



Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2016-17) of "UTTARAKHAND" 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 UTTARAKHAND State on 18/04/2016 in Secretary office, 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). UTTARAKHAND State was represented by a delegation led by Dr. Ranjeet Sinha, Joint CEO, SWSM and Director Swajal, Government of UTTARAKHAND. 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 UTTARAKHAND has been allocated approx. Rs. 69.99 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 69.99 crore from GoI. 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.	Focused area under NRDWP	Target	Achievement (as on 02/03/2016)	% ach.
1.	Coverage of Partially Covered (PC) habitations with water supply schemes*	460	407	Target complete
2.	Coverage of total habitations with PWS schemes*	370	470	Target complete
3.	House Hold connections provided during 2015-16*	Not Reported on IMIS	2333	Target not indicated
4.	Coverage of water quality affected habitations*	13	5	38 %

* IMIS

- iv.** Since there are only 19 water quality affected habitations in the State (as on 01.04.2016), State should cover all these habitations during 2016-17. Water Quality target in 2015-16 was low.
- v.** Issue of low utilization of WQMS funds in UTTARAKHAND was reviewed by the officials of the Ministry and it was clarified to the State that they should not wait for the expenditure separately for Programme, Support and WQMS activities. State should submit UC/ASA separately for Programme, Support and WQMS (and not wait for preparation of collective UC/ASA for these activities).
- vi.** Shri P.C. Kimothi, General Manager, UTTARAKHAND Jal Sansthan requested the Ministry to provide more funds for Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQMS) activities keeping in view that only 3000 drinking water sources are being tested with available WQMS funds. State has tackled some water quality affected habitations by shifting from hand pump to piped water supply schemes.
- vii.** Shri D. Rajasekhar, Dy. Advisor (WQ), informed the officials of the Uttarakhand that there was a query from Former Chief Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on mitigatory steps for Hepatitis affected areas near Haridwar. State officials were requested to provide immediately a brief note on status of Hepatitis and measures taken to improve drinking water quality/sanitation scenario in the affected areas.
- viii.** Percentage of Piped Water Supply schemes is 95 % in the State (against national average of 49 %). Further, the State has given emphasis on Community Participation is also very high. This is appreciated.



- ix.** Dr. Pankaj Sinha, Jt. CEO, SWSM informed that many drinking water sources which are spring based, have dried up due to climate change/other associated reasons. Further, various habitations are slipped back each year due to various reasons such as natural disasters.
- x.** State has installed 4 solar energy based dual pipe water supply schemes. State officials informed that these schemes have been appreciated by the people. It was informed that more such schemes would be taken up. The State will get additional funds for these schemes as soon as this Ministry receives Rs 280 crore from MNRE (Ministry of Non-Renewable Energy).
- xi.** Keeping in view the reduced funds availability for NRDWP during 2016-17, State should prioritize funds for ongoing schemes/incomplete schemes.
- xii.** State requested the Ministry to give priority to tackle iron contamination. Keeping in view similar requests from other States such as Chhattisgarh, JS (Water) observed that the Ministry will examine the issue and take a decision.
- xiii.** State officials raised their concerns on financial constraints to complete ongoing projects due to reduced allocation.
- xiv.** JS (Water) said that the State should give priority to schemes under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY). New water schemes are allowed in SAGY and for arsenic and fluoride affected habitations only.
- xv.** On a query on matter pertaining to new water supply schemes, officials from the Ministry clarified that augmentation and Operation & Maintenance can be taken using NRDWP funds, only new water supply schemes are not permitted except for areas under SAGY, Water Quality affected habitations and 0-25 %. However, funds can be used for last mile connectivity of those projects which are more than 75 % completed and can be operationalized immediately.
- xvi.** State should not wait for SLSSC approval for Piped Water Supply schemes considered under SAGY (Saansad 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.
- xvii.** 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.
- xviii.** State should revise AAP keeping in view availability of Rs 69.99 crore and resubmit the same in hard copy as well as in soft copy for approval.

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



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

Date of Meeting: 18/04/2016

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

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S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary(Water), MDWS
2.	Dr. Dinesh Chand	Addl. Advisor
3.	Shri D. Rajasekhar	Dy. Advisor (WQ), MDWS
4.	Shri A. K. Srivastava	Under Secretary (WQ)
5.	Dr. Brajesh Shrivastava	Consultant (WQ), MDWS
6.	Shri Pankaj Mishra	Asst. Section Officer, MDWS
Officials from Government of UTTARAKHAND		
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1.	Dr. Ranjeet Sinha	Joint CEO, SWSM and Director Swajal, Government of UTTARAKHAND
2.	Shri Bhajan Singh	Managing Director, UTTARAKHAND Jal Nigam
3.	Shri Yogendra Singh	Chief Engineer, SWSM, UTTARAKHAND Jal Nigam
4.	Shri P.C. Kimothi	General Manager, Jal Sansthan
5.	Mohd. Waseem Ahmad	Director, WSSO, Dehradun
