Minutes of the third Meeting of the National Level Advisory and Monitoring Committee for Jal Kranti Abhiyan (2015-16) held on 16.09.2016 at 3.00 P.M.

The third Meeting of the National Level Advisory and Monitoring Committee for Jal Kranti Abhiyan (2015-16) was held on 16.09.16 at 3.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri U.P. Singh, Additional Secretary (WR, RD & GR) in Committee Room of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

2. The following were discussed during the meeting:

i) Identification of Jal Grams:-

a.) 1090 Jal Grams have been identified so far out of the total target of 1352. The selection of remaining 262 Jal Grams needs to be done in a defined timeline;

b.) Identification of 100 dalit dominated Jal Grams in 10 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

ii) Preparation of Water Security Plans:-

Out of the identified 1090 Jal Grams, Water Security Plans for 232 Jal Grams have been prepared. Preparation of Water Security Plans for the remaining Jal Grams may also be done in a defined timeline. Central funding

iii) Consent of Hon'ble Member of Parliaments:-

To discuss regarding the decision taken in the consultative committee meeting of MoWR, RD & GR held on 12.07.2016 that the consent of local MPs may be taken for selection of Jal Grams and consent of local MPs may also be taken for already identified Jal Grams.

iv) Model Command Area:-

It was decided that the work related to Model Command Area has to be undertaken by NWM in a project mode with the help of CADWM. However, no information/progress has been received from NWM.

v) Organization of Workshop/Training Programmes:-

In the current FY 2016-17, an amount of 120 lakh has been sanctioned by the Ministry under IEC Scheme for conducting workshop/training programmes/printing of materials by CWC and CGWB. It should be ensured that all the workshop/training programmes should be conducted on or before 31st March, 2017 and amount sanctioned for the purpose should be completely utilized.
vi) Identification of success stories:-

CWC and CGWB have been requested by the Ministry for Identification of Places/Islands of success in the field of water management/water conservation like Seechewal in Punjab, Laporia in Rajasthan, Hiware Bazar / Ralegan Siddhi in Maharashtra etc. in different parts of the country and arrange for visit of people from selected Jal Grams i.e. Gram Pradhans, Water User Associations, Stakeholders in Water Resource Conservation, NGOs, etc. to these places/islands of success. However, this could not be done till date. This exercise to be completed on priority basis.

vii) Central funding / Convergence with other Schemes:-

Programmes / Schemes of Central / State Governments may be identified for convergence with Jal Kranti Abhiyan.

viii) Cleanliness Drives:-

Special Cleanliness Drives in Water Bodies (areas surrounding lakes, riverfronts, beaches, ghats, waterways) as part of Swacch Bharat Mission is to be included as a part of Jal Kranti Abhiyan.

3. AS (WR, RD & GR) welcomed the participants. Thereafter SJC(PP) gave a brief presentation on the progress achieved under Jal Kranti Abhiyan till date. He stated that 1090 villages out of the total target of 1352 have been identified so far and Water Security Plan for 232 villages have been prepared.

4. AS(WR, RD & GR) expressed concern on the slow pace of progress. He emphasised that there must be a timeframe for identification of villages and for preparation of Water Security Plan as well.

5. It was decided that 31st October, 2016 may be fixed for identification of remaining Jal Grams whereas 30th November, 2016 may be fixed for preparation of Water Security Plan for all villages. All the concerned participating officers and the Chairman agreed upon the timelines for selection of remaining villages and preparation of Water Security Plans.

6. AS(WR, RD & GR) further suggested that the Nodal Officers of CWC/CGWB should play a pro-active role in identification of remaining villages and preparation of Water Security Plans instead of leaving it to the State Govts.

7. Regarding allocation of funds for JKA under Groundwater Component of PMKSY, Commissioner (SPR) informed that there is no ceiling of Rs.8.5 lakhs for villages identified under JKA. He stated that works to be undertaken in selected Jal Grams have to be identified depending upon the requirement of the village and the same may be incorporated in Water Security Plan.
8. Regarding mass awareness programme, it was pointed out by AS (WR, RD & GR) that only Rs. 120 lakhs have been identified under JKA for the FY 2016-17 which is much less than Rs.493 lakhs sanctioned for FY 2015-16. In this regard JS(PP) submitted that the additional funds under IEC scheme may be obtained at RE stage if progress of work is satisfactory.

9. It was also suggested to create a Facebook page for JKA.

10. AS(WR, RD & GR) further suggested that exposure visits to the places of success stories like Hivare Bazar, Sinchewal, Lapurria etc. may be done under mass awareness component of JKA. He also suggested that a list of NGO's/Communities involved in water conservation may be prepared.

11. Director (IEC) requested the officers of CWC/CGWB to send their proposals for organising workshops/training/printing of materials for processing sanction of amount at the earliest.

12. AS(WR, RD &GR) clarified that it may not be feasible for the Ministry to examine the Water Security Plans of each and every Jal Gram village and thereafter approve it. Therefore, Water Security Plans should be prepared by the Distt. Level Committee and approved at the level of State Level Committee. Any modification regarding this may be made in the guidelines of JKA.

13. AS(WR, RD & GR) further suggested that funds should be released on priority basis for already prepared Water Security Plans.

14. The following follow up actions emerged from discussions during the meeting:

- Identification of remaining 262 Jal Grams have to be completed by 31st October, 2016.
  [Action:CWC/CGWB/Nodal Officers in the Ministry]

- Water Security Plans for all identified Jal Grams have to be prepared by 30th November, 2016.
  [Action:CWC/CGWB/ Nodal Officers in the Ministry]

- Proposals for organizing workshops/trainings/printing of publicity materials have to be sent to IEC Section of the Ministry for processing/sanction of funds on priority basis.
  [Action:CWC/CGWB]

- Creation of facebook page for Jal Kranti Abhiyan.
  [Action:SJC(PP)/Director(NIC)]

- Exposure visits to the places of success stories like Hivare Bazar, Sinchewal, Lapuria etc. may be done under mass awareness component of JKA.
  [Action: CWC/CGWB/Nodal Officers in the Ministry]

- A list of community/ organisation involved in water conservation may be prepared.
  [Action:CWC/CGWB/SJC(PP)]
• Water Security Plans should be approved by the Distt. Level Committee and maximum at the level of State Level Committee.  
  [Action:CWC/CGWB]

• Funds should be released on priority basis for already prepared Water Security Plans.  
  [Action:Comm (SPR)]

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

List of Participants of the First Meeting of National Level Advisory and Monitoring Committee of 'Jal Kranti Abhiyan'

1. Dr. Amarjit Singh, Additional Secretary, MoWR, RD&GR (In chair);
2. Sh. Narendra Kumar, Member (RM), Central Water Commission;
3. Sh. Jalaj Shrivastava, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation;
4. Sh. K.B. Biswas, Chairman Central Ground Water Board;
5. Sh. Pradeep Kumar, Commissioner (SP), MoWR, RD&GR;
6. Sh. T.S. Mehra, Commissioner (B&B), MoWR, RD&GR;
7. Sh. R.K. Gupta, Joint Secretary (PR), MoWR, RD&GR;
8. Sh. Atul Jain, Chief Engineer (HRM), Central Water Commission;
9. Dr. Dinesh Chand, Additional Advisor (PHE), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation;
10. Dr. Devesh Gupta, Addl. DDG, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Welfare;
11. Dr. Dhiraj Kakadia, Director, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;
12. Sh. Shailendra Vikram Singh, Director, Ministry of Urban Development;
13. Sh. Debasis Pal, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj;
14. Dr. V.C. Goyal, Head, Research Management and Outreach Division, National Institute of Hydrology;
15. Sh. M.S. Sahare, Senior Joint Commissioner (FM), MoWR, RD&GR;
16. Sh. S.K. Sharma, Senior Joint Secretary (PP), MoWR, RD&GR;
17. Sh. R.B. Kumar, Director (TC), Central Water Commission;
18. Sh. Narendra Birthare, Convener, Ganga Vichar Manch;
19. Sh. Y.D. Sharma, IndiaNPIM;
20. Sh. D.P. Mathuria, Director (RMCD), Central Water Commission-Member Secretary