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Minutes of the Meeting of Inter-Sectoral Advisory Group for Goal- IV

A meeting of Inter-Sectoral Advisory Group for Goal- IV was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 15th May, 2013 at Committee Room, 1st Floor, Sharm Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. The list of participants is enclosed.

Secretary (WR) welcomed the members of the Committee and emphasized that a concrete action on Water Use Efficiency is to be taken on ground. SS (WR) elaborated on the actions taken so far for increasing Water Use Efficiency and the actions envisaged.

Advisor (C & M) presented the Action Taken Report of the last meeting and also made a presentation on various measures envisaged for increasing Water Use Efficiency since establishment of National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency may take some more time. He informed about the NWM portal being built up, which will be a knowledge hub for all water sector data needs. The portal will have data access to all related ministries like Ministry of Earth Sciences, Ministry of Science and Technology etc and also to WRIS, CGWB, CPCB /SPCB and Water Resources Departments of the State governments. He also informed that NWM has initiated consultation with FICCI and CII to undertake studies in those industries which use huge quantities of water for improving water use efficiency. It is proposed to get it audited by an independent auditor appointed by MoWR. Advisor (C&M) further intimated that as a follow up of the Seminar on Water Footprints and the discussion that was held in the follow up meeting, NWM is in the process of setting up a Committee under the chairmanship of Director, National Institute of Hydrology (NIH) with experts from Industry, IITS, Delhi School of Economics and Water Sector to work out a standard for primary footprint for India in place ISO 14046(Water Footprint).

The representative of the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) intimated that service level benchmarks have already been developed by MoUD. She further stated that seminars for achieving service level benchmarks are being organised very frequently by MoUD. SS(WR) asked MoUD for furnishing a status report on the initiatives taken by MoUD and the ongoing programmes with respect to improving WUE. MoUD was also requested to extend the programmes to all 401 cities and also to take up water auditing work of at least 10 government buildings.

The Director (Climate Change), Central Water Commission raised the issue of development of complete procedure for "certification of Water Auditors" which has been raised by the Industry representatives also during the meetings held with them under the chairmanship of SS(WR).

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SS(WR) suggested that a concept note for "Incentivization of Water Use Efficiency" may be developed and directed the Director (CC) to take necessary action for the same.

After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:-

1. A Concept Note/Base paper of incentivisation of industries for increasing Water Use Efficiency by 20% is to be prepared by CWC.
2. NWM to coordinate with MoUD for water audit of government buildings.
3. One demonstration project on Water Use Efficiency to be co-ordinated by NWM.
4. A meeting with the Agriculture Departments of Punjab, Haryana and Maharashtra states in particular may be convened to increase Water Use Efficiency by 20%.
5. A meeting may be convened with the Commissioner (SPr) and CWC for exploring the possibility of linking Water Use Efficiency with the on-going schemes of the MoWR.
6. A meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture may be organised to increase Water Use Efficiency in agriculture.
7. NWM to write to Chief Secretaries of the States and various Ministries to request them to orient their programs with the goals of National Water Mission.
8. MoUD to forward status on all the programmes and schemes on recycling of water. MoUD may consider including increasing Water Use Efficiency by 20% as one of its parameters for the Urban Water Award.
9. NWM to identify appropriate institutes/organisations for increasing water use efficiency across agriculture, industry and domestic sectors.
10. Standard for Water Foot Print to be develop within 6 months.

The next meeting of Inter-Sectoral Advisory Group for Goal-IV be convened at regular intervals.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
