

**Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation**

Subject: Monthly summary for the month of July, 2022 in respect of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Progress in Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

19,20,436 households have been provided with functional household tap water connections and an amount of Rs.1,716.64 crore has been released to the States/UTs.

Progress in Swachh Bharat Mission- Grameen Phase-II (SBM (G))

1,91,726 Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) and 1,779 Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) have been constructed and an amount of Rs.88.31 crore has been released to the States/UTs. 9,165 village reported Solid Waste Management measures and 10,138 villages reported Liquid Waste Management measures. 11,431 villages declared themselves ODF Plus.

Review of progress and implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

Secy., DDWS took a meeting with ACS/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary and Mission Directors in-charge of Rural Sanitation in all States/ UTs on 25.7.2022 through Video Conferencing to review Quarterly progress in 2022-23 under SBM(G). Necessary advice/ suggestions/ observations were given to the States for effective implementation of the programme.

A brainstorming session was conducted on 26.7.2022 to discuss the issues of human-wildlife conflict with Secretary, MoEF&CC and senior officers of MoEF&CC, and minimise these with provision of water and sanitation at household/ community level.

A Lighthouse Initiative to develop 75 model ODF Plus blocks was launched on July 29, 2022 in collaboration with India Sanitation Coalition (ISC). Around 150 participants from Government of India, State Governments, Corporate groups and Development Partners involved in the sanitation sector, participated in the event.

Review of progress and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission

Secy., DDWS jointly chaired a meeting with Secretary (Steel) on 04.07.2022 to discuss with Steel & metallic pipe manufacturers, implementing agencies and state governments about the availability of pipes, their prices and other issues so that they are appropriately addressed for uninterrupted Mission implementation. Pipe manufacturers were urged to pass on the benefit of price reduction due to various interventions by Government of India to the customers and come on board the GEM portal.

Secy., DDWS jointly chaired a meeting with Secretary (Chemicals & Petrochemicals) on 06.07.2022 to discuss with non-metallic pipe manufacturers (PVC, OPVC, HDPE etc) along with implementing agencies and state governments about the availability of pipes, their prices, testing and other issues so that they are appropriately addressed for uninterrupted Mission implementation. Pipe manufactures were encouraged to pass on the benefit of import duty reduction to the customers for price correction in the market. CIPET was requested to optimize their lab testing capacity to reduce the testing time period of pipes.

Secy., DDWS took a review meeting regarding the ongoing work under Jal Jeevan Mission on 14.07.2022 through VC with ACS/ Prl. Secretary/ Secretary-in-charge of Rural Water Supply/ PHE Departments of 13 Focus States, and another one with remaining States/ UTs.

A joint meeting to sensitise PHED officials of States/ UTs on “Har Ghar Jal Utsav” was held on 28.07.2022 through VC with Secretary, M/o Panchayati Raj.

A joint meeting to discuss the issue of Uranium contamination in drinking water and possible collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and Department of Atomic Energy was held on 20th July, 2022. The meeting was jointly chaired by Secretary, DDWS with Secretary (DAE). Director (BARC) and AS&MD, NJJM were also present in the meeting.

National Workshop on Capacity Building for SBM (G)

A national workshop on capacity building with the support of UNICEF was organised on July 12, 2022 at New Delhi. More than 150 officials who are working in the sanitation sector across the country participated in the event. States presented their action plan for capacity building during the year. This was followed by discussions on challenges and way forward.

Start-up Grand Challenge

Final round of the Start-up Grand Challenge was organised from 19-21 July 2022 at New Delhi. The aim of the event was to identify technologies that can support sustainable, affordable, scalable and responsive solutions to the solid and liquid waste management (SLWM) challenges in rural areas. More than 300 entries were received initially of which 62 were shortlisted and 43 were invited for the final round. Entries came in all the categories – Mechanized desludging, Faecal Sludge Management, Gobardhan, Grey Water Management, Plastic Waste Management, Menstrual Waste Management, Organic Waste Management – which are integral components of ODF Plus under SBM-G Phase II.

Advisory

An advisory has been issued on 4th July, 2022 to all States/ UTs for involvement of MPs, MLAs, MLCs of the concerned district in the implementation of SBM (G) as provided in the SBM (G) Phase-II Guidelines. Another advisory has been issued on 14th July, 2022 to all States/ UTs to conduct Social Audits on regular basis as stipulated in the SBM (G) Phase-II Guidelines.

Clarifications were issued to States/ UTs regarding utilisation of SBM (G) funds for collection and segregation/storage shed/centre for Solid Waste Management in villages.

Field visits

During 13-14 July, 2022, teams of Consultants of DDWS undertook field visits to villages in the selected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu to assess quality of ODF Plus declaration and to monitor implementation of Sujalam and SLWM in larger villages. During 19-23 July, 20-23 July and 27-31 July, 2022 teams of consultants undertook field visits of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Rajasthan respectively to monitor the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.

IIT Roorkee Workshop

Secy., DDWS visited IIT Roorkee and delivered the keynote address at the Inaugural Function of the workshop on "Drinking-Water and Sanitation: Current Situation and Future Challenges" on 1st July 2022. Water Resource Department, IIT Roorkee has a rich history and continues to play a good role in supporting policy and implementation through their research work.
