To
Principal Secretary
Rural Development Department
Government of Sikkim
Secretariat
Gangtok-737101

Sub: Minutes of the meeting held on 20.02.2017 at Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan – 2017-18 in respect of Sikkim

Sir / Madam,

This undersigned is directed to send a copy of minutes of the meeting held to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan 2017-18 in respect of Sikkim on 20.02.2017 at Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, New Delhi for further action.

Yours Faithfully,

(A.K.Srivastava)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl: As above

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Technical Director (NIC) for hosting the minutes on Ministry’s website.
10. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has conducted an NRDWP Annual Action Plan meeting for the year 2017-18 with the officials of “Sikkim” State on 20/02/2017 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.

11. The summary of the discussions is as follows:

ii. Ministry informed that for the year 2017-18, the State of Sikkim would be allocated approximately the same quantum of funds under NRDWP as made during 2016-17. Additionally, it is likely that they would get Rs. 5.5 Crore under MDI component for 2016-17. It was communicated to state officials that the state will be allocated tentatively Rs 9.29 Crore (excluding MDI allocation) for NRDWP during 2017-18 as per existing guidelines. State should plan the shelf of project accordingly. Therefore, the targets which were shown by the State during AAP meeting which were based on 2 to 3 times the likely allocation to state 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 2017-18 taking into account of the unspent balance available at the end of the financial year 2016-17, if any.

x. Joint Secretary (Water), pointed towards Ministry’s focus on completion of ongoing drinking water supply schemes in the decreasing order of physical completion stage. The State officials were advised to focus on the completion of last mile scheme i.e. 100% physically complete and financially incomplete followed by 75%-100% physically completed Drinking Water Supply Schemes and subsequently on the other schemes. New water supply schemes are allowed only in SAGY GPs, Verified ODF villages and for water quality affected habitations (Fluoride/Arsenic) and for Solar dual pump scheme (MNRE supported). 0%-25% physically completed schemes are to be taken up from State fund.

xi. During 2016-17, rural population of 3,030 residing in 31 rural habitations were benefitted by completion of 31 rural pipe water supply schemes.

xii. It was also informed to the state that the release order for the current plan period would contain the list of the schemes in order of the physical completion which can only be taken up by NRDWP funds.

xiii. Ministry advised state to harness Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) devolution of funds to fund for O&M matters such as spare parts indent, Paying up
electricity bills, payment of operators charges, mechanic salary, expenses on consumables etc. and also to make up for the any paucity of funds to complete the schemes.

xiv. As per one of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, all Schools & Anganwadis in Public/Government buildings, if not covered previously, with drinking Water facility are to be provided water supply without any further delay. It was clarified to the official that the source/ connection of Piped drinking water may be provided up to the periphery/ boundary of Government Schools/Anganwadis. If need be, the repair and maintenance of water supply schemes catering to the needs of such places may also be done with O&M funds in addition to other funds available.

xv. Regarding the population of the ongoing schemes entered on the IMIS of the NRDWP / MDWS and its rationalization, it was informed to state that only those schemes which have an administrative approval followed by a work order placed status can be categorized under ongoing schemes. Mere approval of schemes from SLSSC cannot be considered as fulfillment for it to be classified under the shelf of ongoing schemes. Accordingly, State requested to open the window of IMIS for deletion of such schemes which have such error entries.

xvi. State was informed that Geo-Tagging of assets is being made mandatory from the current year 2017-18 for funds release to state. It was requested to Geo-Tag all possible components of the pipe water supply schemes such as (i) Source, (ii) Water Treatment Plant, (iii) Storage Tanks, (iv) Stand posts, (v) Major nodes in conveying pipe network etc.

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 (2017-18) for Sikkim

Date of Meeting: 20/02/2017

Venue: Conference Room, 4th Floor, MoDWS, New Delhi.

Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

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