



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

1. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation conducted an NRDWP Annual Action Plan meeting for the year 2016-17 with the officials of "TAMILNADU" State on 17/03/2016 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.

2. **The summary of the discussion is as follows:**

- i. **Joint Secretary (Water), informed that the State of TAMILNADU has been allocated approx. Rs. 126.8 crore under NRDWP during 2016-17. This allocation excludes the incentive for devolution of schemes under MDI (Management Devolution Index) which would be informed to the State shortly. 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. Joint Secretary (Water) reviewed the target and achievements of the state for year 2015-16 by the different AAP Formats provided by the State during the AAP meeting. Which is as follows:



S. No.	Particulars	Target for 2015-16	Achievement 2015-16 (up to Feb, 2016)	Ach. in %
1.	Partially covered habitations	1388	1340	96.54
2.	Quality Affected Habitations	106	143	76
3.	Coverage of Habitations under Piped Water Supply	1348	1388	achieved
4.	Individual household coverage*	-	70506	-

* IMIS figure.

- iv. JS (W) appreciated the coverage in PC habitations and enquired about the low coverage in Water Quality affected habitations. The state was advised to focus on WQ affected area (Arsenic and Fluoride). The state officials informed that due to tender related issues, these schemes were delayed and it was assured by the state officials that it would be completed by August, 2016.
- v. It was informed by the state that the 96% of total programme fund released to the state has been utilized and the remaining fund will be utilized by the end of March, 2016.
- vi. The state informed that Surface based/River based PWS is being prioritized in the state to cover the PC and QA habitations of the state. It was also informed that during last year, 5 major PWS were completed in the state.
- vii. The state informed that approx. 24 lakh rural households (24.47% of total rural household in the state) are covered with Individual household piped water connections. JS (W) appreciated it and advised the state to provide more household connections in rural household. Regarding Households Pipe Water Connection, it was informed by the state that the household connections in the village falls under the purview of the Gram Panchayat President under Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Dept. JS (W) advised to the state to practice to collect revenue for the pws schemes for the sustainability of these schemes in long run.
- viii. The state informed that all Govt. schools in the state are covered with DWS.
- ix. The state informed that out of total sanctioned schemes (3082), 3057 schemes have been completed till date and there are only 18 schemes remains to be completed.
- x. It was informed by the state that Automatic water dispensing units has been installed at various Gram Panchayats.



- xi.** The state requested that since Gram Panchayats are getting direct funds, keeping in view of this NRDWP Management Devolution Index (MDI) Fund allocation criteria may be revised accordingly.
- xii.** The state informed that due to reduced central allocation, no new recharge structures were taken up in 2015-16.
- xiii.** JS (W) appreciated the photographs of ongoing works in PWS sector in the state and advised the state to provide good practice stories/success stories in the Ministry.
- xiv.** The state informed that there are 51 sub divisional laboratories in the state and it has not taken up for new Sub divisional labs. There are 537 Multi Village Schemes in the state. State informed that it has full-fledged Hydro Geo morphological lab.
- xv.** The State was allowed to utilize the coverage fund for upgradation, augmentation related works in PWS schemes.
- xvi.** On matter pertaining to new water supply schemes, officials from the Ministry clarified that augmentation and O & M can be taken up using NRDWP funds, **only new water supply schemes are not permitted except for areas under SAGY and Water Quality affected habitations (Fluoride/Arsenic).**
- xvii.** **Emphasizing upon the conjoint approach of the Ministry on water and sanitation, JS (Water) informed the officials of the State that if the State performs well in elimination of Open Defecation, it would be rewarded for piped water supply scheme.**
- 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. The state officials informed that due the ongoing Assembly elections in the state, this event will be observed in May, 2016 month extensively.

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



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

Date of Meeting: 17/03/2016

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

Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (Water)
2.	Shri D. Rajshekhar	Deputy Advisor (WQ)
3.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Director (Water)
4.	Dr. Dinesh Chand	Addl. Advisor (PHE)
5.	Shri N. M. Solan	Deputy Advisor (Water)
6.	Shri R. K. Maurya	JSO (Stat)

Officials from Government of TAMILNADU

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri C. Vijayraj Kumar	MD- TWAD
2.	Shri K. Perumal	Engineering Director
3.	Shri S. Kannan	AEE
4.	Shri V. Thirugnanasambandam	DCE
5.	Shri V. Pugazhendi	DHL
6.	Shri L. Vijayan	AEE
7.	Shri Vasanthi Lawrence	Chief Water analyst
8.	Shri S. Vivekanandan	Joint Chief Eng.
