



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

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an NRDWP Annual Action Plan meeting for the year 2016-17 with the **WEST BENGAL** officials on 14/03/2016 in the Conference Room, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Parmeshvaran Iyer, Secretary, 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. **It was informed to the State officials that the State of WEST BENGAL has been allocated approx. Rs. 199.27 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) reviewed targets and achievements of the State for the year 2015-16 during the AAP meeting which is as follows.



S.No.	Particulars	Target for 2015-16	Achievement 2015-16	Anticipated Achievement for 2015-16
1.	Partially Covered Habitations	1,965	3,831	4,031
2.	Quality Affected Habitations	532	1,446	1,502
3.	Pipe Water Supply	1,964	4,728	4,829
4.	House Hold Connections	No Target	1,867	1,910

- iv. JS (Water) showed satisfaction for the performance of the State in implementing all the directions issued in the previous AAP meeting while going through the action taken report.
- v. State has been advised to prepare the plan in such a way that the water supply schemes with least balance cost are targeted first during(2016-17) in order to have immediate benefits.
- vi. JS (Water) advised that the State should focus on coverage of Quality Affected Habitations with Fluoride and Arsenic, SAGY villages, partially covered habitations, implementation of Piped Water Supply Schemes, House Hold Connections and involvement of PRI's. Although it has been decided not to take up any new water supply schemes in hand during 2016-17, but there is no such restriction for taking new water supply schemes in case of Arsenic, Fluoride affected habitations and SAGY villages which is priority.
- vii. It was impressed upon the State to follow NRDWP Guidelines in letter & Spirit. It was stipulated by the Joint Secretary (Water) that priority should be given to complete those ongoing water supply schemes which are near to its completion. Focus is to be given for coverage of Water Quality affected habitations with Arsenic and Fluoride, SAGY villages and PC habitations while preparing the AAP for 2016-17.To this Principal Secretary (WB) replied to Secretary (DWS) that focus is being given to address arsenic & fluoride effected habitations. He further stated that State Government has approached to DEA for ADB funding for 4 nos. of Piped water supply project at an estimated cost of Rs. 2470.60 crore. He also stated that Rs. 36.98 crore has been cleared by NITI Aayog for implementation of community based purification plants in arsenic effected habitation.
- viii. JS (Water) pointed out that there are 5 major areas in terms of which the Ministry would like to measure the impact of NRDWP in all the States. They are: 1. Completion of water supply schemes which are near to its completion. 2. Coverage of Partially Covered habitations 3. Enhancement of Piped Water Supply schemes 4. Enhancement of Household taps connections



and 5. Coverage of water quality affected habitations and SAGY villages. However, other components of NRDWP such as institutional arrangements like WSSO/DWSM/BRC etc. Training, HRD Activities, MIS, Laboratory setting/up-gradation etc. should also be taken care of.

- ix. The progress in all schools and Anganwadies in the field of water supply was appreciated during the meeting. However it was pointed out that it must be ensured that all schools be provided with water supply and toilets facilities as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court without any delay.
- x. The repair/rectification, if any of the Water Supply System in the School and Anganwari should be carried out by the PHED timely.
- xi. JS (Water) suggested that focus need to be given to address all the remaining 1,768 Fluoride and Arsenic affected habitations in a phased manner by implementing surface based multi village water supply schemes. However, as an interim relief installation of Community Based Water Treatment plants has been advised
- xii. During the AAP meeting it was stressed that the State Government should expedite the household pipe-water connections.
- xiii. State level laboratory need to be got as NABL accredited during 2016-17.
- 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.



Participating Officials to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) for WEST BENGAL State

Date of Meeting: 14/03/2016

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

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2.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (W&A)
3.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water)
4.	Shri G. R. Zargar	Sr. Consultant (Water)
5.	Shri A. K. Srivastava	US (Water)
6.	Shri Junaid Ahmed	Consultant (AO)
7.	Shri Shiv Kumar	Scientist B NIC

Officials from Government of West Bengal

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2.	Shri Animesh Bhattacharya	Director WSSO
