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To
Principal Secretaries / Secretaries in charge of RWS in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.

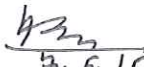
Sub:- Minutes of Regional Review Meeting of NRDWP – North Eastern and Other States held on 27th May, 2016 at Guwahati.

Sir,

Please find enclosed minutes of the regional review meeting of NRDWP with North Eastern and Other (Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh) States held on 27th May, 2016 at Guwahati, Assam.

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,


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(A.K. Srivastava)
Under Secretary (Water)

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**REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING OF NRDWP – NORTH EASTERN STATES
AND OTHER STATES**

27th May 2016, Guwahati Assam

A review was held on 27th May, 2016 at Guwahati, Assam under chairmanship of Secretary (MDWS) for progress of Water Supply Schemes sanctioned under NRDWP for the north eastern States Bihar, UP and Jharkhand. List of participant are annexed. The State wise review was held by AS (SBM), JS (Water).

In his opening remarks Secretary (DWS) urged the States to expedite the speedy and efficient execution of Water Supply Schemes under NRDWP. He sought opinion from all the States regarding the release of NRDWP funds for the water supply schemes after their completion. To this, the States expressed inability to make expenditure from State funds in view of the payments to be made to the contractor. This is because works & payment to contractor is guided by the contract and its delivery period and contractor have to be paid and it is not to be linked with modalities of fund transfer from Government of India to the States. The thrust area of the State should be to complete the schemes for which more than 50% and above works have been completed. JS (Water) emphasized that apart from the above, States must give priority to address the arsenic & fluoride affected habitation by providing at least 8-10 litres per capita per day, SAGY GPs and ODF verified villages GPs. Also State must first utilize funds available with the States and then make proposals for other funds.

The following issues have been discussed during the meeting:

1. Short fall in achievement in coverage of partially covered habitations, water quality affected habitation, piped water supply and household of various States.
2. The poor progress in piped water supply coverage in SAGY GPs.
3. Provisioning of at least 8-10 lpcd of water through community water purification plant under NRDWP funds or Niti Aayog funds.
4. Delay in release of Central share/ matching State share by finance department of the State.
5. High unspent balance.

General Issues:

1. JS (Water) has asked the State Government to utilize all the funds released from Niti Aayog for fluoride & arsenic affected habitation by end of September 2016.
2. As regards less allocation under NRDWP, JS (Water) has emphasized dovetailing the funds from 14th Finance commission funds allocated to States.
3. States were asked to provide piped water supply/ household connection to all ODF verified villages on priority.
4. All States to prioritize fund allocation for Water Supply Schemes in SAGY selected GPs. Priority must be given to completion of those schemes for which 75% or more work has been completed and are likely to be commissioned soon.
5. State Governments have been asked to expedite their expenditure to reduce their unspent balance.
6. JS (Water) reiterated that States should only take up ongoing schemes except the schemes related to arsenic and fluoride contamination and SAGY.
7. All States to update all entries related to Water Supply Schemes on IMIS by June 15th, 2016. In case, there are any errors in data entry or updation required from NIC the same may be requested in writing to Director (Water).
8. It has been observed by JS (Water) that some north eastern States are not providing their State matching share. This must be immediately complied with.