

## Minutes of the Monthly Review Meeting of North East States, Hilly States and other Select States held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Secretary (DWS) chaired the meeting. List of participants attended is annexed.

2. In her opening remarks, Secretary (DWS) has informed the State representatives to take action on the following :
- i. Copy of the letter written by MRD to Chief Minister's of North East and J&K States intimating the revised ARWSP fund sharing pattern of 90:10 (Centre to State) to be given wide publicity in local newspapers.
  - ii. Chief Minister's of these States may now review Bharat Nirman to achieve its targets
  - iii. Bharat Nirman targets are frozen and cannot be changed.
  - iv. No additional funds other than ARWSP shall be provided under Bharat Nirman
  - v. The revised norms incentivize allocation of more funds for better performing States, which have handed over assets created to PRIs.
  - vi. States to build in Sustainability component under Swajaldhara sector/ reform principles which provide 100% central assistance
  - vii. There shall be an exit policy for the current framework of ARWSP.
  - viii. Twelfth Plan will focus on improvement of existing schemes for quality and sustainability. Access to safe drinking water to every person and household will be objective and not merely in terms of 40 lpcd provision, which may not reflect addressing equity and gender issues.
  - ix. Internal allocation of ARWSP funds provided to States is flexible. States to report the break-up under the new framework of ARWSP.
  - x. All States to prepare District drinking water security plans based on household level and village level drinking water security plans.
  - xi. All States to provide names of habitations while they are being covered.
3. As the performance of Manipur in rural water supply is satisfactory, review will not be done for Manipur State during the coming meetings. However, TSC performance is very poor and therefore this aspect will be reviewed.
4. Secy(DWS) then reviewed the Bharat Nirman targets based on category of habitations, State-wise.

### Uncovered habitations

#### **Arunachal Pradesh**

- Left over habitations yet to be covered = 54
- State representative was not clear of when this will be achieved.
- Letter from Secy(DWS) to Chief Secy to be sent.

**Assam**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 273
- Covered during the year = 45
- Remaining to be covered = 228
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = Additional 100 habitations

**Kerala**

- Left over habitations yet to be covered = 4,112
- ACS (WR), GoK has agreed that this figure is incorrect and cannot have such large number of uncovered habitations.
- Revised figures along with name of habitations to be provided.

**Maharashtra**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 8,632
- Principal Secy(WSS), GoM informed that the number has now increased to 12,172. Additional habitations to be tackled by State Govt. separately.
- Covered during the year = 859
- Remaining to be covered = 7,773
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = Additional 2,000 habitations

**Meghalaya**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 14
- Projects ongoing in 13 habitations
- Take up implementation in the left over habitation and also inform the name of this habitation

**Mizoram**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 26
- Covered during the year = Nil
- Remaining to be covered = 26
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = All 26 habitations by roof-water harvesting.
- Mr. Zuala, Joint Secretary to attend all subsequent meetings.

**Nagaland**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 61
- Sources available. It is only internal management problem
- Mr. Sumi to report status during the next meeting

**Punjab**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 342
- Covered during the year = 12
- Remaining to be covered = 330
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = Additional 100 habitations

**Rajasthan**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 869
- Covered during the year = 22
- Remaining to be covered = 847
- Habitations in Kota and Udaipur districts to be reviewed as they may not be "uncovered".
- To cover all habitations by Dec'08

## **Uttarakhand**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 137
- Covered during the year = 13
- Remaining to be covered = 124
- Work started in 54 habitations
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = 54 habitations

## **Slipped back habitations**

### **Arunachal Pradesh**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 2,325
- Covered during the year = 11
- Remaining to be covered = 2,314
- State representative could not comment as he was not dealing with water supply. Secretary(PHED), Arunachal Pradesh to attend the next meeting.

### **Bihar**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 24,597
- Covered during the year = 489
- Remaining to be covered = 24,108
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = Additional 10,800 habitations

### **Assam**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 8,872
- Covered during the year = 1,443
- Remaining to be covered = 7,429
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = Additional 1,000 habitations

### **Jharkhand**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 6,724
- Covered during the year = 1,101
- Remaining to be covered = 5,623
- Target of coverage by 17/10/08 = Additional 1,900 habitations
- State Secretary informed that during September all machinery will be mobilized.

### **Maharashtra**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 5,119
- Covered during the year = 1,310
- Remaining to be covered = 3,809
- All schemes in 3,809 habitations have been approved and covered by Dec'08.

### **Meghalaya**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 1,867
- Covered during the year = 91+30 = 121
- Remaining to be covered = 1,746
- All 1,746 habitations to be covered by Dec'08.

### **Nagaland**

- No. of habitations to be covered = 109
- Covered during the year = Nil

- Work started in all 109 habitations
- Remaining to be covered = 109
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = 54 habitations

#### **Punjab**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 3,938
- Covered during the year = 165
- Remaining to be covered = 3,773
- 2,081 habitations planned for coverage under ARWSP and remaining under World Bank project.
- Secy(DWS) suggested that as sources are available, they are technically covered and the same may be reported. Improvements in these habitations could be taken up subsequently.

#### **Rajasthan**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 10,888
- Covered during the year = 283
- Remaining to be covered = 10,605
- CE informed that projects are ready for all 10,605 habitations. Secretary(DWS) suggested to organize SLSC meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2008 and Shri R.M.Deshpande, Addl. Adviser to attend the meeting and get all projects sanctioned.

#### **Uttarakhand**

- No. of habitations yet to be covered = 3,197
- Covered during the year = 39+198 = 237
- Remaining to be covered = 2,960
- State representative informed that schemes in 1,324 habitations are ready and the remaining is being considered for coverage under World Bank project.
- Source depletion is the major reason for slippage. Secy(DWS) suggested to adopt conjunctive use of water to address the problem.
- Target of coverage by 17/9/08 = 200 habitations

#### **Sub-Mission for Water Quality affected habitations**

5. Secretary(DWS) informed all States that the target under Bharat Nirman is to address all water quality problems by sanctioning projects. Coverage of these may take some more time, as there would be some gestation period in project completion.

#### **Assam**

- No. of water quality affected habitations yet to be addressed = 13,954
- Habitations covered/ addressed = 176
- Remaining No. of habitations to be addressed = 13,778
- Projects in 6,000 habitations are ready. Organize SLSC meeting immediately to sanction projects.
- By 17/9/08, all habitations should be addressed with projects. Otherwise a view may be taken to stop 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment funds

#### **Bihar**

- No. of water quality affected habitations yet to be addressed = 15,339
- Schemes already approved in all habitations
- Iron is the major issue
- Secy(DWS) suggested to adopt Terafil filtration

#### **Chattisgarh**

- No. of water quality affected habitations yet to be addressed = 4,408
- Projects in all 4,408 habitations as projects have already been sanctioned by the SLSC.

#### **Jharkhand**

- No. of water quality affected habitations yet to be addressed = 446
- Habitations covered/ addressed = 422
- Remaining No. of habitations to be addressed = 24
- By 17/9/08, all remaining habitations should be addressed with projects.

#### **Maharashtra**

- No. of water quality affected habitations yet to be addressed = 6,126
- Habitations covered/ addressed = 284
- Remaining No. of habitations to be addressed = 5,842
- Projects in most of the habitations have already been approved by SLSC.
- By 17/9/08, all remaining habitations should be addressed with projects.

#### **Punjab**

- No. of water quality affected habitations yet to be addressed = 653
- Habitations covered/ addressed = 27+403=430
- Remaining No. of habitations to be addressed = 223
- Remaining 223 habitations have already been addressed under World Bank project.

#### **Rajasthan**

- No. of water quality affected habitations yet to be addressed = 13,897
- Habitations covered/ addressed = Nil
- Remaining No. of habitations to be addressed = 13,897
- Projects in all 13,897 habitations are ready. Organize SLSC meeting on 22/8/08 to sanction projects.

6. After the review of Bharat Nirman, Secy(DWS) informed the State representatives to take note on the following important issues :-

- Protection of drinking water sources from industrial/domestic sewage pollution should be taken up by State PHEDs on top priority. All relevant legislation available in the State may be followed and the Department may also be informed about these local legislations for formulating a Model legislation at the National level.
- Chief Secretary of all States may take meeting with State Pollution Control Board and State PHED to resolve issues.
- Under the new framework of ARWSP, there will be "conditionalities" and "framework or guidelines". Conditionalities are non-negotiable while framework could give certain flexibility. One of the conditionalities is to protect drinking water sources and development of household level and village level drinking water security plans to be implemented under Sustainability component in the reform mode.

- “Sajal Gram Puraskar” the incentive award for achieving drinking water security will be announced shortly. States achieving this distinction will be rewarded at the highest level like that of Nirmal Gram Puraskar.
- As per the new framework, States have to enter into a MoU with the Department for setting up benchmarks and to target access to safe drinking water to every rural citizen.
- There is a need to launch a massive IEC campaign on clean water habits. The correct indicator for providing safe drinking water at the consumption point is the reduction in the incidence of water borne diseases and this will be monitored during the XII plan period.
- States have been cautioned to verify cost of production of water and disposal of effluents before engaging any private entrepreneur or NGO for providing safe drinking water. States like Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana to take a special note of this issue.
- In no case, States should allow commercialization for drinking water supply, as this is a social service.
- Principal Secretary(WSS), Maharashtra informed that TFC funds are not being provided to PRIs and therefore huge electricity bills are pending for payment by the GPs owning the water supply assets. Secretary(PHED), Punjab also informed that TFC funds are used for drainage and not for meeting O&M of water supply. States have been suggested to take up the matter internally with the Chief Secretary. They may also inform the Department formally, to take further necessary action in this regard.
- Engineer-in-Chief, Chattisgarh suggested that assets created are stolen or broken by naxals and anti-social elements. This may also be considered as natural calamity and provide funds for restoring the same.
- All rural schools shall be provided with safe drinking water latest by Dec’2008. This is a priority item.

7. State representatives from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, J&K, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab and Uttarakhand were informed that there were huge opening balances as on 1/4/2008. Unless these are utilized, there will be cut imposed during release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalments. Also, as per rules, no funds can be carried forward beyond 10% of the yearly allocation.

8. While reviewing the performance under National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme, JS(DWS) informed the participants to take note of the following issues :

- Training of people and distribution of field test kits should be done simultaneously. Training without providing Kit is wasting funds.
- All training programmes shall be completed by Dec’2008.
- Chemicals get outdated beyond the expiry date. Therefore these should be used within its shelf life.
- Cost of reagents and O&M cost should be met from out of the TFC funds.
- Proposals of Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Punjab and Arunachal Pradesh may be scrutinized immediately.

- All States may set up district water testing laboratories on priority basis and may send proposals for upgradation, if required. The Uttarakhand representative was asked to establish 10 district water testing laboratories within 2 months time. Till the time, these labs are commissioned, service of other available labs like PH labs, etc. may be availed for implementing NRDWQM&S programme.
- The data to be reviewed for the monthly meetings shall be done based on the cut-off date for online updating i.e., 10<sup>th</sup> of every month.

The review on Total Sanitation Campaign continued in the afternoon session.

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