



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

"SIKKIM" State

- 1.** The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an NRDWP Annual Action Plan meeting for the year 2016-17 with the officials of SIKKIM Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department on 09/03/2016 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 SIKKIM has been allocated Rs. 7.63 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), MDWS reviewed the progress of the State in implementation of NRDWP during the year 2015-16. Achievement of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16 is :**



S. No.	Focused area under NRDWP	Target	Achievement (up to 31/03/2016)	% ach.
1.	Coverage of Partially Covered (PC) habitations with water supply schemes*	45	65	Target achieved
2.	Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes*	21	11	52
3.	House Hold connections provided during 2015-16*	--	615	--
4.	Coverage of water quality affected habitations*	--	--	--

*IMIS

- v. It has been observed the physical progress of NRDWP has been satisfactory as against the target during the year 2015-16 in partially covered and piped water schemes.
- vi. Joint Secretary (Water) advised the State should focus on water quality affected (Arsenic/Fluoride) habitation, SAGY, coverage of habitations with 0-25% & 0-50%, piped water supply, household connection, and involvement of PRIs in water supply schemes.
- vii. Financial achievement made by the State during 2015-16 needs to be updated on IMIS.
- viii. The State requested for higher per capita cost due to hilly terrain, high maintenance cost and scattered habitations. State was advised to take up external funding for this.
- ix. State was advised to take up surface water sources.
- x. Two villages were reported to be covered under SAGY. State was advised to expedite work on these schemes. 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.
- xi. State Government was advised to send proposal for Solar Powers Scheme in conversion with MNRE. The State Government has stated that the aforesaid scheme is not feasible for their State.



- xii. 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.**
- xiii.** 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.
- xiv.** Joint Secretary (W) informed to state that the Ministry is going to launch **“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.
- xv.** The state was advised to update the IMIS data regularly.

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
Sikkim State**

Date of Meeting: 09/03/2016

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 Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water)
3.	Shri Shiv Kumar	NIC
4.	Smt. Urvashi Prasad Asthana	Senior Consultant (NPMU)
5.	Shri P.C. Mishra	Assistant Section Officer

Officials from Government of Sikkim

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri D.R. Nepal	Secretary (RMDD)
2.	Shri Shital Pd. Pradhan	Chief Engineer
3.	Shri Hari Prasad Sharma	Director / Accounts
4.	Shri O.P. Sharma	Additional Chief Engineer
