

Minutes of the 2nd State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM)
Executive Committee meeting held on 15-12-2021, 4.00pm through
Video Conference

List of Participants attached as Annexure – 1.

Meeting Commenced at 4.00 PM.

Sri. T.K. Jose, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Kerala chaired the meeting and welcomed all the participants. Sri. Venkatesapathy S., IAS, Managing Director KWA and Mission Director JJM Kerala explained about implementation and progress of Jal Jeevan Mission in Kerala to the committee. The presentation made is attached as Annexure-2. After the brief presentation, MD presented the agenda points to the committee.

Agenda - 1: Operation and Maintenance (O&M) policy for the schemes implemented under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Jal Jeevan Mission Project is implemented under the Local Self Government Institutions in their ownership. Kerala Water Authority (KWA), Kerala Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Agency (KRWSA) and Ground Water Department (GWD) are the implementing agencies executing the projects on behalf of the respective Panchayats.

As per JJM National Operational Guidelines, Management and O&M of the water supply scheme and recovery of user charges is by the Gram Panchayat and/ or its sub-committee, i.e. VWSC/ Paani Samiti/ User Group, etc. Govt. of India has informed vide DO letter No. W-11011/49/2021-JJM-I DDWS dt. 18/5/2021 of AS & Mission Director, NJJM & Letter No. No. W-11011/49/2021-JJM.I-DDWS dt. 27/10/2021 of Director, NJJM, that for assured water supply and sustainability of systems, it is important that proper O&M policy is put in place wherein water user charges is to be collected to meet the recurring expenditure for assured potable tap water supply to users on regular basis without any disruption. **Also requested that the O&M policy of the State for assured tap water supply to every rural home may be framed and adopted** and a copy of the same may also be shared with GOI.

In Kerala, majority of the rural water supply schemes are currently operated and maintained by KWA and user charges are collected by KWA. If the panchayats decide and agree to entrust the O&M with KWA authorizing to collect the user charges, KWA can take up the O&M of the schemes implemented. It must be done with the consent & approval of the government.



In the case of Bulk water supply schemes implemented, the responsibility of the implementing agency (KWA) ends at the point of Bulk meter and after that the concerned user groups/Panchayats has to take care of the O&M of such schemes and charges of bulk water to be paid to the implementing agencies.

The agenda was presented before the committee for discussion and giving consent regarding submitting recommendation to Government in this regard.

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the committee decided to give consent for submitting recommendation to Government regarding the O&M policy to be adopted for JJM scheme as follows:

- 1) In Kerala, majority of the rural water supply schemes are currently operated and maintained by KWA and user charges are collected by KWA. If the panchayats decide and agree to entrust the O&M with KWA authorizing to collect the user charges, KWA can take up the O&M of the schemes implemented. It must be done with the consent & approval of the government.
- 2) In the case of Bulk water supply schemes implemented, the responsibility of the implementing agency ends at the point of Bulk meter and after that the concerned user groups/Panchayats has to take care of the O&M of such schemes and charges of bulk water to be paid to the implementing agencies.

Agenda - 2: Key Resource Centres (KRC) empanelled by NJJM for Training and Capacity Building Activities- Revised Guideline issued by NJJM-Giving consent to the four day Residential Training Programmes of Community Level.

National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM) had prepared a frame work for a 4 day Training for Level 3 (Community Level) participants, to be executed by Key Resource Centres (KRCs), in all States/UTs. Accordingly, the AAPs submitted by 6 out of 7 shortlisted KRCs in Kerala, were placed before the 1st SWSM Executive Committee held on 12.10.2021 and as decided by the Committee, the AAPs were forwarded to GoK for consent; for forwarding to NJJM for approval.

Now, NJJM has issued a new guideline two 4-day residential programmes with max. 60 participants in any of the assigned States shall be done by the KRCs and that more

programmes shall be assigned after assessment of the two programmes. These training programmes are arranged and funded by NJJM directly and the state does not have any financial obligation.

Based on the above decision of NJJM, KRCs shortlisted for Kerala were requested to forward Programme Chart for Two Programmes in Kerala. Responses received from the KRCs are tabulated and presented in the following chart

Sl. No.	KRC	Response of KRC	Remarks
1	AILSG	They will do one programme in Kerala , and one in another State	Training Details Forwarded (Kannur)
2	CED	They will do two Programmes in Kerala	Training Details Forwarded (Thiruvananthapuram, Wayanad)
3.	ESCI	Will not be doing in Kerala	Doing both programmes in other states
4	Gramalaya	Will not be doing in Kerala	Doing both programmes in other states
5	RCSS	They will do two Programmes in Kerala	Training Details forwarded. (Idukki and Ernakulam)
6	SEUF	They will do two Programmes in Kerala	Training Details forwarded. (Alappuzha and Kasargode)
7	The Andhyodhaya	They will do two Programmes in Kerala	Training Details Forwarded (Thrissur, Kottayam)

CED- Centre for Environment and Development

AILSG-All India Institute of Local Self Government

SEUF-Socio Economic Unit Foundation

RCSS-Rajagiri College of Social Sciences

ESCI-Engineering Staff College of India

The district wise details are as follows:

Sl. No	District	KRC allotted	Total Program
1	Thiruvananthapuram	CED, Thiruvananthapuram	1

2	Kollam	AIIILSG, (Regional Office at Thiruvananthapuram)	Nil
3	Pathanamthitta	Gramalaya , Thiruchirappally	Nil
4	Kottayam	The Andhyodaya, Kochi	1
5	Alappuzha	SEUF, Thiruvananthapuram	1
6	Ernakulam	RCSS , Kochi	1
7	Idukki	RCSS, Kochi	1
8	Thrissur	The Andhyodaya, Kochi	1
9	Palakkad	ESCI, Hyderabad	Nil
10	Kozhikkode	Gramalaya , Thiruchirappally.	Nil
11	Wayanad	CED , Thiruvananthapuram	1
12	Malappuram	ESCI, Hyderabad	Nil
13	Kannur	AIIILSG (Regional Office at Thiruvananthapuram)	1
14	Kasargod	SEUF, Thiruvananthapuram	1

The agenda was presented before the committee to give consent to the Training details forwarded by the KRCs to forward to NJJM for approval.

Decision:

The committee decided to give consent as per guidelines to the Training details forwarded by the KRCs to forward to NJJM for approval.

Supplementary Agenda No. 1

Deployment of Implementation Support Agencies (ISAs)

The Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (KRWSA) was entrusted with the responsibility of short listing and deployment of Implementation Support Agencies (ISAs) in Panchayats.

On behalf of State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM), after due process, KRWSA has shortlisted 49 agencies as ISAs. Subsequently two agencies have informed their difficulties and opted out of the short list. As required in the JJM guidelines, the District Water and Sanitation Missions (DWSM) have appointed 47 ISAs in 941 GPs.



Later 3 ISAs, which were assigned in 22 GPs, have withdrawn from the project due to their own reasons. For these 22 GPS, the ISAs yet to be appointed. In these GPs, 8 ISAs including Kudumbasree have come forward.

The agenda was presented before the committee to decide about assigning ISA to the 22 GPs.

Decision:

The committee decided that being a government agency, Kudumbasree can be given preference in assigning as ISA to the 22 GPs.

Additional items discussed in the meeting and decisions:

- 1) ACS-WRD directed that more IEC activities be carried out for creating awareness among citizens, Panchayat authorities, etc. regarding the Jal Jeevan Mission programme. Also, put up JJM stalls in various exhibitions and events; give JJM awareness programmes through Akashvani, FM radio, etc. IEC materials to be distributed to Gram Sabhas, Panchayats, etc.
- 2) Under ARISE programme of Kudumbasree, steps shall be taken to empower and give skilling to women plumbers to do plumbing maintenance works in houses. Kudumbasree to identify two women minimum under the jurisdiction of each section office of KWA for imparting training. *They shall be properly accommodated in KWA offices with proper seating arrangements*
- 3) More local people to be made skilled in the categories such as Pump operators, Plumbers, Electrician, Fitters, Mason through KASE within March 2022. KWA, KRWSA, Kudumbasree and KASE to join together to impart skills for 1000 people by March 2022.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 PM.


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Annexure – 1 - List of Participants: –

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- 2) Sri. Pranabjyothi Nath, IAS, Secretary, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Kerala.
- 3) Sri. S Venkatesapathy, IAS, Managing Director, KWA, Executive Director, KRWSA & Mission Director, JJM, Kerala.
- 4) Sri. John V. Samuel, IAS, Director, Ground Water Department.
- 5) Sri. Balamurali, IAS, Commissioner of Rural Development.
- 6) Sri. G. Sreekumar, Technical Member, Kerala Water Authority.
- 7) Sri. K.K. Anilkumar, Chief Engineer (P&O), Kerala Water Authority.
- 8) Sri. A. Shanavas, Chief Engineer, KSEB Limited.
- 9) Sri. S. Harris, Director, Technical, KRWSA.
- 10) Sri. Ajithkumar M.P., Additional Director of Panchayats.
- 11) Smt. Shirly T. Das, Deputy Chief Engineer (R&B), PWD.
- 12) Dr. Bipin Gopal, Assistant Director, DHS.
- 13) Smt. Ajitha L, Under Secretary, Finance Department.
- 14) Smt. Deepa Martin, Chief Planning Officer, Education Department.
- 15) Sri. Murali R., Executive Engineer, LSGD.
- 16) Smt. Suchithra, Programme Manager, Kudumbasree.