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To

Shri Y.P Singh
Principal Secretary
Water Supply and Sanitation Department
Government of Tripura
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Agartala 799 001.

**Subject : Meeting to discuss Annual Action Plan 2010-11 of Tripura on 25.3.2010 -
Forwarding of Minutes - regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to the meeting to discuss the Annual Action Plan 2010-11 of Tripura held on 25.03.2010 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. Tech. Dir (NIC)

**Minutes of the Meeting held to discuss Annual Action Plan 2010-11 of
Tripura in New Delhi on 25th March, 2010**

1. A meeting was held to discuss Annual Action Plan 2010-11 for NRDWP and Jalmani of Tripura at 1000 hrs on 25th March, 2010 at 247, A-Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. The Meeting was chaired by Secretary, Department of Drinking Water Supply. The list of participants is annexed.

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

A. Basic Information

Shri Y.P. Singh, Pr. Secretary, PWD stated there were 4 blocks, 512 Gram Panchayats and 8132 habitations with a population of about 32 lakh. He mentioned that the State being the farthest, transportation cost was very high. The area neighbouring Bangladesh was hilly and had mainly tribal population.

B. Achievement during 2009-10

NRDWP: Pr. Secretary, PWD mentioned that 37.36% of total habitations including 51.77% SC-dominated and 23.3% ST-dominated habitations had been covered so far. During the year 2009-10, he informed that against the target of 564 quality-affected and 908 slipped-back habitations, 242 quality-affected (iron-contamination) and 325 slipped-back habitations were covered till Feb'10. He stated that coverage of quality-affected habitations would rise to 65% by March, 2010. With regard to fund utilisation, it was mentioned that about 78% of total available funds including opening balance was spent till Feb'10. They were advised to use more of the support activity funds for quality monitoring, CCDU and MIS.

Jalmani: Pr. Secretary, PWD stated that local carbon filters at per unit cost of about Rs. 20,000 had been installed in 300 schools against the target of 401 till 20th March, 2010. 75% of released funds had been utilized so far.

C. Action Plan for 2010-11

Physical target: Pr. Secretary, PWD furnished an annual plan to cover 962 partially covered habitations and 613 quality-affected habitations under the 20 point programme during 2010-11. These included 214 SC-dominated habitations, 845 ST-dominated habitations and 107 minority-dominated habitations. He stated that next year there would be focus on coverage of ST-dominated habitations to make up the existing lower coverage. Joint Secretary, DWS observed that the target was on the higher side and advised that achievable target should be set. With regard

to schools, Joint Secretary, DWS advised that 823 schools without water, as indicated in SSA DISE data, should be covered on priority.

Secretary, DWS advised PHED, Tripura to focus on school coverage and coverage of habitations with 0%, 0-25% & 25-50% and avoid making additional investment on the habitations with 100% population coverage.

Fund allocation: Secretary, PWD proposed a plan for a higher amount of Rs. 104.14 crore for the year 2010-11, even though the actual Central allocation would be restricted to about Rs. 53.88 crore. Joint Secretary, DWS suggested that the physical target be fixed keeping in view the actual allocation. Secretary, DWS advised that the plans should be revised and restricted to Rs. 65 crore. At the same time, she desired to get an analytical report of schemes undertaken from 2001 onwards, their status, cost, per capita cost etc and advised to focus on completion of ongoing schemes.

Water Quality: Secretary, DWS stated that iron-contamination was easy to address and advised that quality-affected habitations should be covered on priority. Joint Secretary, DWS observed that testing of water samples from all sources should be increased to ensure testing atleast once a year for chemical contamination and twice a year for bacteriological contamination. He suggested using digital spectrophotometers for the purpose of testing for chemical contamination.

Sustainability: Pr. Secretary, PWD mentioned that extraction of ground water was around 9%. Recharging of ground water would be taken up in a limited manner. Further, he stated that though legislation of roof top water harvesting may not be enforceable, such structures would be constructed in institutional buildings in 2010-11. Secretary, DWS advised that 10 lpcd of safe water supply be ensured to quality affected communities by installing terra filters.

MIS: Shri S.C. Das, Chief Engineer (DWS), PWD pointed out the difficulties faced in data collection and updation as there were few computers. Joint Secretary, DWS advised to purchase hardware and software under MIS and train the person for data collection and entry. Secretary, DWS suggested that nodal officers from all districts be called to District headquarter and data updation completed in a short timeframe.

Jalmani: Pr. Secretary, PWD informed that 4000 schools would be targeted in 2010-11.

Action points: The State was advised to revise the Annual Action Plan and submit the same by 10.04.2010 keeping in view the following points:

- 1) Central allocation restricted to about Rs. 53.88 crore plus opening balance.

- 2) Utilisation of at least 35% of the plan funds to cover SC/ST habitations.
- 3) Component-wise allocation of 20% for Sustainability, 10% for O&M and 5% for Support as per the guidelines.
- 4) Physical targets keeping in view the actual allocation and opening balance.
- 5) Coverage (in the first quarter) of the 913 remaining schools without drinking water as per SSA DISE data (as on 30.09.2008).
- 6) Focus on coverage of habitation with 0%, 0-25% & 25-50% coverage.
- 7) Avoid covering those habitations which had 100% population coverage when partially covered habitations were remaining uncovered
- 8) Focus on completion of ongoing schemes first.
- 9) Take up dual use water supply in quality-affected villages.
- 10) Take up roof top water harvesting in all institutional buildings like schools, hostels, PHCs, hospitals, offices etc.
- 11) Take up a pilot project using new and renewable energy sources such as solar & wind for water pumping in villages under sustainability.
- 12) Send an analytic report on schemes undertaken from 2001 onwards, their status, cost, per capita cost etc.
- 13) Plan for more HRD and IEC activities under Support fund.
- 14) Conduct sample testing of all sources twice a year for bacteriological and once a year for chemical contamination.
- 15) Organise TNA workshop.
- 16) Update 2009-10 physical progress in IMIS by 31.03.2010.
- 17) Mark all targeted habitations on IMIS before submitting revised plan.

3. The meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

List of participants

S.No.	Name	Designation
Department of Drinking Water Supply		
1.	Smt. Rajwant Sandhu	Secretary
2.	Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar	Joint Secretary (DWS)
3.	Shri J.S. Mathur	Joint Secretary (Sanitation)
4.	Shri Vijay Mittal	Director (TSC)
5.	Shri R. K. Sharma	Deputy Director (Stat)
6.	Shri Ved Prakash	Sr. Consultant
State Government of Tripura		
7.	Shri Y.P. Singh	Pr. Secretary, PWD
8.	Shri S.C. Das	Chief Engineer, DWS
9.	Shri Rajib Majumdar	EE, DWS