



Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) of "KERALA" state

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an NRDWP Annual Action Plan meeting for the year 2016-17 with the **KERALA** Water Authority Department officials on 17/03/2016 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 discussion is as follows:**
 - i. **Joint Secretary (Water), informed that the State of Kerala has been allocated approx. Rs. 58.23 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. JS (Water) reviewed targets and achievements of the State for the year 2015-16 during the AAP meeting which is as follows.



S.No.	Particulars	Target for 2015-16	Achievement 2015-16 upto 16.03.2016	Anticipated Achievement for 2015-16
1.	Partially Covered Habitations	391	263	313
2.	Quality Affected Habitations	38	75	80
3.	House Hold Connections	--	22,028	23,000

iv. JS (Water) showed satisfaction for the performance of the State in implementing all the directions issued in the previous AAP meeting while going through the action taken report.

v. State has been advised to prepare the plan in such a way that the water supply schemes with least balance cost are targeted first during (2016-17) in order to have immediate benefits.

vi. JS (Water) advised that the State should focus on coverage of Quality Affected Habitations with Fluoride, SAGY villages, partially covered habitations, implementation of Piped Water Supply Schemes, House Hold Connections and involvement of PRI's. Although it has been decided not to take up any new water supply schemes in hand during (2016-17), but there is no such restriction for taking new water supply schemes in case of Arsenic, Fluoride affected habitations and SAGY villages which is priority.

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vii. It was impressed upon the State to follow NRDWP Guidelines in letter & Spirit. It was stipulated by the Joint Secretary (Water) that priority should be given to complete those ongoing water supply schemes which are near to its completion. Focus is to be given for coverage of Water Quality affected habitations with Fluoride, SAGY villages and PC habitations while preparing the AAP for 2016-17.

viii. JS (Water), informed the State that for new schemes in areas under SAGY, State should not wait for SLSSC approval to avoid delay. SLSSC meetings are held twice or thrice in a year and waiting for the same to begin projects in areas under SAGY could delay the implementation. Post facto approval would be provided by the Ministry for these schemes.

ix. JS (Water) pointed out that there are 5 major areas in terms of which the Ministry would like to measure the impact of NRDWP in all the States. They are: 1. Completion of water supply schemes which are near to its completion. 2. Coverage of Partially Covered habitations 3. Enhancement of Piped Water Supply schemes 4. Enhancement of Household taps connections and 5. Coverage of water quality affected habitations and SAGY villages. However, other components of NRDWP such as institutional arrangements like WSSO/DWSM/BRC etc. Training, HRD Activities, MIS, Laboratory setting/up-gradation etc. should also be taken care of.



- x. During the AAP meeting it was stressed that the State Government should expedite the household pipe-water connections.
- xi. JS (Water) suggested that State should involve ASHA workers extensively for promoting household tap connections and use of toilets. This should be taken as a campaign and should also be widely publicized across the State.
- xii. The progress in all schools and Anganwadies in the field of water supply was appreciated during the meeting. However it was pointed out that it must be ensured that all schools and Anganwadies be provided with water supply and toilets facilities as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court without any delay.
- xiii. The repair/rectification, if any of the Water Supply System in the School and Anganwari should be carried out by the PHED timely.
- xiv. JS (Water) suggested that all balance 39 fluoride affected habitations should be covered during the FY 2016-17 by using funds of the order of Rs 19.73 crore released by NITI AYOOG to State of Kerala.
- xv. JS (water) advised for installation of Community water treatment plants in quality affected habitations.
- xvi. State level laboratory will be NABL accredited during 2016-17.
- xvii. 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 meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



Annexure

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

Date of Meeting: 17/03/2016

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

Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (Water)
2.	Shri Dinesh Chand	Additional Advisor (PHE)
3.	Shri D. Rajshekar	DA (WQ)
4.	Shri G.R. Zargar	Sr. Consultant (Water)
5.	Shri N.M. Solan	DA (PHE)
6.	Shri A.K. Shrivastava	US (Water)

Officials from Government of KERALA

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Ajit Patil	MD - Kerala Water Authority
2.	Shri Ajith Kumar. G	Accounts Manager
3.	Shri Vinod Kumar. R	Assistant Engineer Kerala Water Authority
