



Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-2017) of "PUDUCHERRY" UT

- 1.** A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) of PUDUCHERRY UT was held in the Conference Room under the Chairmanship of Dr. Dinesh Chand Additional Advisor (PHE) Government of India, in the Conference Room, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi on 12th of April 2016. The list of participants is annexed.
- 2. The summary of the discussion is as follows:**
 - i. It was conveyed to the UT official that PUDUCHERRY UT has been allocated approx. Rs. 83.47 lacs 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 UT share would be appreciated to maintain more inflow of fund to this sector. The UT 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.** The UT was informed that the Ministry's focuses 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.** Additional Advisor (PHE), advised that the UT should focus on coverage of partially covered habitations, implementation of Piped Water Supply Schemes, House Hold Connections and involvement of PRI's. There is no water quality issue in PUDUCHERRY UT.
 - iv.** It was informed in the meeting that Puducherry has not lifted the earmarked allocation of Rs. 50.00 lacs for the year 2015-16 and second installment allocation of Rs. 100.00 lacs of 2014-15 for the reason that UC and Audit certificate was not produced to the Ministry. UT has no achievement during 2015-16.



- v. Additional Advisor (PHE) showed dissatisfaction for the poor performance of Puducherry in implementing the NRDWP in the Union Territory. Non- submission of UC & AC is the main reason that blocked the fund flow to the UT for the years 2014-15 & 2015-16.
- vi. It was reported to the Ministry that only one project of Rural Water Supply for Kodathur village in Mandipet Commune, Puducherry has been taken in hand at a cost of Rs. 3.3875 crore to provide water supply to a design population of 6,348 persons by (2035). An expenditure of Rs. 1.30 crore (Rs. 0.83 crore Central Share and Rs. 0.47 crore UT Share) has been booked by the UT on this Water Supply Scheme up to now. This being only Water Supply Scheme which is presently under progress in the Union Territory of Puducherry with the Central Assistance (NRDWP). It was also enquired whether any village was adopted under SAGY. The representative of UT informed that there was no development in this regard. Thus, it was suggested that a village may be adopted at the earliest. Other water supply schemes have been taken up by the UT with the loan assistance from HUDCO.
- vii. Additional Advisor (PHE) pointed out that focus need to be given to complete all the balance 115 partially covered habitations. He stressed upon the representative of Puducherry Mr. V. Jayachandiran to submit the UC and Audit certificates to claim for the early fund release.
- viii. Deputy Advisor (WQ) 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. The repair/rectification, if any of the Water Supply System in the School and Anganwari should be carried out by the PHE department without any delay.
- ix. During the AAP meeting it was stressed that the UT Government should expedite the household pipe-water connections with water meters. It was informed in the meeting that only Rs 0.50 paisa per kl is being charged for water supply while as its cost of production comes Rs 9.00 per kl and rest of Rs 8.50 paisa per kl is being compensated by Panchayat.
- x. The Deputy Advisor (WQ) stressed that the main laboratory need to be NABL accredited during 2016-17

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



**Participating Officials to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) for
"PUDUCHERRY" UT**

Date of Meeting: 12/04/2016

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 G.R. Zargar	Sr. Consultant (Water)

Official from Government of PUDUCHERRY

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri V. Jayachandiran	Assistant Engineer
