

Minutes of Review Meeting of IPH Zone Shimla held on 28/4/2016 under the Chairpersonship of Mrs. Anuradha Thakur , Secretary (IPH) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to review the Status of Drinking Water Supply Schemes.

A meeting was held on 28/4/2016 under the Chairpersonship of Mrs. Anuradha Thakur, Secretary (IPH) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to review the Status of Drinking Water Supply Schemes of IPH Zone Shimla.

List of participants attached as per Annexure-A.

At the outset, Engineer-in-Chief, IPH welcomed Secretary (IPH) to GoHP and all the participants. This was followed by a round of brief introduction by all the participants. The Secretary (IPH) to GoHP emphasized on the need of institutionalizing review of the activities of IPH department to make the department more focused towards delivery of services and stressed upon the issues to be discussed in the review meeting i.e. performance of the department, issues raised during current Vidhan Sabha session, non completion of water supply schemes for years together, status, issues and performance of STPs in the Zone. Thereafter head-wise discussion on agenda items was taken as under:

1. **Ongoing Drinking Water Supply Schemes:**

a) **NRDWP:**

It was noticed from the agenda note prepared by the Shimla Zone that a large number of water supply schemes are ongoing under NRDWP in comparison to other Zones. The Secretary (IPH) pointed out that there are large no. of ongoing schemes under NRDWP (475) in the zone in comparison to number of schemes in other zones and huge amount/ funds (330 crore) has been sought or are required for their completion. Thus keeping in view the previous year's budget, the concerned Superintending Engineer's were directed to project realistic targets for completion based on budget, stage of completion, habitation proposed to be covered and finalize the working programme accordingly, based on delivery of service to the people at minimum cost and time. The Superintending Engineer's were also directed to focus on completion of schemes those schemes first which require lesser financial assistance in order to reduce the no of ongoing schemes. SEs were asked to submit the details of WSS under all heads (head wise) which can be completed this year with existing budget provision for 2016-17 and a separate list of schemes be submitted which can be completed if the additional funds are provided .

It was observed that in Nahan Circle there are 26 uncompleted schemes of more than 3 years duration, of which 15 schemes are of more than 5 years and one scheme is incomplete for almost 20 years which need to be completed on priority. There are many ongoing schemes in which although full amount of SOP has been deposited with HPSEB Ltd since long but, the commissioning of schemes is held up for want of S.O.P. The Secretary (IPH) directed the SEs to take up the matter with their counter parts in HPSEB and send a scheme wise consolidated status of Shimla Zone to AD within 15 days for taking up the matter at Govt. level. The Chief Engineer Shimla Zone was specifically directed to review the schemes of Nahan Circle with in 15 days.

Superintending Engineer, Rohru emphasized that considerable no. of schemes can be completed in this financial year if adequate funds are provided. However as there is a huge gap in budget and the requirement of funds, the Secretary(IPH) stressed on optimum coverage with respect to available funds and for gap funding the schemes by alternatively proposing under NABARD or other heads or to other agency. Superintending Engineer, Rohru pointed out that the Dodra-Kawar section of IPH is under the administrative control of HPPWD and the same needs to be restored to IPH. The E-in-C,IPH was asked to submit the proposal with full justification within 15 days.

The Chairperson directed the participants to ensure the completion of ongoing schemes of their respective jurisdiction in time bound manner and the schemes which are in advance stage of completion should be completed on priority basis & the available budget should be utilized to complete such schemes, keeping in view the allocation of budget.

b) NABARD:

It was pointed out by the Superintending Engineers that funds are not being received in proportionate of yearly allotment under schemes funded/ approved by NABARD. It was observed that schemes as old as RIDF- XI are shown incomplete whereas NABARD has closed funding upto RIDF XIV, which is a matter of concern. Also against very less physical progress, huge expenditures have been shown/incurred in some schemes. Superintending Engineer, Nahan clarified that there are some disputes and in two cases, work is held up for want of forest clearance. He was directed to expedite the matter and send action taken report before 30th May,2016. For LWSS Nahan, Superintending Engineer, Nahan intimated that Rs. 22.00 Crore are required for bringing water up to the town for which tenders are awarded. Secretary (IPH) directed him to send the proposal for JICA by submitting the Project Proposal and proformas to the AD by 15th May, 2016.

Superintending Engineer, Reckong Peo requested that funds to the tune of Rs. 11.00 Crore is required for completion of Water Supply Scheme 'Kashapat' by this year end. **The chairperson directed the concerned SEs and EEs to take immediate necessary action to get the projects out of non starter category before 31/5/2016. It was further desired to submit the PCRs of the completed schemes of all closed tranches which have not been submitted so far in respect of water supply as well as MIS without further delay.**

c) SCCP:

It is informed that there is large number of schemes either incomplete or ongoing in the Zone for couple of years under SCCP and MNP. The Chairperson desired to wind up the schemes under MNP by seeking funds under some other schemes. The Chairman stressed that **the schemes appearing under the component be completed on top most priority through re-planning & by getting the budget re-appropriated so as to fulfill the purpose of such schemes.**


Chief Engineer (Shimla Zone) was asked to review such cases under SCCP and NABARD within 15 days and submit a report. This will be reviewed in next meeting.

d) OTHER HEADS:

Superintending Engineer, Reckong-Peoo informed that Water Supply to Army Camp at Samdo in Pooh stands completed and is functional except in winter season when water freezes. **He was directed to send compliance report with in 10 days.**

Superintending Engineer Shimla-9 was directed to complete papers for funding of LWSS Gharog-Ghandal under JICA. Secretary (IPH) stressed upon sending consolidated proposal for funding of ongoing water Supply Schemes through BRICK bank in a consolidated manner.

As huge quantity of pipes are consumed in the field particularly for upgradation of distribution system only, the Secretary (IPH) emphasized to continue with the existing distribution system for upgradation /Remodeling of Water Supply schemes and increase supply time and by augmenting source of water supply in the first place as this would result in cost reduction and also help in tiding the gap between fund availability and fund requirement without denying benefit to the public. The Secretary, IPH informed that non completion of various water supply schemes were pointed out during the Assembly Session which needs to be completed in a time bound manner.



2. **Review of MLA Priority schemes (2013-14 to 2015-16)**

Chief Engineer (SZ) apprised that 173 schemes have been proposed under MLA priority in the last 3 years and 143 DPRs have been prepared, 39 schemes stand approved and 63 schemes are under process. DPR for 41 schemes are yet to be prepared. Superintending Engineer, P&I intimated that there are 6 schemes pending with NABARD authorities for want of clarification (ReckongPeo 3 nos, Rohru 1 no. & Nahan 2 Nos.).

3. **Status of Water Treatment Plants/ units:**

Chief Engineer (SZ) intimated that there are 305 Water Supply Schemes in which treatment plant are either not existing or require upgradation. He intimated that the stipulated targets for the previous year have been achieved. The Secretary (IPH) desired that all the 512 units which are part of Hon'ble CM accouchement be completed in this financial year by December 2016. For additional treatment units, information be sent for seeking funds separately.

4. **Water Quality:**

During the discussion, it was felt that the water quality monitoring system has to be institutionalized & the water testing laboratories need to be inspected regularly by all the concerned officers (AE to CE level) and should take immediate necessary action if any shortcoming is noticed by them and **minimum numbers of surprise checks during each water testing labs be set by the Consultants engaged by the WSSO and, a consolidated report of every Zone would be shared with the AD quarterly.** It was further stressed upon to maintain the record of labs as per the standing instructions and online result of water sample tests conducted in the labs should be updated on GOI web site. The Chief Engineer (HZ) suggested that surprise inspection of water testing labs as well as STP labs w.r.t. sampling, testing, availability of required chemicals, reagents as well as functionability of equipments besides maintenance of test records in labs be got done through consultant engaged by WSSO in addition to inspections by concerned field officers.

It was also decided that the gap in difference of ongoing schemes as per online entry to the list supplied in hard copy be reconciled/ abridged within 10 days. **The Chairperson advised to find the reason and correct the actual figure. All the SEs/EEs were asked to upload the inspection notes on the departmental website without fail and send the information in the devised format (which will be circulated separately)**

covering all the important aspects during inspection by the field officers within 15 days.

5. Sewerage Schemes:

Chief Engineer Shimla Zone intimated that there are 16 nos. Sewerage schemes which are functional and work on 10 schemes / STPs are in progress in his zone. Superintending Engineer, Nahan intimated that in Sewerage scheme for Paonta Town the effluent parameters are within norms. BOD less than 20 is being achieved as carbon filters have been installed. He intimated that in Solan Town BOD less than 2 has been achieved due to recirculation of effluent and its spraying on sludge drying beds. It was pointed out that only 311 out of 4213 connections have so far has been released in Solan whereas it has been commissioned long time back which is not desirable and the connections needs to be significantly increased. Executive Engineer, Solan intimated that 900 connections are held up due to dispute by one person where only one pipe is required to be laid. Superintending Engineer, Nahan was asked to resolve the issue and ensure increase in connectivity. It was informed that huge chunk of land has been acquired for STP consuming substantial funds for acquisition and most of the land is lying unutilized. The Secretary desired to explore possibility of transferring the surplus land to HIMUDA or some other agency to recover substantial funds used on its acquisition and accordingly sought proposal.

It was also informed that Nahan is the only town / urban area deprived of sewerage scheme due to the fact that the water supply status of the town is below the specified 135 LPCD norm as water supply to the town has not been upgraded to the required level. It was desired to explore the possibility of providing Sewerage facility to the town at the existing level of Water Supply as Nahan is a hilly town with adequate slopes for ensuring self cleaning velocity of sewage.

Superintending Engineer, Rohru intimated that STP Rohru falls under red zone, accordingly due precautions are being taken. The effluent has been discharge into river Pabber having high discharge for dilution. He sought funds for upgradation of the existing STP as the plant is running at more than its installed capacity as additional proposed STP (Phase-III) could not be constructed and the flow was diverted to existing STP which immediately require upgradation to increase capacity ,recycling of sludge and adopting suitable technology for ensuring effluent parameters conforming to new norms .Superintending Engineer, Kasumpti intimated that the STP at Narkanda though is almost complete , but gets frozen in winter. He was asked to modify the plant to overcome the

bottleneck by seeking professional advice. It was informed that STP at Sunni is in close proximity to the proposed source of Water Supply Scheme to Shimla Town from Kol Dam. Thus modification in discharge point of effluent is required w.r.t. location of source of water supply scheme and this must be verified. It was informed that Sewerage Scheme for Kunihar and Hatkoti (Saraswati Nagar) stand approved in rural area and are facing paucity of funds. Secretary (IPH) advised that funding from LADA be explored for Hatkoti and maintenance funds for the commissioned scheme of Kunihar separate funds may be sought from Rural Development department by sending a separate proposal within 15 days. Secretary (IPH) sought proposal for consolidated funds to be demanded from UD for retrofitting of STP falling in Red and orange category and for reducing the BOD below 30 initially. Additional separate proposal is required for modification and retrofitting of existing and ongoing STPs for achieving new effluent norms. New Sewerage schemes and STPs should be constructed keeping in view new norms.

Superintending Engineer, WS&S Circle, Shimla intimated that the capacity of existing STPs in Shimla town is designed upto 2031 and though the present load is less but STPs require machinery replacement in the year 2016. He was directed to submit the consolidated proposal for upgradation of plants for special funding through UD.

The Chairperson directed to take every possible corrective measure in r/o existing STPs to bring the parameters of discharge effluent within the prescribed limit and prepare the estimates for the same and submission of the consolidated requirement of the funds for improvement required in STPs immediately along with scheme wise fund requirement for O&M of sewerage schemes besides ensuring construction of STPs as per new norms/ standards. It was further stressed that the instructions circulated from time to time by the AD regarding monitoring of STPs at the level of EEs, SEs and CEs be religiously followed and Zonal report must be submitted to E-in-C,IPH by 20th of every month.

6. O&M of Water Supply schemes:


The field officers explained difficulties in management of schemes on account of less budget & inadequate department labour/ staff as every year workers are retiring & there is either no recruitment of staff or ban on fresh recruitments. The details of expenditure on O&M for last three years would be submitted to Engineer-in-Chief (IPH) to assess the imbalance therein. It was decided that a criterion for outsourcing the schemes for O&M would be devised by the E-in-C, IPH within 2 weeks so that there is objectivity in decision making about outsourcing the schemes for O&M.

7. **Other issues**

The various issues raised during Assembly session by Hon'ble MLA's were discussed in the meeting. Special Secretary (IPH) stressed upon the need of completion of three schemes (LIS Chandoli, LIS Dhamoh Nai Neti & LIS Kanata) under Nahan Circle as the issue was raised by MLA Pachhad constituency during the Budget session. Secretary IPH directed officials to be more prompt and vigilant in dealing with Vidhan Sabha matters and to regularly inspect important schemes under their jurisdiction.

The Chairperson further directed the Chief Engineer, Shimla Zone to review the status of all schemes irrespective of their funding in respect of Nahan circle within 15 days and send a report to the Administrative Department for further review of Nahan circle at Govt. level.

In addition to above, it was also decided that, as per previous practices, month wise/ quarter wise target sheet of all the important activities of each IPH division would be prepared by 7th June, 2016 for periodic review and monitoring and, the annual appraisal of the officers of the IPH department will purely depend on the achievements with reference to Target Sheets.



The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

Annexure-“A”

List of participants:

Sr. No.	Name S/Sh.	Designation
1.	Sushil Kapta	Spl. Secy.(IPH)
2.	Manmohan Jassal	Under Secretary(IPH)
3.	R.K. Kanwar	E-in-C, IPH
4.	R.K. Jaryan	Chief Engineer(D&M)
5.	R.M. Mukul	Chief Engineer, Shimla Zone
6.	Beena Rani	Registrar
7.	K.S. Verma	Joint Controller(F&A)
8.	Sushil Justa	S.E. (S/Z)
9.	Mahesh Sharam	S.E., Reckongpeo
10.	B.S. Bhatia	S.E., Nahan
11.	B.S. Rana	S.E., Shimla
12.	Naveen Puri	S.E. Rohru
13.	Chatter Singh	S.E.(Works)
14.	Sanjeev Kaul	S.E.(P&I-I)
15.	L.S. Thakur	S.E.(P&I-II)
16.	Dharmendra Gill	S.E.(WS&S)
17.	I.S. Verma	E.E., Kaza
18.	S.K. Sharma	E.E.,Rampur
19.	Vishal Jaswal	E.E., R/peo
20.	Rajesh Mongra	E.E., Nahan
21.	B.S. Rajput	E.E., Nerwa
22.	Deepak Aggarwal	E.E.,Nohradhar
23.	Satya Pal	E.E.,Rohru
24.	Jitender Garg	E.E.(D), Rohru
25.	Sunil Konotra	E.E., Nalagarh
26.	Hemant Tanwar	E.E., Solan
27.	Anil Mehta	E.E., Divn. No.1, Shimla
28.	Naresh Sharma	E.E.(P&I-II)
29.	P.M. Singh	E.E.,(P&I-I)
30.	Dinesh Kapoor	E.E.Pooh
31.	D.R. Sharma	E.E., IPH Divn.-II, Shimla
32.	Mani Ram	Supdt.
33.	Pawana Pal	Consultant, WSSO
34.	Anil Kumar	Consultant, WSSO(HRD/IEC)
35.	Rajesh Sharma	Sr. Asstt.