed towards Ministry's focus on completion of Ongoing least cost balance drinking water supply schemes, Coverage of Water Quality affected habitations (special attention to Arsenic and Fluoride contaminated habitations), Coverage of habitations under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (**SAGY**), Enhancement of Piped water supply and Individual household tap water connections in the rural households. The State officials were advised to categorize the all pending drinking water schemes on completion basis viz. 0%-25%, 25%-50%, 50%-75% and 75%-100%; and to focus on the completion of last mile (least balance cost) ongoing schemes (>75% work done). **New water schemes are allowed in SAGY and for water quality affected habitations (Fluoride/Arsenic) only.**
- iii. Joint Secretary (Water) reviewed the target and achievements of the state for year 2015-16 by the different AAP Formats provided by the State during the AAP meeting. Which is as follows:



S. No.	Particulars	Target for 2015-16	Achievement 2015-16 (Feb 2016)	Ach. in %
1.	Partially covered habitations*	2546	635	24.94
2.	Quality Affected Habitations*	1447	261	18.03
3.	Coverage of Habitations under Piped Water Supply*	2129	324	15.22
4.	Individual household coverage*	-	1410	-

\* IMIS figure.

- iv. JS (W) enquired about the low coverage against the targeted habitations. The state officials informed that 20 nos. MVPWS under implementation could not be completed during 14-15, as such it required more involvement of fund, paucity of fund and lacking of interest in construction agencies leads to a gap in coverage of habitations.
- v. The state was advised to focus on surface based PWS schemes. The state informed that Assam PHED has 9371 sanctioned piped water supply schemes out of which 2043 nos. are with surface source. And before taking up any new scheme, every possible scope for surface source is explored.
- vi. On issue about the NABL accreditation status of the labs in the State, State officials replied that Necessary actions have been initiated for NABL accreditation of State Referral laboratory (SRL) at Guwahati. Pre assessment, internal audit, standardization, calibration etc. for the SRL has already been done. Non-conformity has been addressed. The NABL team is expected to visit the laboratory for final assessment very soon.
- vii. The state officials informed that there were total 9371 PWS schemes has been sanctioned in the state, among which 7717 has been completed and 1654 are ongoing PWS schemes in the state. Among the completed PWS scheme 6809 are functional and 908 are dysfunctional in the state.
- viii. The practice of distributing safe drinking water pouches in the event of flood, ethnic violence, natural calamities, mass gathering of people on different occasions like Sahitya sabha, Sankar sangha, SAF games, meetings etc. By Using Truck mounted Mobile water treatment plant has extensively been adopted almost in every such case.
- ix. The state officials informed that there are 20 districts affected with Arsenic and 11 districts affected with Fluoride in the state. The state was advised to utilize the NITI Ayog's Fund of Rs. 11.57 Crore, which is exclusively released for mitigation of Arsenic and Fluoride affected



habitations. JS (W) advised the state to provide at least 8-10 litre of Safe drinking water to these rural habitations affected by fluoride/arsenic contamination on priority basis.

- x. On matter pertaining to new water supply schemes, officials from the Ministry clarified that augmentation and O & M can be taken up using NRDWP funds, **only new water supply schemes are not permitted except for areas under SAGY and Water Quality affected habitations (Fluoride/Arsenic).**
- xi. JS (W) advised the State officials to dovetail funds available to GPs from Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) to run handed over schemes and for providing household connections from public stand post (in already commissioned schemes).
- xii. Emphasizing upon the conjoint approach of the Ministry on water and sanitation, JS (Water) informed the officials of the State that if the State performs well in elimination of Open Defecation, it would be rewarded for piped water supply scheme.
- xiii. Joint Secretary (W) informed to state that the Ministry is going to launch **"National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week"** during **16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016**. Joint Secretary (W) advised the state to plan for successful campaigning of the National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week in the State. The state officials informed that the Awareness week in the state is being observed with zest and zeal.
- xiv. The state was advised to update the IMIS data regularly.

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

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**Participating Officials to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) for ASSAM State**

**Date of Meeting:** 11/03/2016

**Venue:** Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, MoDWS, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.

**Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>1.</b>	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (Water)
<b>2.</b>	Shri D. Rajshekhar	Deputy Advisor (WQ)
<b>3.</b>	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water)
<b>4.</b>	Shri N. M. Solan	Deputy Advisor (Water)

**Officials from Government of ASSAM**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>1.</b>	Shri A.K.Das	Secretary, PHED
<b>2.</b>	Shri Khanindra Kr. Baishga	Director, WSSO
<b>3.</b>	Shri Subodh Ch. Nath	Executive Engineer
<b>4.</b>	Shri Diponkar Bardowi	A.E.E.
<b>5.</b>	Shri Pradyumna Bardowi	A. E.

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