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From

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Government of Himachal Pradesh

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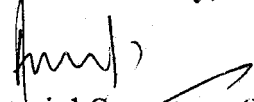
1. The Engineer-in-Chief (IPH),
Himachal Pradesh U.S.Club Shimla-1.
2. All the Chief Engineer (I&PH),
Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Superintending Engineer (Works),
Himachal Pradesh U.S.Club Shimla-1.
4. The Superintending Engineer,
(P&I)- I, Jal Bhawan, Kasumpti Shimal-9.
5. The Superintending Engineer,
(P&I)- II, Jal Bhawan, Kasumpti Shimal-9.
6. The Executive Engineer IPH,
(CCDU), Dhalli Shimla-12.

Subject: - Minutes of the Review Meeting of IPH Department by
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, held on
13-08-2010 in Ellerslie Building of Himachal Pradesh
Secretariat.

Sir,

am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Minutes of
the Review Meeting of IPH Department by Hon'ble Chief Minister
Himachal Pradesh held on 13-08-2010 in Ellerslie Building of Himachal
Pradesh Secretariat Shimla-2. You are requested to take prompt action for
compliance on the points pertaining to you

Yours faithfully,


Special Secretary (IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING OF IPH DEPARTMENT BY
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, HIMACHAL PRADESH, HELD ON
13.08.2010 IN ELLERSLIE BUILDING OF H.P. SECRETARIAT.

A meeting of IPH Department was held by Hon'ble Chief Minister, to review the implementation of various National as well as State Sector programmes and monitor progress on budgetary assurances and action taken by Department on minutes of last review meeting

At the outset, Hon'ble IPH Minister welcomed Hon'ble Chief Minister, and expressed his gratitude for holding the Departmental review meeting. Hon'ble Minister (IPH) reiterated the Department's resolve to implement the programmes and indicated that non performance at any level will not be tolerated. The following points were discussed: -

1. Establishment.

Principal Secretary (IPH), explained that against the total 37879 sanctioned strength of the Department, 7512 posts of various categories are lying vacant. The vacancy position of regular establishment was reviewed and it was decided that in order to fill up the functional vacant posts of Junior Engineers, Clerks and Steno Typists, Junior Draughtsman, Assistant Engineers, Surveyors etc., the Department should indicate the vacancy position and move a case for filling up of such vacancies

It was further desired that the Department may identify the Daily Wagers who have completed 8 years of services as on 31.3.2010, so that the case for regularization of eligible daily wagers could be taken up with the Finance Department.

(Action: E-in-C)

2 Physical & Financial Achievements

Sector-wise targets and achievements for the year 2009-10 and 2010-11 upto the 1st quarter ending 30.6.2010. were reviewed and it was noted by Pr. Secretary (Finance) that the expenditure upto the end of 1st quarter of year 2010-11, is low. It was explained that works pick up during second quarter and the targets fixed for the current financial year would be achieved. The details of physical & financial achievements during 2010-11, are as under:-

Sector-wise physical / financial progress upto 30.6.2010, is as under:-

Sr. No.	Sub-Head / Sector	Physical target for 2010-11	Achievement up to 30.6.2010	Financial Outlay 2010-11 (Rs. In lakh)	Expenditure upto 30.6.2010 (Rs. In lakh)
1.	RWSS	5000 NC/PC habitations	449 Habitations	35633.00	1980.51
2.	Major & Medium Irrigation	3500 Hectare	352 Hectare	6200.00	584.62
3.	Minor Irrigation	3000 Hectare	600 Hectare	14348.00	872.03
4.	Flood Control	1260 Hectare	248 Hectare	10500.00	262.25
5.	Hand Pumps	2500	1201		

All Chief Engineers assured that the targets fixed for the current financial year shall be achieved. Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that priority should be given to complete such projects where 60% and above work has been completed. Fund allocation should also be made on the basis of priority fixed and in the event of non completion of the works in the scheduled time limit, responsibility should also be fixed. Hon'ble Chief Minister desired that while preparation of budget 2010-11, allocation should be done in favour of schemes where over 60% physical progress stands achieved. Hon'ble C.M. also stated that expenditure during end March, 2010, invariably is

ill spent & does not focus on deliverable outcomes, but only physical / financial achievement, & therefore, Department should be guarded in its expenditure pattern and monitor progress regularly.

(Action: by all C.Es)

2. Rural Water Supply Sector

Hon'ble Chief Minister, appreciated the findings made in the Rural Water Supply sector, as per the survey conducted by the Economic & Statistics Department, H.P and stressed the need to provide drinking water facility to the remaining habitations in a time bound manner. It was further desired that there is a need to construct rain water harvesting structures and to take up more projects under Repair, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies. Hon'ble C.M. also pointed out that in the conference of DCs & SPs he had pointed out the need to remove encroachments on traditional water ponds, community water bodies etc. and IPH should ensure that traditional water bodies are maintained and such encroachments removed.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, exhorted the departmental officers to pay greater attention towards inspection of works in order to ensure quality and timely completion of the schemes. He further directed all C.Es to undertake inspection of works as per laid down schedule and all field functionaries should prepare inspection notes recorded and submitted to next higher authority by the inspecting officers. Hon'ble Chief Minister, desired that such inspection notes should also be hosted on the website

(Action: ENC & all C.Es)

Pr. Secretary (Finance) desired to hold a separate meeting with regard to allocation of funds under 13th Finance Commission, for 3 specific water supply projects namely;

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Rehabilitation and Source Level Augmentation of various schemes in Changer Area in Tehsil Dehra, Khundian, Jaisinghpur and Palampur in District Kangra.

2. Providing WSS to NC/PC Habitations under Jaswan Pragpur area in Tehsil Dehra & Jaswan District Kangra H.P. (Source level augmentation).
3. Providing WSS to various PC habitations in District Bilaspur. (SH: Source level augmentation of various LWSS / WSS under Sadar, Ghumarwin and Jhandutta Blocks from Kol Dam).

Engineer-in-Chief (IPH), pointed out that the above three projects are under execution and the procedure for allocation of funds under the 13th Finance Commission. should be on the analogy of allocation of funds to WSS Shimla under the 12th Finance Commission

(Action: ENC)

3. Hand Pump Programme.

Against the target of 2500 hand pumps for the year 2010-11, 1201 hand pumps have been installed upto 6/2010. Hon'ble Chief Minister, appreciated the efforts of the department in conducting a physical verification of hand pumps in 8 divisions and directed the Department to undertake a physical verification exercise of the remaining divisions in a phased manner. He also stressed the need to keep hand pumps functional by ensuring timely repairs

(Action: All C.Es)

4. Swajaldhara Programme

It was decided that the incomplete schemes sanctioned under Swajaldhara programme may be completed on priority, Chief Secretary pointed out that now the funds for the new schemes are to be allocated out of the NRDWP funds

(Action: E-in-C)

5. Water Quality

It was decided that a Comprehensive Action Plan should be prepared for strengthening of water testing laboratories and water quality monitoring system. Chief Secretary pointed out that there is a

need to strengthen laboratories and a protocol to be meticulously followed under this programme

(Action: E-in-C)

6. Urban Water Supply Sector.

A sum of Rs.87.06 crore, is outstanding as on 31.3.2010 from Municipal Corporation, Shimla, M.Cs Solan and Palampur, on account of bulk supply of water to the M.Cs by the Department. It was decided that a notice may be given to the concerned M.Cs to deposit the outstanding dues immediately. Hon'ble C.M. directed the Finance Department to deduct the amount from the grant of M.C.'s to recover such pending dues.

(Action: Concerned C.E.,

Pr. Secretary (Finance), pointed out that the water rates in Urban areas are less and require to be revised/enhanced to cover the operation & maintenance cost.

(Action: Pr. Secy. (IPH)

8. Sewerage Sector.

16 Urban and 2 rural sewerage schemes are in operation. It was noted that utilization of some of the schemes / STPs was low. It was decided that the utilization in terms of volume of flow into STPs Vis-a vis capacity & No. of households connected may be assessed.

Hon'ble C.M desired that department should first endeavor to provide sewerage system to all District H.Qs. Pr. Secretary (IPH), pointed out that 2 District H.Q. namely Bilaspur and Nahan remain to be connected.

22 sewerage schemes are under execution Hon'ble Chief Minister, decided that the ongoing schemes be given priority for completion before taking up new works. Pr. Secretary (IPH), pointed out that the difficulty of coordinating with U.D. / Social Welfare etc. for undertaking sewerage works, and no funds for O&M are provided for

completed schemes. Chief Secretary, indicated that the issue will be discussed separately. Engineer-in-Chief, further pointed out that the Department has no provision of funds for land reference cases. On the issue regarding ensuring connectivity in Hamirpur, Chief Engineer (H/Z) indicated that work for Rs.2.70 crore is being awarded and resultantly connectivity will improve. He further stated that necessary steps have been initiated to complete sewerage scheme, Sujampur and Sarkaghat town.

(Action: All C.Es)

9. Irrigation Sector

Major Irrigation Project Shahnehar, Medium Irrigation Project Changer, Sidhatha and Balh Valley (LB) were reviewed. While Shahnehar and Sidhatha projects are scheduled to be completed by 3/2012, and Changer Project by 3/2011, Balh valley (LB) by 6/2011. Under Minor Irrigation (AIBP), a shelf comprising of 116 schemes approved during 2007-08, is under execution and 30 schemes have been completed. A new shelf of 191 minor irrigation schemes with an estimated cost of Rs.188.64 crore comprising 17718.69 hectares is under consideration of MOWR, who are insisting on completion of ongoing shelf before approval is granted to the new shelf.

While reviewing the progress of Shahnehar Project, C.E. (DZ), pointed out that the matter regarding transfer of Govt. land has been taken up with the Railway authorities. It was decided that Chief Secretary, will send a formal request to the Chairman, Railways for early action. Hon'ble Chief Minister desired that Pr. Secretary (IPH), should take up the matter regarding S.O.P. for Balh valley with the Chairman, HPSEB and Secretary, Power on an immediate basis.

(Action: Pr. Secretary, IPH)

Chief Secretary, observed that the potential utilized vis-a-vis created potential is low and efforts should be made to increase the utilization, by ensuring coordination with the Extension wings of

Agriculture & Horticulture Departments. Task Force should be formed at District level under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner in this regard. Chief Secretary, pointed out the low utilization of potential created & lack of formation of Water User Associations. There is a need to strengthen such user groups and also evolve newer criteria for abiana collection as the cost of collection charges is often greater than receipt.

Pr.Secretary (IPH), indicated that with regard to Medium Projects, it is the endeavor of department to outsource management of such schemes for 5 years and department could evolve a strategy to strengthen Water User Associations, and also examine adoption of PIM legislation (Participatory Irrigation Management Act).

(Action: All C.Es)

10. Flood Protection

The matter regarding Swan channelization phase-1 was discussed in detail and it was desired to take up the matter with the Punjab Govt. so as to complete the channelization of balance 2.50 Km. portion from Santokhgarh bridge to Punjab border. Pr. Secretary (Finance) indicated that in view of AIBP targets for year 2010-11, Department should aim to utilize Rs.100.00 crore. Chief Engineer (HZ) indicated that he would endeavor to complete the project before schedule, as desired by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

(Action: Pr. Secy. (IPH))

11. Water Conservation Initiatives.

Under this Head, 294 proposals amounting to Rs.21.52 crore and having a total storage capacity of 2.62 Million Cubic Meters have been got approved under MNREGA, Sustainability component of NRDWP, CRF, DC's funds and other programmes, whereas 104 proposals have been completed so far and 65 are in progress. It was pointed out that the availability of local labour is a major constraint in executing MNREGA works. Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized that all out efforts should be made to utilize MNREGA funds for constructing water harvesting/conservation structures.

(Action: All C.Es)

12 C.M. Announcements

Hon'ble Chief Minister stressed the need to expedite implementation in a time bound manner of such announcements, and expressed his satisfaction in the execution of several such announcements

(Action: All C.Es)

13. E-grievances

Hon'ble Chief Minister, stressed the need to attend the complaints received through e-mail promptly and to send compliance to the individual concerned as well as higher authorities through e-mail

(Action: All C.Es)

Computerization

Department has made substantial progress in entry of module. Chief Secretary, stressed the need for inventory management, specially of pipes and monitoring of various schemes under execution as thrust areas under computerization

(Action: All C.Es)

Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed satisfaction with the overall functioning of the Department and congratulated Hon'ble Minister (IPH), for efforts in drought management during summer months. Hon'ble C.M noted with satisfaction the timely installation of hand pumps and reduction in tanker deployment by over 35%, on a year on year basis, Hon'ble Chief Minister concluded by stating that the Budget Assurances for the year be expedited and field level workers should be more responsive towards public grievances, and focus of the department should be on outcomes and not just physical / financial progress

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