



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

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an Annual Action Plan meeting for 2016-17 with the officials of Rural Water Supply & Sanitation (RWSS) Department, Government of TELANGANA on 16/03/2016 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 TELANGANA has been allocated approx. Rs 89.43 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. State should plan targets under NRDWP keeping in view availability of nearly Rs 200 crore considering the higher expected share from the State. 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), MoDWS reviewed the progress of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16. Achievement of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16 is :**



| S. No. | Focused area under NRDWP | Target | Achievement (up to Feb, 2016) | % ach. |
|---------------|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Coverage of Partially Covered (PC) habitations with water supply schemes* | 714 | 860 | achieved |
| 2. | Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes* | 684 | 1324 | achieved |
| 3. | House Hold connections provided during 2015-16* | Not indicated | 4109 | (National average is 12 %) |
| 4. | Coverage of water quality affected habitations* | 88 | 143 | achieved |

* IMIS

- iv.** JS (Water), enquired about the number of people/habitations not getting even 40 lpcd of water in the State. It was informed by the State officials that there are no rural habitations which are not getting even 40 lpcd. However, there are habitations in 0-25 % category which have to be provided adequate water facilities.
- v.** State is expected to get Rs. 14 crore for Solar energy based dual pump water supply schemes in Non-IAP areas.
- vi.** It was informed that the State has a major problem of high fluoride content in groundwater in many habitations. Fluoride has now been confirmed not only in drinking water but in crops/cereals and in animal milk. State officials informed that all fluoride affected habitations in Nalgonda would be covered in 2016-17 with surface water scheme. Total 53 schemes have been tendered for various fluoride affected habitations. SLSSC has already given approval for that. JS (W) directed that these should preferably be completed during 2016-17.
- vii.** State is implementing Mission Bhagiratha in the State and the work is on fast track. Implementation is being monitored at very senior level. Due to fast pace of the work, it is expected that some of the habitations would start getting water shortly. The scheme will cover more nearly 90 % of the habitations in the country. State has targeted to complete all major Mission Bhagiratha by December 2017.
- viii.** State is also recruiting 543 Assistant Engineers/Junior Engineers for water supply projects. They would be trained in various aspects of drinking water and also on Project Management and Contract Management.



- ix.** State requested to provide more funds for WQMS activities. JS (W) appreciated the work done under WQMS and said that most of the States have not been able to spend WQMS and Support funds. This is appreciated that TELANGANA is seeking funds for WQMS activities. He said that Ministry has made provision of 10 % flexi funds which State can utilize for any purpose which require more funds.
- x.** JS (Water), directed the officials give priority to schemes for Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY). New water schemes are allowed in SAGY and for water quality affected habitations (Fluoride/Arsenic) only.
- xi.** It was 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).
- xii.** JS (W) advised the State officials to fix some tariff for Mission Bhagirathi so that the scheme remains sustainable.
- xiii.** JS (Water), informed the State that for new schemes in areas under SAGY, State should not to 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.
- xiv.** JS (W) directed the State officials to complete commissioning of all incomplete water supply schemes irrespective of Central allocation. Priority should be given to those schemes which are at the final stages of completion. JS (Water) appreciated the pro-activeness of the State in planning and implementation for water supply schemes.
- xv.** It was informed by the State officials that the State has provided drinking water in all rural schools and Anganwadis.
- xvi.** The State may raise the monthly remuneration of Block Resource Coordinators at Block level and Consultants at district and State level using its own fund/resources so that qualified and experienced people are retained. This may be done considering that there has not been much hike in allocation to the Ministry for NRDWP for 2016-17.
- 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. The modalities would be worked out by the Ministry soon.



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- xviii.** 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.
- xix.** 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.
- xx.** The State was advised to update the IMIS data regularly.

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





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

Date of Meeting: 16/03/2016

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

| Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation | | |
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| S. No. | Name | Designation |
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| 2. | Dr. Dinesh Chand | Addl. Advisor (PHE) |
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| 4. | Dr. Brajesh Shrivastava | Consultant (WQ), MDWS |
| 5. | Shri Pankaj Mishra | Assistant Section Officer, MDWS |
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| S. No. | Name | Designation |
| 1. | Shri R. P. Nanda Rao | Chief Engineer, RWSS, TELANGANA |
| 2. | Shri D. Vijaya Kumar | Superintending Engineer, RWSS, TELANGANA |
| 3. | Shri M.L. N. Murthy | DEE, RWSS, MIS, TELANGANA |
| 4. | Shri A. Sateesh | State Water Quality Consultant, RWSS, TELANGANA |
