

**Minutes of Review Meeting of IPH Zone Dharmshala held on 27/4/2016 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 27/4/2016 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 Dharamshala .

**List of Participants is enclosed as 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, water quality monitoring, 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:**

It was intimated by the Chief Engineer Dharamshala Zone that 339 water supply schemes are being executed under Dharamshala zone. Out of these 130 schemes are under jurisdiction of Dharamshala circle, 79 schemes under Nurpur Circle and 130 schemes are under Chamba Circle. He further stated that 142 schemes (45 in Dharamshala circle, 38 in Nurpur Circle and 59 schemes are under Chamba Circle) can be completed during current financial year 2016-17 which require funds to the tune of Rs.58.50 crore. In addition, funds to the tune of Rs.25.00 crore are also required for execution of those schemes which are slated/ planned for completion during 2017-18.

Secretary (IPH) stated that during Budget session of HP Assembly, many issues were raised by Hon'ble MLAs regarding non-completion of various water supply schemes. Accordingly this review is being taken to ensure that funds provided are not thinly spread in various water supply schemes and instead focused approach for completion of old water supply schemes is undertaken by managing the funds for those schemes which can be completed during current financial year. **The Chairman directed the participants to ensure the completion of ongoing schemes on top priority and suggested that funds available should be utilized to complete such schemes, keeping in view the allocation of budget.** Secretary (IPH) further asked that the department should undertake exercise for re-appropriation of allocated budget judiciously so as to ensure completion of older schemes during current financial year. Total budget allocation for particular Division/constituency should not be changed while undertaking exercise for diversion/re-appropriation.

**2. Schemes being implemented under TASP /BASP:**

Discussion on the schemes under TASP / BASP head was also undertaken. Secretary (IPH) observed that there are too many schemes being executed under these heads with meager budget provision leading to non-completion of schemes, thus, defeating the very purpose for which the schemes are envisaged. Chief Engineer (D/Z) stated that only few schemes can be completed with existing budget provision that too if funds provided for some schemes will have to be diverted to the schemes slated to be completed during current financial year. **Secretary (IPH) directed the concerned Executive Engineers of the Zone to undertake exercise of re-appropriation of allocated budget so as to ensure completion of projected schemes especially older ones during current financial year.** As there is fixed allotment of funds under these heads so to fill in the gap of required budget exercise for funding from other heads may also be undertaken simultaneously at appropriate levels. In case of schemes being implemented in Chamba Circle, it was decided that a separate review would be under taken by the CE Dharmshala Zone within 15 days.

**3. Status of NABARD Projects:**


Chief Engineer Dharmshala zone explained that there are 81 Nos ongoing water supply schemes under NABARD in the zone and there is a gap of Rs.177.00 crores in the releases/funding as on 1.4.2016 . This is due to the reasons that the department is not getting funds as per norms fixed by NABARD.

**After detailed discussion Secretary (IPH) directed Chief Engineer (D&M) to evolve Project Readiness Checklist** which should incorporate parameters right from conception, preparation of DPRs, its approval and further execution involving tendering process, execution and completion, **within 15 days.** It was also decided that matter regarding DPRs pending with Planning Department/ NABARD will also be taken up keeping in view the fact that 65 DPRs amounting to Rs. 356.27 crore pertaining to Dharmshala zone are pending with Planning Department / NABARD and department is hard pressed to frame new DPRs as Hon'ble MLAs are time and again raising the issue of non-framing of DPRs at different forums especially meeting of Planning under chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Vidhan Sabha.

The issue of procurement of 15mm dia. Pipe also came up during discussion and it was decided that, 15 mm dia. pipe which is basically being used for individual house connections needs to be regulated the as there are lot of loopholes in present system as, funds are limited and need to be judiciously spent. Engineer-in-Chief, I&PH was directed to send a note in this regard which will be taken up with concerned suitable authorities or if need be placed before the cabinet.

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

Chief Engineer (D/Z) stated that detailed project reports of 233 schemes under Irrigation & Water Supply sectors were required to be prepared as per priorities given by Hon'ble MLAs for the years 2013-14 to 2015-16 under the jurisdiction of Dharamshala Zone.



Out of these 233 schemes 34 schemes were either infeasible or not required. As such 196 DPRs were supposed to be prepared out of which 176 DPRs have been prepared. Out of these 176 DPRs 55 DPRs have been approved under NABARD or other heads and only 20 DPRs remain to be prepared. He further stated that out of these prepared DPR's 121 nos DPRs are in process of approval under NABARD and other heads at different levels. Secretary (IPH) expressed her satisfaction on overall preview regarding preparation of DPRs under Dharamshala Zone and further directed that **Engineer-in-Chief (IPH) should take up the case of pending DPRs with NABARD authorities / Planning Department.**

**5. Status of 512 treatment units:**


Chief Engineer (D/Z) stated that there are 60 water supply schemes in which treatment units are nonexistent. There was a target for completion of 21 treatment units during 2015-16 which has been achieved. He further stated that remaining treatment units are proposed to be completed in phased manner in two years. SE Nurpur and SE Dharamshala further explained that there are some more schemes in which existing treatment units are damaged and require immediate improvements / repairs. Engineer-in-Chief (IPH) stated that there is no shortage of funds during the current financial year and **efforts should be made to complete remaining schemes during current financial year by December,2016.**

**6. Sewerage Scheme:**

Chief Engineer Dharamshala Zone stated that there are 9 Nos. functional STPs under jurisdiction the Zone. Chairperson enquired about present status of working of these STPs especially keeping in view failure of samples if any, Chief Engineer Dharamshala Zone/concerned Superintending Engineer stated that all the STPS are functioning properly and an effluent test results as conducted by the Department as well as State Pollution Control Board are found to be in conformity with HPPCB norms. The issue of sewerage sample of STP at Barga in Chamba circle was discussed. Superintending Engineer Chamba stated that the results of BOD was beyond permissible limits during January, 2016, but after taking preventative actions the results have shown improvement and are within permissible limits from February onwards. He further stated that the final effluent is being disposed off in deep pit quite far away from river.

The issue of Sewerage scheme Dalhousie was also discussed. Superintending Engineer Chamba stated that FCA case is pending for approval with forest authorities as all their time to time observations / quarries have been attended by the department. It was also stated by Chief Engineer Dharamshala Zone that tender case of STP is under finalization and available funds shall be utilized in this component only. He stressed that more budget for the specific scheme is required in order to take up work of other component i.e pipe net work also.

Chief Engineer Dharamshala Zone further stated that for proper up keep of STPs it is very important that a Process Engineers having degree in Environmental Engineering is recruited and posted in the department. **Chairman directed that a proposal for recruitment of Process Engineer with promotion avenues be prepared. R&P Rules for this post be prepared by SE (P&I-II) and Registrar (IPH).**



Chief Engineer Dharamshala Zone also raised the issue of revised norms of treated effluent as per letter circulated by HP Pollution Control Board. He further suggested that a State Level Consultant needs to be appointed who will suggest process /technology to be adopted for improving the efficiency of existing STPs. **The Chairperson asked Engineer-in-Chief (IPH) to initiate the process to have services of a Consultant who can suggest technological interventions required on this aspect.**

The Chairperson further directed to take every possible corrective measures 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 especially in case of STPs immediately besides 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 20<sup>th</sup> of every month .**

#### **7. Targets of habitation for NRDWP:**

Chief Engineer Dharamshala zone stated that a target to cover 525 habitations was assigned to Dharamshala Zone ( 277 habitation Dharamshala circle, 80 habitation Nurpur Circle and 168 habitation Chamba circle) as per submitted annual action plan 2016-17. Out of 525 habitations, 30 habitations were of 0-25% category and 172 habitations were 25-50% category and 155 habitations were 50-75% category. However this has been drastically reduced to 87 habitations and funds are allocated in proportion to targeted habitations. Thus the zone shall get meager funds as compared to previous year and it will not get adequate funds to complete the ongoing schemes. Engineer-in-Chief (IPH) stated that a meeting of all Chief Engineers shall be held shortly to finalize the targets of habitations. On this Secretary (IPH) advised that SEs / EEs may give projection of Circle / Division wise proposed target to be covered on target sheets as per practice followed previously. Chairperson directed the Engineer-in-Chief (IPH) to fix the targets for current financial year for all the items in the target sheet. **The 'Target Sheet' must be prepared and submitted in a consolidated shape to AD by 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 positively by the E-in-C and, the annual appraisal of the officers of the IPH department will depend on the achievements with reference to the Target Sheets.**

#### **8. O & M of new Schemes:**

SE Nurpur submitted that few Tube wells based schemes which have been completed recently but could not be commissioned due to non availability of maintenance staff. Executive Engineers Indora / Nurpur / Jawali requested that Pump operator and chowkidar may be made available so that the schemes can be commissioned and maintained. 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 and the criteria for the staff required by Contractor/firm also should be standardized.

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

List of participants:-

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of participants</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Dr. S.K. Kapta	Special Secretary (IPH)
2.	Shri R.K. Kanwar	Engineer-in-Chief, IPH Department
3.	Shri Anil Bahri	Chief Engineer, Dharamshala Zone
4.	Shri R.K. Jaryan	Chief Engineer (D&M)
5.	Shri Raghubir Singh	Chief Engineer-cum-Director, WSSO
6.	Shri Man Mohan Jassal	Under Secretary (IPH)
7.	Smt. Beena Rani	Registrar, IPH Department
8.	Shri Hari Pal Singh	SE, IPH Circle, Nurpur
9.	Shri Rakesh Kumar Mahajan	SE, IPH Circle, Dharamshala
10.	Shri R.K. Verma	SE, Dharamshala Zone
11.	Shri L.S. Thakur	Superintending Engineer (P&I-II)
12.	Shri Sanjeev Kaul	Superintending Engineer (P&I-I)
13.	Shri Chattar Singh	Superintending Engineer (Works)
14.	Shri Jagjit Singh Sodhi	SE, IPH Circle, Chamba
15.	Shri K.S. Verma	Joint Controller (F&A),IPH Department
16.	Shri Anil Kumar	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Salooni
17.	Shri Ranjit Singh Chaudhary	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Nurpur
18.	Shri Abinder Singh Chadda	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Indora
19.	Shri Rajeev Kumar	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Jawali
20.	Shri Rohit Dubey	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Thural
21.	Shri Deepak Garg	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Dharamshala
22.	Shri Suresh Mahajan	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Dehra
23.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Executive Engineer, IPH Circle, Chamba
24.	Shri P.K. Sharma	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Chamba

25.	Shri K.K. Kapoor	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Shahpur
26.	Shri D.K. Lohia	Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Palampur
27.	Shri P.M. Singh	Executive Engineer (P&I)
28.	Shri Rajesh Sharma	Sr. Assistant, HO-Shimla.