



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

- 1 The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation conducted an Annual Action Plan meeting for 2016-17 with the representatives of PUNJAB Government on 22/03/2016 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 and Sanitation, Government of India. 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 PUNJAB has been allocated approx. Rs. 39.18 crore for 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 by reducing their estimated expenditure after consulting their State Finance Department 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.**
  - ii. JS (Water), MDWS reviewed the progress of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16. State was advised to target 1 lakh population under drinking water net during 2016-17. However, NRDWP money should be prioritized to ODF villages as being included in NRDWP Guideline. Achievement of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16 is as follows:



| S. No. | Focused area under NRDWP   | Target | Achievement | % ach. |
|--------|--|--------|-------------|--------|
| 1.     | Coverage of Partially Covered (PC) habitations with water supply schemes | 261*   | 67*         | 25.67  |
| 2.     | Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes                           | 176*   | 159*        | 90.34  |
| 3.     | House Hold Connections provided during 2015-16                           | -      | 60508*      | -      |
| 4.     | Coverage of water quality affected habitations                           | -      | 23*         | -      |

\* Figure as per IMIS data.

- iii. State officials raised the issue of Kandiarua and problem of water logging in the state and accordingly requested for some funds towards this end. Joint Secretary (Water) told the state officials that a special committee has been set up to examine this issue.
- iv. 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, **any new water supply schemes are not permitted except for areas under SAGY and Water Quality (Fluoride/Arsenic) affected habitations.**
- v. The State officials have been advised that providing safe drinking water from Community Water Plant should be considered as a short term measure and State should chalk out its own plan to solve the problem of drinking water as a long term solution. However, Ministry will not impose any restriction upon the kind of technology and State is free to choose a suitable technology of its choice.
- vi. JS (W) advised the State to complete the last mile (least balance cost) ongoing pws schemes (75% work done) and advised not to take new PWS schemes except for Fluoride/Arsenic habitations or SAGY areas.
- vii. On matter pertaining to increase in remuneration of Block Resource Coordinators at Block Level and Consultants at district and State Level, JS (Water) informed that the State may hike the remuneration using its own fund / resources to retain them. This may be done considering that there has not been much hike in allocation to the Ministry for NRDWP 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. 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.
- x. Joint Secretary (W) informed to state that the Ministry is celebrating "**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.
- xi. 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 "PUNJAB"  
State**

**Date of Meeting:** 22/03/2016

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

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

| S. No. | Name                 | Designation             |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.     | Shri Satyabrata Sahu | Joint Secretary (Water) |
| 2.     | Dr. Dinesh Chand     | Addl. Advisor (PHE)     |
| 3.     | Shri D. Rajasekhar   | Deputy Adviser (WQ)     |

**Officials from State Government of PUNJAB**

| S. No. | Name                 | Designation             |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.     | Shri Ajoy Sharma     | HOD cum Secretary       |
| 2.     | Er. P. R. Sharma     | SE (T), DWSS, Mohali    |
| 3.     | Er. Veenakshi Sharma | EE (WQ), Mohali         |
| 4.     | Er. Ratesh Garg      | EE (WS), DWSS, Mohali   |
| 5.     | Er. Karambir Singh   | EE (MIS) , DWSS, Mohali |

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