

Minutes of the meeting of State Level Scheme Selection Committee (SLSC) for rural water supply held on 11.2.2009 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand

1. A meeting of the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) for Rural Water Supply was held on 11th February, 2009 at 13.00 hrs onwards under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand. In the meeting, following were present :

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| i.) | Shri Bharat Lal, Director, RGNDWM,
Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry
of Rural Development, Government of India,
New Delhi | - | Member |
| ii.) | Shri M. H. Khan, Secretary (Peyjal),
Government of Uttarakhand | - | Member |
| iii.) | Dr. M. C. Joshi,
Additional Secretary, Finance | - | Member |
| iv.) | Er. D. K. Gupta,
Managing Director, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam | - | Member
Secretary |
| v.) | Mr. Kapil Lal,
Director, Swajal | - | Member |
| vi.) | Er. R. N. Verma,
Chief Engineer (HQ), Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam | - | Member |
| vii.) | Mr. B. K. Das,
Finance Director, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam | - | Member |
| viii.) | Er. S. K. Goel,
G.M. (Appraisal/ Planning), Uttarakhand Peyjal
Nigam | - | Member |

2. In his opening remarks, the Chief Secretary & Chairman of the Committee welcomed the members present. He stressed the need of completing the rural water supply schemes expeditiously so that intended benefits reach to the people for whom schemes are meant.

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3. The member-secretary and MD, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam explained the background of the meeting and presented the details of the MNP (General) schemes which have been dovetailed as per decision of the meeting held on 10.03.08. There are 335 such schemes (list enclosed) at an estimated cost of Rs. 121.62 crore. The 50% of basic cost of these schemes is Rs. 54.05 crore. These schemes on completion will provide potable water to 1,359 NC/ PC habitations as per present status, DPRs & test Reports of water sources were presented for the perusal of the committee. It was also explained that utilization certificate (UC) amounting to Rs. 61.03 crore including these schemes has already been forwarded to the Government of India in 2007-08 and only formal approval of the committee is required.

The committee deliberated on the details and after discussion conveyed its approval to the proposal unanimously.

4. Thereafter the member-secretary explained to the members about the need and circumstances of the agenda item No. 2. He informed the committee that on the one hand due to paucity of resources of the state, funds are not available for the ongoing schemes under State Sector (Rural) thus hindering the progress as well as targets under Bharat Nirman and on the other hand, funds available in ARWSP could not be utilized completely due to PRI's elections and therefore, 2nd installment of ARWSP has not been availed from the Government of India. As per ARWSP norms, schemes can be taken up on 50:50 funding basis. However, these schemes were taken up under State Sector without dovetailing with ARWSP. The Member-Secretary presented the details of the State Sector (Rural) schemes being proposed to be dovetailed in ARWSP. There are 45 such schemes (list enclosed) having total estimated cost of Rs. 168.45 crore with the total basic cost of Rs. 150.06 crore to be shared on 50:50 cost sharing basis between the Government of India and the State Government. These schemes on completion will provide potable water to 1,571 NC/ PC habitations as per present status of the hilly and very difficult terrain. DPRs & test Reports of water sources were also presented for the committee's perusal. The funds yet to be released from Government of India will be utilized on these State Sector Schemes according to their balance requirement and State share.

Shri Bharat Lal, Director, RGNDWM, Government of India said that after enactment of FRBM Act, 2003 and rules thereunder, parking of funds is not allowed and therefore, State has to ensure that once 2nd installment

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of ARWSP fund is availed, full amount should be utilized before the financial year. In any case, only upto 10% of the total ARWSP fund is allowed to be carried forward in the next financial year as unspent balance beyond 10% of the allocation is deducted from the Central release in the next year. The member-secretary assured the committee that this will be kept in mind and all out efforts will be made to utilize the full amount in this financial year.

The committee deliberated on the details and after discussion accorded it's approval to the proposal unanimously.

5. Shri Bharat Lal, Director, RGNDWM, Government of India explained the Centrally sponsored ARWSP scheme and present funding pattern on 50:50 basis. He explained that all uncovered habitations have to be given priority and should be covered with provision of safe water along with rural schools, ananganwadis, etc. He also emphasized that under ARWSP, centage charges are not admissible and as such no centage charges should be levied on ARWSP funds. He also pointed out that Secretary/ Principal Secretary in-charge of other sectors viz. health, rural development, Panchayati Raj, elementary education, women & child development, water resources, etc. should also be included in the SLSC. While finalizing the SLSC composition, new guidelines issued for NRWSP may be kept in mind. He also mentioned that while bringing in any agenda note for the consideration of the aforesaid committee, inter-sectoral issues, convergence, impact of clean water on health parameters, etc. should be brought for the review of the committee. In fact, safe water availability in rural schools, ananganwadi centres, sanitation issues, water quality problems especially bacteriological contamination, under 5 year child mortality, water borne diseases, etc. should be reviewed by this committee to see that intended benefits under water supply schemes are reaching to the people. He also said that studies have shown that more than 40% drinking water sources are bacteriologically 'non-complaint' and therefore providing clean and safe water is a huge challenge. To achieve this, there should be convergence and review at State level to know the impact of ongoing work. He stressed that water quality monitoring and surveillance along with empowering rural community to manage their water and sanitation systems at village level, should be accorded high priority. Every year, the SLSC meeting should be held at least twice and implementation of rural water supply programmes along with outputs should be reviewed.

6. In his concluding remarks, Chief Secretary and Chairman of the Committee welcomed these suggestions and directed that these suggestions should be followed and all such inter-related departments/ organizations should be represented in the SLSC. He also directed the Secretary (Peyjal) to arrange to send the proposal for release of 2nd installment of ARWSP funds. The Chairman thanked the Government of India representative for participating in the meeting.

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



(M.H. Khan)
Secretary (Peyjal)

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By Order



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Joint Secretary