

# 15039/03/2020-PMU (UT-Coord.) Government of India/Bharat Sarkar Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

North Block, New Delhi Dated, the / 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

#### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Record of Discussion of the meeting to review implementation of flagship schemes in UTs – regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward the RoD of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Union Home Secretary on 03.03.2022 on the subject mentioned above for necessary action.

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## To,

- 1. Secretary, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of India
- 2. The Chief Secretary, UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair
- 3. The Advisor to the Administrator, UT of Chandigarh, Chandigarh
- 4. The Advisor the Administrator, UT of DNH&DD, Moti Daman
- 5. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
- 6. The Chief Secretary, UT of Jammu & Kashmir
- 7. The Advisor to the Lt. Governor, UT of Ladakh
- 8. The Advisor to the Administrator, UT of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti
- 9. The Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry, Puducherry

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#### Record of Discussion

# Review of Union Territories on Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) 12:15 pm | 03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022 | MHA, North Block, New Delhi

A meeting to review the status of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM-G] of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), in 06 Union Territories (UTs) viz. Andaman & Nicobar Islands (A&NI), Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (DNH&DD), Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Ladakh, Laskhadweeep and Puducherry, was held via video conference, under the chairpersonship of Union Home Secretary (HS). List of participants is at Annexure I.

- At the outset, Union HS welcomed the participants and set the agenda for the meeting.
   Thereafter, Secretary, DDWS highlighted that UTs need to sustain their ODF status, and focus on Solid and Liquid Waste Management to ensure visibly cleaner villages.
- 3. Additional Secretary, DDWS made a presentation on the status of implementation of JJM and SBM-G in UTs and the budget allocation and funding pattern for UTs (Annexure II).
- Scheme wise key action points/ issues that emerged are as below:

#### Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

- a. A&NI, Puducherry and DNH&DD have 100% Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) and now they should focus on source sustainability. The other UTs should also enhance coverage of FHTCs.
- UTs should also ensure water availability through sustainable sources for the entire term period, with provision of minimum 55 litres' per capita daily (LPCD).
- c. UTs should focus on rainwater harvesting systems, soakpits in households and grey water management, especially in ecologically fragile areas in island UTs.
- d. Local community involvement should be encouraged by all UTs through capacity building and active involvement, so that Operations & Maintenance of the scheme is taken forward by the community eventually. Local women may be mobilised and trained to test water quality (Field Test Kits). Institutional structures should be built and long term action plans should be made for sustainability of initiatives.
- e. UTs should ensure saturation in terms of piped water supply to Schools/Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), by completing their remaining minor projects.
- f. All UTs should ensure optimum utilisation of funds.
- g. Lakshadweep has reported water scarcity, for which it proposes to construct desalination plants, which may be an expensive proposition. UT may engage WAPCOS to visit the UT and make suitable recommendations, and also look towards the possibility of rain water harvesting and recycling/reusing water.
- The languishing projects related to water supply in J&K are required to be made JJM compliant.
- Puducherry should create more demand for toilets and work towards behavioural change at the community level.

j. UTs should give emphasis and focus their efforts on aspirational districts

# Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin 2.0 [SBM(G) 2.0]

- All UTs should make efforts to achieve ODF+ status by December, 2022.
- b. UTs should encourage construction of soak pits and community toilets, and expedite construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs). Toilets in newly built houses and Visual cleanliness should be emphasized upon. (Villages to be central in the implementation of schemes).
- c. In light of the latest NFHS-5 Report, UTs have been requested by DDWS to espeditiously undertake a Rapid Appraisal to assess any gaps in the field. The same should be completed expeditiously and complete coverage must be ensured.
- d. All UTs should ensure optimum utilisation of funds.
- e. All UTs except A&NI should increase coverage of villages as regards Solid Waste Management (SWM). UTs should also ensure that all toilets are converted to twin-pit toilets, especially in the island UTs.
- UTs should complete Phase I IMIS activities. UTs should also address issues related to financial reporting.
- g. UTs should create Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) and Plastic Management arrangements at Block/District level. Priority should be to address the Single use plastic waste.
- h. A&NI has achieved ODF Plus status in all villages, however, UT may expedite the works on Grey water management and Faecal Sludge Management, which are currently under progress.
- J&K should expedite 2<sup>nd</sup> ODF verification, which is pending for a majority of villages.
   Data reconciliation should be done by UT with respect to Toilets under PMAY.

# 5. UTs made the following remarks:

- a. A&NI: IHHLS will be completed by June, 2022. 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitoring is being done through SHGs.
- b. J&K: Under SBM-G, technological guidance and assistance is required for segregation of waste and sustainable use of plastics. There is also a need to attach a revenue stream to enable efficient management of plastic. Substantial progress is expected to be made in 6 months time. Procurement issues are being resolved and targets will be met in time. A complete proposal is being made for languishing projects.
- c. Ladakh: Under SBM-G, all targeted villages are expected to be covered under Grey Water Management by July 2022. All IHHLs will be completed by June 2022. Under JJM, the UT seeks technological intervention by the DDWS for obtaining better insulation technology. 100% tendering has been done and 97% work has been allotted. For testing water quality labs are being setup and training of women in FTKs is being done. Taking up the issue of figures projected by NFHS and a 100% survey of villages is being undertaken.
- d. Lakshadweep: All households and institutions will have tap connections by April 2022. As regards Liquid Waste Management, given the fragile ecosystem in the islands, there is no sewage network and therefore, the focus of the UT has been on constructing septic

- tanks, as setting up of Sewage Treatment plants was not found feasible. (based on earlier consultations with Ministries and experts). Kalpeni Plant will be operational and plans for other projects will be sent.
- e. Puducherry: An action plan regarding water source sustainability has been prepared and will be shared in the next 15 days. DPRs are ready and Tenders for SWM, faecal sludge management and grey water management will be floated shortly.
- f. DNH&DD: For LWM, sewage treatment plants have been created and vacuum suction vehicles provided in all rural areas. IHHLS will be completed by May, 2022, thereby improving ODF rating. SwatchtaPrehri Mobile App has been developed to create awareness and plug-in slippages through community participation. UT has Tied up with Cement Companies for use of plastics. Bye laws have been made to empower Panchayats to levy charges.

## 6. After deliberations, following was decided:

- a. A&NI must regularly review the ground situation and quality of SWM and LWM in the UT.
- b. J&K should review its SWM and LWM strategy, and may consider planning its strategy by considering the unique requirements of each village and addressing the gaps/issues. UT may also expedite the procedures related to bringing its languishing projects under JJM and completing them.
- c. Ladakh may go in for better consultancies and infrastructure to find innovative solutions to the unique problems of the UT due to its challenging terrain.
- d. Puducherry should focus on awareness and behavioural change which will lead to increase in the demand for toilets.
- e. Lakshadweep may look into the practices of A&NI with regard to LWM. UT will send a brief note to MHA on the UT's concerns regarding the feasibility of solutions proposed by WAPCOS. A copy of the same may also be shared with DDWS.
- All UTs must ensure that the quality of works undertaken under the schemes is up to the mark.
- g. All Chief Secretaries/ adviser to the administrators should regularly review the progress of the schemes at their level and saturate the schemes within set deadlines.
- h. All UTs must ensure timely awarding of contracts, and should also ensure that tender documents are well-drafted, so as to avoid complications at later stage.
- UTs may also look for innovative solutions that are workable and sustainable, by involving external agencies and experts.
- j. All UTs to step up their efforts to achieve saturation under the two schemes, in furtherance of Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of making UTs models of good governance for the rest of the country to follow.

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

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# List of Participants

## Ministry of Home Affairs

1. Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary

- In Chair
- 2. Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, Joint Secretary (UT)
- 3. Shri Manish Tiwari, Joint Secretary (JKL)
- 4. Shri Praveen Kumar Rai, Director (UT)
- 5. Shri Shiv Kumar, Director (Ladakh)
- 6. Shri Dharmendra Kumar, DS (J&K)
- 7. Shri Ravi Ranjan, Second-in-Command
- 8. Shri Kanishk Chaudhry, Assistant Commandant

# Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti

- 9. Ms Vini Mahajan, Secretary
- 10. Shri Arun Baroka, Additional Secretary (SBM & CVO)
- 11. Shri Pradeep Singh, Director (JJM-IV)
- 12. Shri Rampal Singh, Deputy Secretary (SBM-I)

## **Union Territories**

- 13. Shri Jitendra Narain, Chief Secretary, UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- 14. Shri A. K. Singh, Advisor to the Administrator, UT of DNH&DD
- 15. Shri Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, UT of Jammu & Kashmir
- 16. Shri Umang Narula, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh
- 17. Shri Shashank Mani Tripathi, Secretary (Transport) In Charge Advisor, UT of Lakshadweep
- 18. Shri Ashwani Kumar, Chief Secretary, UT of Puducherry

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