



## **Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) of "TRIPURA" 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 the State of TRIPURA on 11/03/2016 in the Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 TRIPURA has been allocated approx. Rs. 26.60 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. 82 crore considering the expected higher 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. JS (Water), MDWS reviewed the progress of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16. Achievement of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2015-16 is as follows:**



| S. No. | Focused area under NRDWP  | Target              | Achievement (up to Feb, 2016) | % ach.                     |
|--------|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1.     | Coverage of Partially Covered (PC) habitations with water supply schemes* | 35                  | 35                            | Target completed           |
| 2.     | Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes*                           | 352                 | 477                           | Target completed           |
| 3.     | House Hold connections provided during 2015-16*                           | No target was taken | 3524                          | (National average is 12 %) |
| 4.     | Coverage of water quality affected habitations*                           | 490                 | 362                           | 73.87 %                    |

\* IMIS

- iv.** State officials informed that funds allocated under NRDWP is very low. State has already tapped funds from different sources but despite that, many projects are still not completed. Further, several bills are still pending with the States due to paucity of funds.
- v.** There are 600 ongoing water supply projects in the State. However, schemes have not been updated on IMIS of the Ministry.
- vi.** It was informed by the State officials that nearly 4000 rural habitations have been provided at least 40 lpcd of water. JS (Water), directed the officials to prioritize providing drinking water to these habitations. He said that the State should give priority to schemes for Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY), coverage of Water Quality affected habitations (Fluoride/Arsenic). New water supply schemes are allowed in SAGY and for water quality affected habitations (Fluoride/Arsenic) only. He appreciated the implementation of NRDWP in the State. State may send proposal for additional money as the expenditure is good.
- vii.** State officials informed that there is severe problem of iron contamination in drinking water sources in the State and iron contamination has been found as high as 10 mg/L against BIS specified limit of 0.3 mg/L. They requested to also consider iron contamination as a priority apart from Arsenic and Fluoride. State officials were informed that similar requests have been made from other States where iron contamination is severe such as Odisha and Chhattisgarh etc. The Ministry will examine the issue.



- viii.** It was clarified to the State officials 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).**
- ix.** JS (Water) observed that household tap connections in the State is very low (13%). State should increase the same substantially during 2015-16. Further there is a severe shortage of manpower in laboratories. State officials informed that there is shortage but not that much. There are 53 regular posts in laboratories from State budget.
- x.** State officials were requested to involve District Collectors more intensively in all aspect of NRDWP. State should use effective IEC tools for WASH week which is scheduled from 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. Funds from SBM (Swachh Bharat Mission) may also be used.
- xi.** JS (Water), informed the State that for new schemes in areas under SAGY, State should not wait for SLSSC approval 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.
- xii.** Completion of incomplete schemes should be given priority. Specially, the State should complete commissioning of all incomplete water supply schemes which are at the final stages of completion.
- xiii.** The State may consider raising remuneration of Block Resource Coordinators at Block level and Consultants at district and State level using its own fund/resources. This may be done considering that there has not been much hike in allocation to the Ministry for NRDWP for 2016-17.
- xiv.** 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 may be rewarded for piped water supply scheme. The modalities would be worked out by the Ministry soon.
- xv.** 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. It was informed that the State has provided drinking water in all rural schools and Anganwadis.
- xvi.** JS (Water) appreciated the presentation made by the State officials under NRDWP. He observed that the presentation should be kept safe in the Ministry and this should be shown/circulated to other States so that they prepare the presentation similarly.



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**xvii.** Joint Secretary (W) informed to state that the Ministry is going to launch "**National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week**" during 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**xviii.** The State was advised to update the IMIS data regularly.

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

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

**Date of Meeting:** 11/03/2016

**Venue:** Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, MoDWS, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi

| <b>Officials from Ministry of Drinking Water &amp; Sanitation</b> |                           |   |
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| <b>1.</b>   | Shri Satyabrata Sahu      | Joint Secretary, MDWS                       |
| <b>2.</b>   | Dr. Dinesh Chand          | Addl. Advisor (Water), MDWS                 |
| <b>3.</b>   | Shri Rajesh Kumar         | Director (Water), MDWS                      |
| <b>4.</b>   | Shri D. Rajasekhar        | Dy. Advisor (WQ), MDWS                      |
| <b>5.</b>   | Shri A. K. Srivastava     | Under Secretary (WQ)                        |
| <b>6</b>  | Dr. Brajesh Shrivastava   | Consultant (WQ), MDWS                       |
| <b>7.</b>   | Shri Sumit Praiyadarshi   | Assistant Advisor, MDWS                     |
| <b>8.</b>   | Shri Pankaj Mishra        | Assistant Section Officer, MDWS             |
| <b>Officials from RWSS, Government of TRIPURA</b>                 |                           |   |
| <b>S. No.</b>   | <b>Name</b>               | <b>Designation</b>                          |
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| <b>2.</b>   | Shri Rajib Majumder       | Executive Engineer, Government of TRIPURA   |

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