



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

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an NRDWP Annual Action Plan meeting for the year 2016-17 with the officials of "MAHARASHTRA" State on 29/04/2016 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 MAHARASHTRA has been allocated approx. Rs. 346.15 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	Ach. in %
1.	Partially covered habitations	1424	1406	99
2.	Quality Affected Habitations	187	143	76
3.	Coverage of Habitations under Piped Water Supply*	1458	1495	achieved
4.	Individual household coverage*	-	70506	-

\* IMIS figure.

- iv.** Discussing the drought situation in the State, it was informed by the state that there are 145 DPAP blocks (16% of total DPAP block in India) located in the state. The State functionaries are committed to provide safe drinking water to all rural households. The functionaries are facing difficulties because of the habitations are very scattered and less rainfall for last few years in the state. The state officials informed for the water scarcity areas the train is being used to transport water, private bore wells are being hired, water tankers are being deployed, mobile van and other measures are also taken to mitigate the water scarcity. 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 about 38% of rural households have been provided with individual household connection for drinking water. JS(W) appreciated this and advised to enhance this achievement.
- vi.** JS(W) enquired about the low coverage of WQ affected habitations, and advised the state to focus on WQ affected area (Arsenic and Fluoride). DA (WQ) advised the state to properly sanitize the equipment of the water supply schemes so that water borne disease may be nullify in the state.
- vii.** JS(W) appreciated the sustainability structure achievement in the state and advised the state to provide good practice stories/success stories to the Ministry.
- viii.** DA(WQ) highlighted the issue of Alumina/salinity contamination in Amarawati, Buldana and Akola districts. The state officials were advised to take proper steps in this regard.
- ix.** The State informed that due to less availability in WQMS fund to the state, the state may be allowed to utilize the Flexi fund under NRDWP. It was allowed to the state subject to approval from SLSSC.



- x. DA(WQ) advised to use laminar clarifier instead of using the conventional methods in the PWS.
- xi. The state raised the issue of getting less state financial assistance due to the release of matching state share as per the central allocation of the Ministry. It was advised to the state to dovetail funds available with GPs from Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) so that the overall fund availability for rural water sector may increase at the state level. However State is free to allocate additional fund in rural DWS schemes from State budget.
- xii. It was informed by the state that pending PAC para pertaining to the MAHARASHTRA state has been properly replied by the state in last VC in the Ministry.
- xiii. JS(W) enquired about the utilization of NITI Ayog's fund (for Arsenic/Fluoride coverage) allocated to the state. The state officials replied that 108 schemes have been sanctioned and are being tendered. However state officials assured that this process will be completed by September, 2016. 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.
- xiv. On query about the NABL accreditation status of the labs in the state, state officials replied that within 10 days 3 regional labs will be NABL accredited. And by the end of May, 2016 all 6 regional labs will be accredited with NABL certificate.
- xv. 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**).
- xvi. On query of unspent balance available with the state it was informed by the state that the fund has been utilized by the state and it is to be reflected in the IMIS. State was advised to update the same in IMIS on urgent basis.
- xvii. **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.**
- xviii. 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  
MAHARASHTRA State**

**Date of Meeting:** 29/04/2016

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

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<b>2.</b>	Shri D. Rajshekhar	Deputy Advisor (WQ)
<b>3.</b>	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water)
<b>4.</b>	Shri A. K. Shrivastava	Under Secretary (Water)
<b>5.</b>	Shri G. R. Zargar	Sr. Consultant (Water)
<b>6.</b>	Shri R. K. Maurya	JSO (Stat)

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<b>2.</b>	Shri Rupinder Singh	Director
<b>3.</b>	Shri B.K.Sawai	Director
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