

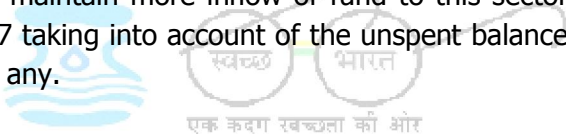


**Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) of
"GUJARAT" State**

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an NRDWP Annual Action Plan meeting for the year 2016-17 with the officials of "GUJARAT" State on 18/03/2016 in the Conference Room, 4th 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 discussions is as follows:**

i. **Joint Secretary (Water), informed that the State of GUJARAT has been allocated approx. Rs. 238.11 crore under NRDWP during 2016-17. This excludes the incentives 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 (up to February, 2016)	Ach. in %	Total anticipated achievement up to, 2016
1.	Partially covered habitations	865	779	90.05	940
2.	Quality Affected Habitations	96	19	19.76	21
3.	Coverage of Habitations under Piped Water Supply	719	793	110.29	*
4.	Individual Households coverage	-	42659#	-	*

* not informed.

IMIS data

iv. It was informed by the state that the state is now free from Quality Affected (QA) habitations; however some slip back habitations may emerge in near future. Being enquired by Joint Secretary (W), state officials informed that due to erratic monsoon the situation may arise in near future. Furthermore, the state may get 60 QA habitations because of the contamination of ground water during monsoon. The state was advised to keep proper vigil of the situation and to take the remedial action in this regard.

v. The state officials informed that there are more than 75% of Drinking water schemes based on Surface water. It was informed that the state prioritizes on use of Surface water instead of Sub Surface water. 10,988 villages are already covered under Surface Source based RWSS whereas works are in progress in 2830 villages.

vi. On request of the State officials to provide more central funds (550 Crore) for water supply schemes, JS (Water) said that the State may submit proposal for assistance from external agencies. The Ministry will support the proposal (after analyzing the same) for funding from external agencies.

vii. On a query 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).**

viii. The state officials informed that all habitations are covered under 40 lpcd norms whereas more than 98% habitations covered under 55 lpcd norms, furthermore for the new schemes this standard has further been enhanced to 100 lpcd norms.



- ix.** DA (WQ) inquired about the NABL accreditation of labs in the state, it was informed by the state officials that the NABL accreditation is under process and it would be completed by April, 2016. It was informed that 4 (Four) district laboratories are at advance stage of accreditation of NABL.
- x.** Referring to the recent allocation of funds to the WQ affected states on the basis of Arsenic and Fluoride contamination; state officials raised their concern and requested to add the other contaminants for this fund allocation criteria.
- 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 standpost (in already commissioned schemes).
- xii.** The State officials informed that the approved cost of ongoing drinking water schemes is around 3582.76 crore and the liability for the same is around 1289.65 crore, in this connection, State officials requested to provide additional fund to curtail the liability in this sector.
- xiii.** The state officials informed that there is mismatch in WQ affected habitation in IMIS and the actual data. Joint Secretary (W), asked Asst. Advisor (SP) to resolve this issue with the help of NIC officials of the Ministry on priority basis.
- xiv.** DA (WQ) advised the state to obtain ISO- 9001 certification for the drinking water schemes.
- xv.** **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.**
- xvi.** Joint Secretary (W) informed to state that the Ministry is celebrating “**National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week**” during **16th to 22nd 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.
- xvii.** The state was advised to update the IMIS data regularly.

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



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

Date of Meeting: 18/03/2016

Venue: Conference Room, 4th Floor, MoDWS, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.

Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

S. No.	Name	Designation
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2.	Shri D. Rajshekhar	Deputy Advisor (WQ)
3.	Shri Sumit Priyadarshi	Asst. Advisor
4.	Shri A. K. Shrivastava	Under Secretary (Water)
5.	Shri. Mohan Lal	Under Secretary (Finance) & AO
6.	Shri. R.K.Maurya	JSO (Stat)

Officials from Government of GUJARAT

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1.	Shri Mukesh Puri	Principal Secretary
2.	Shri Mahesh Singh	Addl. Secretary
