



Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) of "CHHATTISGARH" State

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an Annual Action Plan meeting for 2016-17 with the officials of Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department of CHHATTISGARH State on 17/03/2016 in Secretary office, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Parmeswaran Iyer, Secretary (DWS), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (GoI). CHHATTISGARH State was represented by a delegation led by Shri N. K. Aswal, Addl. Chief Secretary, Government of CHHATTISGARH. The list of the participants is given in Annexure.

2. The gist of the discussion is as follows:

- i. Joint Secretary (Water), informed that the State of CHHATTISGARH has been allocated approx. Rs. 65.82 crore for NRDWP during 2016-17. This excludes the incentives for devolution of schemes under MDI (Management Devolution Index) which would be informed to the State shortly. State should plan targets under NRDWP keeping in view availability of nearly Rs. 140 crore considering the same expected share from the State. Accordingly, the targets, which were shown by the State during AAP meeting, 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 2016-17 taking into account of the unspent balance available at the end of the financial year 2015-16, if any.
- ii. Joint Secretary (Water), pointed towards Ministry's focus on completion of Ongoing least cost balance drinking water supply schemes, Coverage of Water Quality affected habitations (special attention to Arsenic and Fluoride contaminated habitations), Coverage of habitations under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), Enhancement of Piped water supply and Individual household tap water connections in the rural households. The State officials were advised to categorize the all pending drinking water schemes on completion basis viz. 0%-25%, 25%-50%, 50%-75% and 75%-100%; and to focus on the completion of last mile (least balance cost) ongoing schemes (>75% work done). **New water schemes are allowed in SAGY and for water quality affected habitations (Fluoride/Arsenic) only.****
- iii. Implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16 in the State was reviewed. Achievement of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16, as indicated on IMIS of the Ministry as on 15.03.2016, is as below :**



S. No.	Focused area under NRDWP	Target	Achievement (up to Feb, 2016)	% ach.
1.	Coverage of Partially Covered (PC) habitations with water supply schemes*	2929	1553	57.02
2.	Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes*	15	165	Target completed
3.	House Hold connections provided during 2015-16*	No target	5646	-
4.	Coverage of water quality affected habitations*	965	324	33.57

* IMIS

- iv.** Secretary, MDWS enquired about the status of drinking water status in the State. State officials informed that there are 1 overexploited and 17 semi critical blocks in the State. There are nearly 4000 ground water based hand pumps which have gone dry due to lowering of water table. Percentage of Piped Water Supply schemes is 22.1 % in the State (against national average of 49 %). Further, household connection is nearly 4 %. The State has a combination of single village schemes as well multi village schemes. However, Single village schemes are more dominant.
- v.** State is likely to get nearly 28 crore more for solar energy based dual pipe water supply schemes as soon as this Ministry receives Rs. 280 crore from MNRE (Ministry of New & Renewable Energy).
- vi.** Secretary, MDWS enquired about the total liability of all the States for meeting expenditure for ongoing schemes with JS (Water) and said that keeping in view the funds availability for NRDWP during 2016-17, States should prioritize funds for ongoing schemes/incomplete schemes. He directed JS (Water) to indicate this in sanction order itself from now onwards after taking approval from Hon'ble Minister.
- vii.** Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt. of CHHATTISGARH, requested the Ministry to give priority to tackle iron contamination. He said that the issue of iron contamination is very acute in many districts and this issue is now being repeatedly raised by the many Hon'ble MLAs in State Assembly. State also informed that many new fluoride affected habitations have emerged now. Further, State requires funds for 466 PWSS (Piped Water Supply Schemes).



- viii. JS (Water) informed that newly emerged fluoride affected habitations is allowed to be taken up under NRDWP. However, the same should be reflected on IMIS of the Ministry when the Ministry opens up its website for yearly data updation. MDWS will examine the issue of iron contamination in drinking water and the future course of action would be decided on fund availability under NRDWP. Officials of the Ministry agreed that problem of iron contamination in drinking water is very acute in many States and needed to be tackled. However, due to paucity of funds, presently only fluoride and arsenic affected habitations could be taken up for coverage with safe drinking water facilities.
- ix. State officials raised their concerns on financial constraints to complete ongoing projects due to reduced allocation. State requires nearly Rs. 624 crore to complete 621 ongoing schemes.
- x. Secretary, MDWS observed that all States should try their best to persuade their M.P.s to use MPLAD funds for Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY).
- xi. On request of the State officials to provide more funds for water supply schemes, JS (Water) said that the State may submit proposal for assistance from external agencies. The Ministry will support the proposal (after analyzing the same) for funding from external agencies.
- xii. JS (Water) said that the State should give priority to schemes under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY) and 0-25 % coverage habitations. New water supply schemes are allowed in SAGY and for water quality affected habitations (Arsenic/Fluoride).
- xiii. On a query on matter pertaining to new water supply schemes, officials from the Ministry clarified that augmentation and O & M can be taken using NRDWP funds, only new water supply schemes are not permitted except for areas under SAGY, Arsenic/fluoride affected habitations and for 0-25 % coverage. However, funds can be used for last mile connectivity of those projects which are more than 75 % completed and can be operationalized immediately.
- xiv. State should not wait for SLSSC approval for Piped Water Supply schemes considered under SAGY (Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna) to avoid delay. SLSSC meetings are held twice or thrice in a year and waiting for the same to begin projects in areas under SAGY could delay the implementation. Post facto approval would be provided by the Ministry for these schemes.
- xv. **The State may consider raising the remuneration of Block Resource Coordinators at Block level and Consultants at district and State level using its own fund/resources to retain them. This may be done considering that there has not been much hike in allocation to the Ministry for NRDWP for 2016-17.**



- xvi.** State should involve ASHA workers extensively for promoting household tap connections and use of toilets. This should be taken as a campaign and should also be widely publicized across the State.
- xvii.** State should revise AAP keeping in view availability of Rs. 140 crore and resubmit the same in hard copy as well as in soft copy for approval.
- xviii.** Joint Secretary (W) informed to state that the Ministry is celebrating "**National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week**" during **16th to 22nd March, 2016**. Joint Secretary (W) advised the state to plan for successful campaigning of the National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week in the State.
- xix.** The State was advised to update the IMIS data regularly.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.





**Participating Officials to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) for
CHHATTISGARH State**

Date of Meeting: 17/03/2016

Venue: Conference Room, 4th Floor, MoDWS, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi

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S. No.	Name	Designation
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2.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (Water), MDWS
3.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water), MDWS
4.	Shri D. Rajasekhar	Dy. Advisor (WQ), MDWS
5.	Shri A. K. Srivastava	Under Secretary (WQ)
6.	Dr. Brajesh Shrivastava	Consultant (WQ), MDWS
7.	Shri Pankaj Mishra	Assistant Section Officer, MDWS
Officials from Government of CHHATTISGARH		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri N. K. Aswal	Addl. Chief Secretary , Government of CHHATTISGARH
2.	Shri T.G. Kosharia	Engineer-in-chief, PHED, CHHATTISGARH
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