

**Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP
Annual Action Plan 2015-16 of Assam State**

1 An Annual Action Plan meeting with the representatives of Assam Government was held in the Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 20.02.2015 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The list of participants is given in Annexure.

2. **NRDWP**

i. The anticipated allocation to the States for 2015-16 will be Rs 525 Cr will be communicated to the State once the communication is received from Finance Ministry. **However, the actual allocation will be communicated to the State after Union Budget is in place.**

ii. **Hence State was advised to prepare their plan two times of the quantum of available funds after considering the quantum of funds required for the completion of ongoing schemes.**

iii. JS (Water) reviewed the targets and achievements of the State for the year 2014-15 during the AAP meeting which is as follows. State was advised to prepare their plan after the final allocation of fund.

Parameters	Target	Ach. Up to Jan./2015	%age of Ach.	Total Anticipated Achievements from 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015
Quality affected	3604	794	22.10%	90% of Target
Partially covered	6334	2125	33.55%	90% of Target
By PWS	6200	1055	17.00%	90% of Target
PWS to PRI (Community)	420	304	72.40%	90% of Target
Households by PWS	28800	10584	36.75%	90% of Target
School	516	116	22.48%	90% of Target
Anganwadi	5010	1547	30.88%	90% of Target
Sustainability structure	920	300	32.60%	90% of Target

It has been observed that the physical progress of NRDWP has been unsatisfactory as against the target during the Year 2014-15. JS (Water) suggested the State to increase the achievement pertaining to the Water Quality affected habitation. As against the target of 3604 quality affected habitations , only 597 habitations have been covered which is just 17% achievement. As against 77204 habitations, 6334 non quality affected habitations have been covered which is just 23%.

- iv. JS (Water) advised that the State should focus on Pipe Water Supply , House Hold Connection , Quality Water Affected Habitation and involvement of PRI

3 The gist of the discussion is as follows

- i. State has received adequate financial allocation for piped water supply schemes in the last year AAP. However the physical targets does not match the financial allocations. As against the target of 3604 quality affected habitations, only 597 habitations have been covered which is just 17% achievement. As against 77204 habitations, 6334 non quality affected habitations have been covered which is just 23%.
- ii. All piped water supply schemes must be from surface water sources. In case of Assam Brahmaputra and Barak are main rivers for surface water sources.
- iii. State has assured that it would be able to achieve 90 % of the targets set for 2014-15.
- iv. JS categorically told that even if the schemes has been sanctioned for piped water supply, community water purification plants for providing safe and adequate drinking water to quality affected habitations must be supplied. State to adopt from other best practices/ models from various States implementing NRDWP Eg. Manipur, Kerela, MP.
- v. State to share photos of innovative models on short term and long term water supply schemes for display in MDWS.
- vi. State should conduct campaigns for use of safe drinking water sources for drinking water and other sources for other purposes like washing, bathing animals etc. 16th March to 22nd March 2015, with 22nd March as world Water day is the month designated for IEC campaign. Support funds may utilized for this purpose.
- vii. Community awareness and mobilization is necessary for implementation of water supply schemes, particularly for payment of O&M. State may make an MOU with

- GP for planning and implementation of the water supply scheme, particularly user charges. O & M cost. Exposure visit to Karnataka to learn from this model may be taken by State officials.
- viii. Target for cent percent water supply in schools by March, 2015 and for Anganwadis by August, 2015. In private Anganwadis water points would be to nearby area. In Government buildings the water points are to be provided inside. All new schemes to provide water to boundary of Schools, Anganwadis, GP offices.
 - ix. Formats on IEC; Capacity building are reduced. State raised that WQ Formats has been removed. This maybe included. JS directed that the State may keep on monitoring from old formats also. Only for meeting formats have been reduced.
 - x. 5% (30 Crores) earmarked not taken by State. Clarification regarding funds for piped water supply would be taken under 5 % WQ earmarked funds. 3rd installment under WQ may also be given with proper justification from the States.
 - xi. JS Water directed DA, Mr. Rajshekhar to send a letter to all States regarding taking short term measures . We are happy that during AAP meetings most of the States are aiming for long term measure of piped water supply to habitation level. However these projects would take long time for the actual water to reach the delivery point. NHRC has pointed out that G.O.I. must ensure that in the interim period short term measures for provision of safe and adequate drinking water 8 ltrs /per person per day. The amount for this component must be taken from 5% or 20% for WQ
 - xii. JS has written to all States that State level Laboratories must be accredited by National Accredited Board for testing and calibration of Laboratories
 - xiii. Incomplete projects may be completed before new schemes are sanctioned. This is the case except in quality affected habitation. 1800 projects are incomplete in Assam. For more than 5 years projects must be completed form the State budget. 3 to 5 years old scheme can be taken up from NRDWP. If at all any scheme may be taken up in non quality affected habitations may be taken up from State budget. State officials also agreed to this recommendation.

Decisions taken :

- Financial support would be to the tune of Rs.525 Crore.
- Plan size for 2015-2016 would be same as that for last year.
- Targets for 2015-2016 would be same as for last year.
- No new schemes to be taken up except for WQ habitations
- Awareness Campaign on scheme and importance of safe drinking water from 16th March to 22nd March, 2015.

- Incomplete schemes to be completed. More than 5 years old scheme must be funded by State.

4. World Bank NNP- RWSSP-LIS project

- i. Separate fund of 46 Crore would be allocated for WB project. State must make provision for World Bank project within State budget.
- ii. Under the World Bank assisted 7 nos. of Multi Village PWSS has been taken up with an-estimated cost of Rs. 1474.03 Cr. These 7 projects are taken up in 2 batches. In Batch-I, Hailakandi, Jorhat and Kamrup project and in Batch-II, Sivasagar, Bongaigaon, Morigaon and Sonitpur project. The work is being implemented by GDCL MIS SIVAM JV for Jorhat and for Kamrup project is MIS SIVAM-GDCL JV.
- iii. Hailakandi project re-bidding is done through e-Procurement system.
- iv. Software component under Swacch Bharat Abhiyan and Solid Liquid Management are also included in these projects.
- v. The State may expedite expenditure to request for additional funds which may be allocated from the balance funds from other States.
- vi. All SPMU, DPMU staff is in place and inducted and trained.
- vii. Lead Training Agency has been nominated as Don Bosco and 18 training programmes commencing from February 27th 2015.

5. Once the exact allocation is communicated to the States, they can prepare the final AAP document and send 3 copies to the Ministry for approval.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the chair.

Annexure

List of Participants of meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2015-16 held on 20.02.15 in the Office of the Joint Secretary (Water) at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.

Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
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2.	Shri A.K. Srivastava	US(WQ)
3.	Shri D. Rajashekhar	Dy. Adv. (WQ)
4.	Urvashi Prasad Asthana	NRC Consultant ISD, M&E

Officials from the State of Assam

Sl .No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Ashok Kumar Das	Secretary PHED
2.	Shri Khanindra Kumar Baishya	Director W.S.S.O
3.	Shri Kamal Ch. Snt.	Chief Engineer (PHE) Assam
4.	Shri Harmuz Ali Ahmed	Superintending Engineer
5.	Shri Pradyumma Bardalai	A.E.(PHE)
6.	Shri Partha Pratim Baruah	IMIS Nodal Officer
7.	Shri Saumya Kumar Barua	Project Director World Bank