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To

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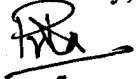
**Subject :- Meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2010-11 of Bihar on 16.3.2010 –  
Forwarding of Minutes – regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to the meeting to discuss the Annual Action Plan 2010-11 of Bihar held on 16.03.2010 in Room No. 247, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. A copy of the approved minutes is enclosed herewith for further necessary action.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,



(P.N. Ashtamoorthy)  
Under Secretary (Water)

Copy with enclosures to :-

1. Secretary (DWS)
2. Joint Secretary (VB), Deptt. of DWS
3. Dir (RKS), Deptt. of DWS
4. Dir (BL), Deptt. of DWS
5. Dy. Dir (Stat.), Deptt. of DWS
6. Dir (NIC), Deptt. of DWS.

**Minutes of the Meeting held to discuss Annual Action Plan 2010-11 for Bihar in New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**

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1. A meeting was held to discuss Annual Action Plan 2010-11 for NRDWP, Jalmani and TSC of Bihar at 1600 hrs on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 247, A-Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. The Meeting was chaired by Secretary, Department of Drinking Water Supply. List of participants is annexed.

2. The gist of discussions held with the representatives of the State Govt is as under:

**A. Achievement during 2009-10**

**NRDWP:** Shri H.C. Sirohi, Pr.Secretary, PHED informed that about 78% SC dominated habitations, 87% ST dominated habitations and 69% of all habitations were fully covered with drinking water supply. He further informed that against the targets of 32760 slipped-back habitations and 7748 quality-affected habitations, 13452 slipped-back and 5283 quality-affected habitations are covered till Feb'10 during 2009-10. He expected that 70% of the targeted habitations would be covered by March, 2010 and stated that remaining would be covered in the next year. He informed that rejuvenation of defunct handpumps was being taken up at a rapid pace. He stated that documentation was done properly and data were being updated regularly in the IMIS. With regard to fund utilisation, he informed that about 93% of the fund released in 2009-10 was spent by Feb'10. Secretary, DWS referred to the huge opening balance and advised to liquidate the balance soon. Secretary, PHED assured to spend most of the funds and bring the opening balance down to a large extent by the end of Mar'10.

**Jalmani:** Pr.Secretary, PHED informed that 3831 schools were targeted under Jalmani programme. He stated that coverage of schools would be possible by April, 2010.

**B. Action Plan for 2010-11**

**Physical target:** Pr.Secretary, PHED mentioned that 17752 habitations (including 5174 SC, 250 ST and 4341 Minority dominated habitations) under 20 point programme were targeted to be covered during 2010-11. Joint Secretary, DWS observed that only 14% expenditure on SC/ST coverage was shown in Plan proposal and suggested to raise the expenditure to 35% of the plan funds. Pr.Secretary, PHED agreed to revise the expenditure and stated that coverage of SC/ST dominated habitations had been done on priority. Secretary, DWS pointed out that when there were 12,300 habitations below 50% population coverage of drinking water, targeting the 4625 habitations with 100% population

coverage should not arise and advised to focus on habitations having population coverage of 0-25% and 25-50%.

**Fund allocation:** Pr. Secretary, PHED desired plan for a amount of Rs. 851.85 crore for the year 2010-11, even though actual Central allocation would be restricted to about Rs. 358.53 crore. He stated that action plan was ambitious as they were planning for alternate sources of funding. Joint Secretary, DWS mentioned that the State should fix the physical target commensurate with the actual Central allocation and opening balance.

**Water Quality:** Pr. Secretary, PHED mentioned that addressal of arsenic contamination was a cumbersome process and proposed to cover 100 such habitations. Secretary, DWS suggested that lot of investment would be needed to address quality-affected habitations. Iron affected habitations could be easily addressed by attaching filter in hand pumps. With regard to water testing, Pr. Secretary, PHED stated that about 40-50,000 samples were tasted in laboratories. He assured to update the details of lab tests in the IMIS. He also proposed to set up laboratories at sub-divisional level under Support activity. Secretary, DWS suggested to organize training/workshops at panchayat/ block levels and involve local people to increase water quality testing.

**Sustainability:** Pr. Secretary, PHED mentioned that 5009 percolation tanks for artificial recharge of ground water based sources and 988 roof top rain water harvesting structures would be taken up under sustainability. Secretary, DWS suggested to take up – i) percolation tank dovetailed with NREGS, ii) injection wells in arsenic areas, iii) pits and trenches in area adjoining Jharkhand, iv) traditional water sources etc and incorporate them in the plan. State was advised to tie up with Forest Department for construction of check dams and collaborate with CGWB in field. Joint Secretary, DWS stated that expenditure on sustainability should be 20% of the available funds.

**Community Involvement:** Pr. Secretary, PHED mentioned that Panchayats were handed over the completed schemes and funds were being provided to them for repair/maintenance. However, they were not able to do the maintenance properly. Secretary, DWS advised to provide training to Panchayats and motivate them to take up the tasks.

**Jalmani:** Pr. Secretary, PHED proposed to cover 3800 schools in the next year.

**Action points:** State was advised to revise the Annual Action Plan and submit by 12.04.2010 keeping in view the following points:

- 1) Central allocation restricted to about Rs. 358.83 crore plus opening balance expected on 1/4/2010.
- 2) Utilisation of at least 35% of the plan funds to cover SC/ST habitations
- 3) Component wise break up as per the guidelines ensuring 20% for sustainability, 5% for support and restricting to 10% for O.M.

- 4) Physical targets should be commensurate with the actual Central allocation, and expected opening balance.
  - 5) Focus on coverage of about 18,000 habitations with below 50% population coverage.
  - 6) Take up projects to cover about half of arsenic, fluoride and iron affected habitations.
  - 7) Take up sustainability measures like – i) percolation tanks by dovetailing with NREGS, ii) injection wells in arsenic areas, iii) pits and trenches in areas adjoining Jharkhand, iv) traditional village ponds, v) tie-up with Forest Department for check dams, vi) recharge of defunct bore wells, vii) collaboration with CGWB in field for sites of bore wells.
  - 8) Cover all remaining 9474 Government rural schools without water supply in 2010-11
  - 9) Conduct sample testing of all sources twice for bacteriological and once for chemical contamination in 2010-11
  - 10) Organization of TNA workshop.
  - 11) Up gradation of IMIS data related to physical achievements of covering and of testing & training for 2009-10
  - 12) Set up district level lab in one remaining district without such a lab.
  - 13) Mark all targeted half for 2010-11 by 10/4/2010 without fail.
  - 14) Train hand pump mechanics in each GP, and more GP members on managing RWSS.
4. The meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

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**List of participants  
Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>Department of Drinking Water Supply</b>		
1.	Smt. Rajwant Sandhu	Secretary
2.	Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar	Joint Secretary (DWS)
3.	Shri R. K. Sharma	Deputy Director (Stat)
4.	Shri Ved Prakash	<del>Sr. Consultant</del>
5.	Shri S.K. Giri	Consultant
<b>State Government of Bihar</b>		
6.	Shri H.C. Sirohi	Pr. Secretary, PHED
7.	Shri M.S. Jawaid	Chief Engineer, PHED