

**Himachal Pradesh
Jal Shakti Vibhag**

No.:JSV-SE(P&I-I)-D-I-Sewerage Schemes-2020-21-

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Dated 12-3-2021

To

The Chief Engineer,
Shimla Zone, Mandi Zone,
Hamirpur Zone, Dharamshala Zone,
Jal Shakti Vibhag, Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting regarding status of Sewerage Schemes held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vikas Labroo (IAS), Secretary (JSV) Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Enclosed please find herewith the minutes of meeting regarding status of Sewerage Schemes held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, JSV on 24-02-2021 at 11:00 AM at H.P Secretariat, Shimla for your kind information and necessary action.

DA: As above

Engineer-in-Chief (JSV),
Jal Shakti Bhawan,
Shimla-05.

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1. The Secretary (JSV) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-01 for information please.
2. All the Superintending Engineer, under Jal Shakti Vibhag for information and necessary action.
3. All the Executive Engineer, under Jal Shakti Vibhag for information and necessary action.

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Jal Shakti Bhawan,
Shimla-05.

Minutes of the meeting regarding status of Sewerage Schemes held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vikas Labroo (IAS), Secretary (JSV) Government of Himachal Pradesh

Meeting to deliberate on important issues regarding the Sewerage Schemes of the state was held under the Chairmanship Secretary, JSV at 24-02-2021 at 11:00 AM at H.P Secretariat, Shimla. List of participants is as per Annexure-I attached.

At the outset, the Engineer-in Chief (JSV) welcomed the Chairman and all the participants to the meeting and thereafter Superintending Engineer (P&I-I) made a presentation on the status of sewerage schemes in the state.

It was intimated out that there are 58 operational STPs in the state; 25 STPs are under construction; 30 new STPs have been proposed. Out of the 61 towns in the state, sewerage schemes are operational in 32 towns and setting of sewerage scheme is under progress in 11 towns, in addition upgradation works of existing scheme have also been undertaken in 12 towns. There are 18 towns where work on sewerage schemes is yet to be undertaken.

Thereafter, the scheme wise discussions were held with concerned Superintending Engineers. It was observed that 11 STPs were underutilised, the decisions taken to improve the capacity utilisation of STPs and performance of Operational Sewerage Schemes have been compiled at **Annexure – II**. The status of ongoing schemes and the decisions taken for completion of the sewerage schemes as per the NGT Timelines have been compiled at **Annexure – III**.

Discussions were also held regarding the suggestion which had come up from the Hon'ble MLAs during the MLA Priority Meeting held recently regarding recovery of water charges based on actual consumption i.e. metered water billing. It was observed that largely the water tariff in Rural Areas is on flat rates and in the Urban Areas, it is partially on volumetric basis. In order to bring in the more accountability in the system and to ensure the equitable distribution of water, it was felt that the department should move towards water tariff based on volumetric metering. Moreover, the Chief Secretary has also flagged this discussion by referring to it vide UO No.SSPS (CS) Misc. 2021 dated 15th Feb. 2021.

The Chairman directed to constitute a committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Engineer (SZ), which will carry out detailed studies on water charges models of other states and give its recommendation by April, 2021 for recovery of water charges by adopting suitable model keeping in view the perspectives of the state.

The Chairman stressed upon the fact that all the operational STPs should achieve atleast 50% utilisation within next few months, all the ongoing works on the Sewerage Schemes should be completed as per the Hon'ble NGT's timelines and work on all the proposed Sewerage Schemes should commence within the next 3 months.

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

J. Labroo

