

## **Minutes of the Video Conference held on 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 for reviewing the implementation of DDWS Programmes**

1. The list of Participants from DDWS were as follows:

<b><u>S.No.</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Designation</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
1.	Shri T.M.Vijay Bhaskar	Jt Secy., DWS	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
2.	Shri J S Mathur	Jt Secy., TSC	- do -
3.	Shri R K Sinha	Dir, Water	- do -
4.	Shri Bharat Lal	Dir, Water Quality	18 <sup>th</sup>
5.	Shri Vijay Mittal	Dir, TSC	- do -
6.	Smt S Sengupta	Dir, NIC	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
7.	Shri R K Sharma	Dy Dir (Stat)	- do -
8.	Shri Junaid	Consultant	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>

2. Video conference was held under the chairmanship of Shri T M Vijay Bhaskar, Jt Secy. (DWS) and Shri J.S. Mathur, Jt Secy. (S&A) to review the implementation of NRDWP, Jalmani, TSC and online data entry. Secy., Pr. Secy. and PHED engineers of Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, J&K, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh participated in the two day video conference. The Chairmen welcomed all the participating officers and emphasized on enhancing the financial and physical progress as only two months are left for completion of the current financial year.

3. Discussion was held on the following issues with respect to rural drinking water supply:

- (i) Setting up of the WSSO under SWSM
- (ii) Programmes for establishment of sub-divisional labs
- (iii) Training need assessment workshop and capacity building plan
- (iv) Utilisation of funds

- (v) Proposal for next installment before Jan/Feb 2010
- (vi) Preparation of District water security plans
- (vii) Jalmani project
- (viii) Updation of data entry on Details of Monthly coverage, District-wise allocation/release/expenditure, testing of water sources in the State etc

4. Response received from State Govts. In respect to NRDWP and Jalmani are as below:

#### **Jammu & Kashmir**

Variation in the figures noticed in the Utilisation Certificate and 2<sup>nd</sup> installment proposal is corrected and reply is sent by the State Govt. A copy of the letter is assured to be faxed shortly. In connection to fund utilization for DDP being less than 60%, The Secretary replied that about Rs. 20 crore is already spent and there is no scope for further expenditure as absorption capacity in Ladakh and Jammu region is low. State Govt agreed to send a note in this regard.

The representative stated that target for 20 point programme was on higher side and should be revised to 1000. He stated that coverage figure was more and data entry for the same would be done within 10 days. It was noticed that are not available. State rep intimated that there is no internet facility at district level and NIC has been approached for the same. State agreed to arrange entry of district-wise data on allocation/release/expenditure at State capital quickly as advised.

In connection to Training need assessment Workshop, State referred to their letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 for fixing dates for training for PHED engrrs. Since the letter was not received, State agreed to fax the letter at an early date. They also intimated that training is also arranged for 9 districts.

On Jalmani, State rep mentioned that it is time taking process. Data were collected on all schools and firms were shortlisted to install the standalone purification system in schools. He mentioned that in two months, process would be finally initiated and able to spend the entire amount. The progress would be intimated through letter also.

In connection to water quality, it was intimated that Rs. 2.58 crore already spent and the UC was already sent. Copy of the UC will be faxed by the State.

#### **Jharkhand**

In connection to 2<sup>nd</sup> installment proposal, it was mentioned that due to preoccupation of all official in the State election, process of work on coverage was sluggish. He stated that proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> installment is possible in Feb 2010. The representative regretted for the wrong coverage figure shown online and assured to rectify the same. He stated that a workshop will be held for timely & reliable data entry on IMIS system. It was mentioned that the State already spent Rs. 2.5 crore and UC will be sent immediately. Online data would be updated in this regard.

On Jalmani, it was mentioned that schools were identified and re-tendering initiated for installation of equipment as earlier tender process failed. In response to the query on average cost of equipment, it was intimated that Rs. 20,000 is the average cost per equipment as reported in other States. On requirement of 2<sup>nd</sup> release of fund, he stated that the Central Govt. would be intimated by the month of Jan 2010.

It was intimated that 10<sup>th</sup> Feb is fixed for training need workshop and detail of the programme will be sent shortly.

### **Arunachal Pradesh**

The State Secretary stated that the WSSO is already set up and Plan outlay for next year would be approved shortly. He mentioned that district-wise details of allocation and release would be made available online soon. State rep stated that the target for 20 point programme was on higher side and to be revised to 520 to be achievable. He agreed to send a letter to revise the target.

State rep intimated that UC for the spent fund for water quality & surveillance will be sent shortly and the necessary online data entry would be updated in this regard.

On Jalmani, it was mentioned that Terefil filter is preferred and necessary sanction is being taken. State rep agreed to send UC by 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010.

It was mentioned that the State will chalk out the programme for training need workshop in the month of Feb 2010 and intimate accordingly.

### **Assam**

The State Govt. Secretary stated that the WSSO is already constituted and plans to be formulated in 15-20 days. Technical clearance for support activity is already taken. It was requested to revise the target for 20 point programme to 12852 habitations. He agreed to update the online data on district level allocation/release/expenditure in a few days.

In connection to training workshop, he informed that Hon'ble Governor/Chief Minister/Deptt Minister is going to inaugurate the Workshop scheduled on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010. The programme was prepared and would be intimated shortly.

On Jalmani, State rep mentioned that the average cost per equipment is found to be Rs 40,000 whereas they received the fund on the basis of average cost of Rs. 20,000 only. State was advised to adopt terra filter model which is more cost effective. Representative from the State Govt. stated that total fund cannot be spent before 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010.

It was informed that data entry on testing of water sources would be made shortly.

### **Bihar**

Representative from the State Govt. mentioned that the coverage has been poor due to drought experienced in 26 districts. However, he assured that about 35000 can be covered by the end of 2009-10. He agreed to arrange data entry of monthly progress reports, district-wise release, water quality testing, Jalmani progress etc at the earliest.

State Govt. was advised to arrange training workshop by 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 and intimate the same.

### **Mizoram**

Representative from the State stated that 124 habitations can be covered under 20 point programme by the end of 2009-10. State was advised not to revise the target and speed up the implementation process.

State rep reminded about the proposal sent for strengthening of labs in 2008. State was advised to spend only 2% of the fund for support activity in this regard.

### **Sikkim**

The State Govt. Secretary stated that all necessary action has been initiated as per the guidelines namely, setting up of WSSO, opening of accounts, preparation of Annual action plan, Support activity etc. He informed that about 60% of the fund is already spent and by 15<sup>th</sup> Feb more than 70% will be spent. He stated that proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> installment is being submitted. He mentioned that all schemes are ongoing and it is likely to achieve more than 70% coverage. However he

confessed that necessary data entry in the online system was not done due to transfer of officials and hence achievement was not truly reflected.

Further the representative stated that there is 35% ST and 6% SC population in the State and all SC/ST population is intermingled and it was not possible for them to identify only SC/ST habitations. In response, State was advised to identify habitations where SC/ST population is 40% or more of the total population as SC/ST dominated habitations. Regarding water quality & surveillance, it was informed that setting up of 4 labs were approved and likely to function by March. Kits are distributed at GP level. State rep agreed to update data on water quality testing of water sources, lab testing etc by Jan 2010.

On Jalmani, it was mentioned that 73 schools were targeted and 53 of them already covered. UC in this regard was sent with a request for 2<sup>nd</sup> release.

### **Meghalaya**

Representative from the State mentioned that they are facing shortage of fund and require release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment. State Govt. was intimated that 2<sup>nd</sup> installment was already released and advised to update online data regarding monthly physical & financial progress, school targets, district-wise allocation/release/expenditure etc as their achievement was not reflected as per the online data.

### **Manipur**

The State Govt. Secretary stated that WSSO has been set up and informed that their online data entry are not accepted and requested to look into. Again he mentioned that fund released to State is quite low, In this regard, State was advised to send the UC and arrange updation of online data.

It was informed that 549 personnel were trained till Nov 2009. Testing of water sources were done and necessary data to be updated shortly. On Jalmani, it was informed that 29 schools were covered and rest would be completed by the end of 2009-10.

### **Tripura**

Representative from State Govt. requested to revise the target for 20 point programme to 1472 and informed that letter has been already sent in this regard. He informed that 420 habitations are covered so far. Further he mentioned that 31 schools are covered under Jalmani so far. State was advised to send proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> release as soon as 60% of the released fund spent.

It was informed that training programme was completed and details are made available online. Testing of sources were carried and agreed to update the data shortly.

### **Nagaland**

The State Secretary informed that Annual action plan and District security plan are prepared and submitted. State Govt. was intimated that 2<sup>nd</sup> installment was released.

On Jalmani, State rep mentioned that the average cost per equipment was found to be Rs 40,000 whereas they received the fund on the basis of average cost of Rs. 20,000 only. State was advised to follow the model adopted by the State of Meghalaya, where average cost of installation was Rs. 20000. Details of the project would be sent through e-mail to the State.

It was mentioned that 110 water sources in various villages were tested. The rep agreed to arrange online data entry of details of test.

### **Orissa**

State Govt. was informed about the release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment and assured for 3<sup>rd</sup> installment from the funds saved from other States, if available fund utilized before

March 2010. The State Secretary mentioned that they should get fund meant for support activity as well as 10% fund meant for Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) as they have transferred the assets to PRI. In this regard, State Govt. was asked to send the details of rural population managing schemes in the prescribed format, which they agreed to, send by fax.

On Jalmani, the State agreed to adopt Terrefil model with RCC tank in schools. State rep also agreed to send the UC of the spent amount and to request for the next installment release.

It was informed that establishment of labs were taken up and they are in different stages of construction. Grass-root level training done through field test kit. It was agreed to update the online data at the earliest.

### **Uttar Pradesh**

The State Secretary informed that though 2<sup>nd</sup> installment from the Central Govt. released, the money was not yet transferred in the account. In this regard, State Govt. was asked to plan for the 20% of NRDWP sustainability structures in the District water security plan so that money got transferred to the account immediately.

The district-wise plans for spending sustainability component should contain details of structures, locations, estimated cost and time of start and completion. They should be included as addendum to the DWSPs already prepared.

On Jalmani, the representative stated that districts were directed to select schools and to submit for the coverage. It was assured that 60% of the released amount can be spent by 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 and thereafter may request for 2<sup>nd</sup> release.

On water quality surveillance, it was informed that the field test kits were distributed at various blocks and from there it got distributed to Gram Panchayats. Training at grass-root level has been arranged. It was assured to update online data at the earliest.

### **Chattisgarh**

State Govt. was intimated that their proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> installment would be released within few days. Secretary, Their attention was drawn to the low coverage as per the online data. The Secretary, DWS of the State Govt requested for quick release to enhance their physical achievement. He stated that some discrepancies are found in figures entered by districts and assured to rectify the same by the end of Jan 2010. He mentioned that coverage of 7000 habitations was done and it could reach 14000 by March 2010.

On Jalmani, it was informed that tender for installation of standalone system is already floated and in few months installation in schools can be possible.

On water quality surveillance, it was informed that training is arranged at gram panchayat level with field kits already provided to them. He further informed that there was no arsenic or fluoride affected habitations and the information reflected online was wrong and would be rectified immediately.

### **Madhya Pradesh**

Attention was drawn towards the good financial progress but poor physical progress as per the online data. Secretary, State Govt. informed that 2272 habitations were covered and online data to be updated in few days. He mentioned that piped water schemes were taken up in a large way.

On Jalmani, he stated that the tender has been floated. It was informed that State Procurement agency finalized the rate of equipment and in a few days progress would be reflected.

On water quality front, state's achievement regarding completion of testing, training and data entry was commended.

5. Details of progress and issues discussed in respect to Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) are as under:

**Assam**

Percentage achieve in IHHL-BPL is 24% and also Percentage achievement of school toilet construction is 58%. JS (Sanitation) informed that school and anganwadi should be completed on priority basis. Also huge un-spent balance exists in Assam. State is required to reduce unspent Balance. North Cachar Hills district did not report monthly progress report online, which was to be ensured.

**Bihar**

Percentage achieve in IHHL-BPL is 25.53% and also Percentage achievement of school toilet construction is 54%. State shares have not been released for 28 districts. Director, PMU, Govt. of Bihar informed that the state shares will be released immediately. JS(S & A) pointed out that huge unspent balance exit in Bihar. No further release to state will be made. State representation informed that funds have been released to state in the month of October, 2009. Now funds have been released to the districts. Now progress will be registered.

**Jammu & Kashmir**

Percentage achievement of school toilet construction is only 50%. JS(Sanitation) informed that school and anganwadi should be completed on priority. State shares have not been released for 3 districts. Secretary, PHED, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir informed that the state shares will be released immediately. He also informed that funds for school toilet have been transferred to School Committees.

**Arunachal Pradesh**

Progress under IHHL APL toilet construction is only 14%. Fourteen districts are not getting proportionate state share due to shortage of fund. State is requested to release state share immediately. Also fund utilization is very poor. State Secretary informed that two elections have hampered the progress.

**Jharkhand**

Percentage achieve in IHHL-APL is 9% which is very poor. State representative informed that mass awareness campaign will be organised. State is in contact of districts. He raised the issue of guidelines for Solid and Liquid Waste Management. JS(S & A) informed that Guidelines will be available in April, 2010.

**Sikkim**

The state has already achieved status of Nirmal Rajya. In the state now the sustainability is major issue. Shri Ganeriwala, Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim informed that now IEC is being done for sustainability and people are very much aware of this. He requested to consider proposals for school toilets as per student number.

**Meghalaya**

Progress of the state is very slow. State representative informed that 4 crore have been released in December, 2009. He also stated that state is concentrating on completion of school and anganwadi toilets. Designs have already been circulated to districts. State should increase pace of progress. State shares have not been released for 5 districts. JS(S & A) pointed out that huge unspent balance

exit in Meghalaya. Two out of seven districts did not report monthly progress report online which was to be ensured

### **Uttar Pradesh**

Percentage achieve in IHHL-BPL is 65.70%. JS(S & A) pointed out that huge unspent balance exit in Uttar Pradesh. State TSC informed that 70% fund will be spent by March, 2010. State has largest no. of target in school toilet construction. He also stated besides toilet, schools are being provided water facilities with 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Fund. JS asked to ensure Panchayat-wise entry.

### **Chattisgarh**

Percentage achieve in IHHL-BPL is 47%. In recent months progress has been registered. But now Gram Panchayat election is going on. JS asked state carry on momentum. Also huge un-spent balance exists in Chattisgarh. State is required to reduce unspent Balance.

### **Madhya Pradesh**

Percentage achieve in IHHL-BPL is 52% but Percentage achievement of school toilet construction is 90%. State shares have not been released for 21 districts. State TSC Co-ordinator, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh informed that the state shares will be released shortly. JS(S & A) pointed out that huge unspent balance exit in Madhya Pradesh. State TSC Co-ordinator informed that 90% fund will be spent by March, 2010.

The conference ended with a vote of thanks by and to the chair.

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