

Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Points of review meeting with States held at Raipur on 20th July 2012

States that were present: **Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur and Chhattisgarh**

Secretary MDWS inaugurated the meeting by lighting of the lamp and took the formal introduction of the representatives of the states.

National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)

1. A presentation of the performance of the states present, in the year 2011-12 and so far in 2012-13, was made by Director (Water) MDWS.
2. States were informed about the releases made this year. It was pointed out that the amount equivalent to the excess OB with states as in 1.4.2012, have been withheld from the 1st. installment. While UP had an OB of about Rs. 112 cr., MP and Chhattisgarh had OBs of Rs 67.79 cr and Rs. 70.53 cr. respectively. States were asked to utilise the excess OB quickly and report the same on the IMIS to enable release of the balance 1st. installment.
3. States were informed that the NRDWP guidelines have been amended and the sustainability component decreased to 10%. Secretary MDWS asked the states to use the sustainability funds in a planned manner. These funds should be utilised in such a way so as to ensure optimum results. She suggested that a comprehensive plan on Rain water harvesting be prepared for each state. Government buildings in rural areas can be covered under this programme. This can be used for water storage as well as for recharging leading to source sustainability.
4. It was pointed out to the States that utilization of Support Funds in 2011-12 has been low. While this has led to some states not being able to claim the 2nd installment last year, it has also resulted in high opening balances in the current year. Secretary asked the States regarding the plans to ensure utilization of funds. States informed the progress in engagement of Consultations to the DWSM and BRCs. All the states other than Manipur informed that the engagement of WSSO (remaining), DWSM consultants and Block level coordinators is in process. Manipur shall engage such Consultants as per requirement. Secretary asked the states to prepare an Expenditure plan incorporating all the activities included in the AAPs like WQM&S including field testing and lab testing, Capacity building, IEC etc.
5. With respect to the coverage of schools with water supply, in view of the provision of the RTE Act and the orders of the Hon. Supreme Court, states were asked to ensure that the water supply departments coordinate with the school education departments of the states and ensure that information regarding the coverage of schools are reconciled. The figures of targets currently entered in the IMIS for 2012-

13 are not accurate. It has to be ensured that uncovered schools if any are covered by 31.3.2013. For this States water supply departments were asked to revise their targets and inform the MDWS by 31.8.2012, and enter the same on the IMIS.

6. States were also asked to coordinate with the Women and Child Development departments in the state to plan for coverage of Anganwadis. For Anganwadis in private buildings, arrangements can be made to provide a water point outside but near the building, using NRDWP funds.
7. Regarding implementation of e-tendering in rural water supply, states other than Manipur stated that the NIC employed staff have reached the offices and have started working. The states mentioned that while purchases have been started through this process, contracting work will be begun soon. Manipur have requested for and have been granted 1 years time to implement the system.
8. While the achievement of coverage of Partially Covered PC habitations in 2011-12 was good, the coverage of QA habs was not satisfactory. Chhattisgarh's performance was below 50%. Secretary MDWS asked the States to focus on covering QA habs in priority.
9. While discussing Census results, States were asked to examine the figures that have been released and to draw conclusions for their work plan. She specifically pointed out the figures for 'water sources away from premises' were high for MP - 36.1 and Chhattisgarh 30.3. Similarly the figures for 'unprotected sources was high for M.P. - 25.9.
10. Manipur pointed out the turbidity was a problem they were facing in water supply taken from surface sources and raised the issue of inclusion of the same in the list of contaminants. Secretary MDWS pointed out that this cannot now be included as one of the chemical contaminants.
11. Convergence approach was discussed in detail. Secretary explained in detail the concept and what was expected from the states. States responded that they shall have to revisit the figures targeted for water and IHHL target identification and plan accordingly. In 2012-13, while Chhattisgarh is targeting 496 GPs and Manipur 5GPs/villages, for coverage with PWS, MP and UP had reported 4306 and 4207 respectively. These 2 states need to recheck the figures.
12. It was clarified by the Ministry officials, that the cost of household connections cannot be charged on the NRDWP.
13. Director Water informed that states are not reporting progress in the financial MPR on the IMIS. In fact UP have not reported their progress since April 2012. State officials informed that they are having some difficulty with data entry in the IMIS from the district level. They were requested to resolve this quickly. Manipur officials also mentioned about difficulties with IMIS. They were asked to sort this out quickly with the NIC Technical Director.

14. Secretary MP PHED informed that in the State, a MP Jal Nigam has been constituted for implementing pipe water supply schemes. He also informed that for carrying out IEC and training and capacity building activities with respect to water supply in rural areas, the MP Jal Abhiyan Parishad have been involved. Secretary MDWS requested the state to make a presentation on this engagement and the activities being carried out at a Communications strategy workshop to be held soon in the Ministry.
15. There was a request for the service of accountant at at the DWSM, so that the accounts could be kept properly and discrepancies could be reduced and reconciliation done faster. It was suggested that States may send proposal and it would be examined for a decision at Government of India.

Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA)

1. The State Governments are asked to identify additional Gram Panchayats over and above the Gram Panchayats identified for saturation under NBA so as to fulfill the projects objectives targeted for the year 2012-13.
2. Since preparation of PIPs as per revised NBA will take time, revised AIP for 2012-13 consisting of no. of proposed Nirmal Grams, APL objectives category wise as approved under NBA and no. of SLWM projects proposed along with the financial outlays may be communicated to the Ministry by mid August.
3. The instructions regarding dovetailing with MNREGA has been issued. This must be closely coordinated and pursued with the concerned Department in the state so as to get advantage of the amount of Rs.4500/- for the NBA programme.
4. IAY houses should be covered with toilets. This may also be coordinated with the respective department.
5. All schools toilets as per RTE Act are to be completed by March 2013. Hence, balance schools for toilets coverage are to be reconciled with the Education Department as on 01.04.2012 and taken up for completion by March 2013.
6. Anganwadi Centers to be covered by March 2013. The figures of the balance Anganwadis in Government buildings to be reconciled with the concerned Departments in the State. Anganwadi in rented premises are to be covered using the Revolving Fund or if they fall within the APL beneficiary category, though the scheme.

7. Solid & Liquid Waste Management proposal Gram Panchayats-wise are to be prepared for a district and included in the AIP to be sent for the approval of the NSSC.

8. The issue of dysfunctional toilets was discussed in details. The possibility of existing dysfunctional toilets in the Gram Panchayats identified for saturation, creation of Nirmal Gram is a reality. As there is no provision currently under NBA for revival of dysfunctional toilets, the Gram Panchayats will have to find some means or the other to tackle these at their level. The option of using MNREGA was suggested. This of course could be explored by the States keeping the guidelines of MNREGA in view.

Audit Queries

The statement regarding issues on UCs and ASAs which was circulated by DS (Fin) has been given to the respective state for both NRDWP & NBA and the states are requested to take up compliance of these issues as early as possible to facilitate the smooth release of funds.

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