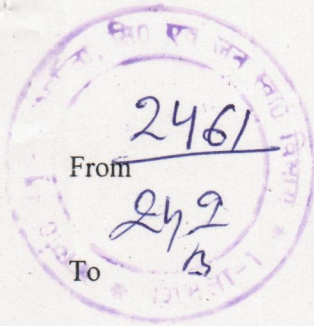


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Department of Irrigation & Public Health



The Additional Chief Secretary (IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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Shimla-171001.
2. Director(WSSO)
IPH Department, Shimla-171001.
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3. The Superintending Engineer(WS&S)
IPH Department, Shimla-171004.
4. The Superintending Engineer,
IPH Circle-Shimla-9.
5. The Superintending Engineer(P&I-1)
Jal Bhawan Shimla-171009.
6. M.E. MC Shimla.

Dated Shimla-171002 September, 2013

Subject: - Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September, 2013 in Armsdale Committee Room under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary(IPH), to review the action taken on the minutes of meeting held on 8th July, 2013 regarding non seasonal outbreak of jaundice. Causes of non-seasonal outbreak of Jaundice-meeting regarding

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September, 2013 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary(IPH), in Armsdale Committee Room, to review the action taken on the minutes of meeting held on 8th July, 2013 regarding non seasonal outbreak of jaundice for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. S.K. Kapta),
Special Secretary (IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
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Endst. No. As above;

Dated:

23-9-2013

1. The Engineer-in-Chief (IPH) U.S. Club, Shimla-171001 for information and further necessary action. He is also requested to up-load the aforesaid minutes of the meeting on the website of I&PH Department.
2. The Commissioner M.C. Shimla is requested to meet to Additional Chief Secretary (IPH) on 24th September, 2013 on this issue.

Special Secretary (IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September, 2013 at 4 PM in Armsdale Committee Room under the chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary (IPH), to review the action taken on the minutes of meeting held on 8th July, 2013, regarding non seasonal outbreak of jaundice.

(List of Participants is attached as Annexure-1)

1. During the first meeting held on 8th July, 2013 the Municipal Corporation Shimla was advised to provide public taps, where traditional sources prone to contamination are being used by public (migrant labourers in particular) and results in outbreak of Jaundice. The Municipal Engineer informed that per se there is no provision for providing public tap at such places. He however assured that **the matter will be taken up before the House of MC Shimla during next meeting for consideration and approval** and after the approval of the House, public taps shall be provided by the MC.
2. The issue of installation of water ATMs in Shimla town was also discussed in the meeting. The Additional Chief Secretary took strong exception to the slow progress and non sharing of the concept of water ATM with the Municipal authorities by the IPH officials till date. This has resulted in non installation of water ATM vends in Shimla. It was therefore decided **that a meeting shall be organized with the MC Shimla** very soon(in September,2013) to discuss this issue threadbare. Although it was intimated by the SE (WS&S) that two sites for ATMs have been identified by the MC Shimla.
3. The Chief Engineer (Shimla Zone) informed that the tentative cost estimates for providing Ultra Filter Membrane and ION exchange through Ozonization for Ashwani Khad have been procured. The Ultra Filtration Membrane is estimated to cost Rs. 13.5 crore and Ozonization technique Rs. 10.75 crore. The merits & demerits and thorough comparison of both the proposals however need detailed analysis. The Chairman directed that **detailed comparison be made w.r.t the plants where these technologies have been adopted and concrete recommendations be made with-in one month** for adoption of more suitable technology.

4. The Municipal Engineer Shimla informed that Municipal Corporation periodically cleans the public water tanks in Shimla. The schedule has also been submitted by Municipal Corporation. However, **the individual water tanks are not covered by the MC but, these also need to be cleaned by developing some mechanism.**
5. In the earlier meeting it was decided to have MOU for overseeing the functioning of the water testing labs with third party agency like Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board (HPPCB) Parwanoo, and other accredited laboratories by BIS etc. which would act as regulatory body. The Ecolab consultants Pvt. Ltd., Mohali, a NABT (National Accreditation Board for Testing) were also contacted for the purpose. They have sent a proposal as per Annexure – IV of the agenda. In the meeting, **it was decided to send the same for approval of the rates from the Government** as, the Pollution Control Board have expressed their inability to do the job.
6. It was intimated by the CE Shimla that, the proposal from the consulting firm which was initially involved in the installation of STP's has been received for validation of the performance of these STPs as was decided in the meeting held on 8th July, the Chairman directed the CE Shimla that **the case may be processed as per Financial Rules, Codes & instructions and complete justification for consultancy services be provided to the government with in 10 days** before entering into any negotiations with them.
7. It was intimated by the ME that the solid waste/ garbage in Shimla is being collected through door to door collection but, due to shortage of labour it is not possible to segregate bio degradable and non degradable waste. The chairman desired that issue be taken up with the Municipal Commissioner for taking appropriate action by segregating the same at source level. **The MC should ensure that the garbage is not disposed off at unauthorized places, thus polluting water sources and suburbs of Shimla town should be also covered under the scheme to make an overall impact.** It was also decided that MC will take appropriate action for identifying those households in Shimla who are mixing the storm/rain water

with sewerage and thus making the STPs ineffective. The matter will be taken up formally by the SE (WS&S) with the MC Shimla within a week.

8. The Director, WSSO informed that FTK are for rural water supply schemes and the counselors have shown reluctance for taking FTK's.
9. It was intimated by the CE Shimla that, the rainfall data has been collected to make a linkage with the outbreak of Jaundice. During discussions it transpired that there is a direct bearing of rainfall with the occurrence of jaundice. During first heavy showers the impurities pollute the water sources heavily (Ashwani Khad source catchment). Thus precautions need to be taken during such period and if water is found heavily polluted; the scheme is shut down in such eventualities. **It was decided that the Health authorities again be requested to give socio-economic data of the patients to study the linkages with jaundice.**

The meeting ended with thanks to all the participants with the hope that the decisions taken will be implemented without reminding again.

Annexure-A

List of participants of meeting on 13.09.2013 at 4.00 PM.

S.No.	Name (S/Sh.)	Designation
1.	R.K.Sharma	Engineer-in-Chief(I&PH)
2.	S.K.Kapta	Special Secretary(IPH)
3.	M.S.Kanwar	C.E.South
4.	A.K.Vaidya	C.E.(D&M)Director, WSSO
5.	Suman Vikrant	S.E.IPH Circle, Shimla
6.	K.C.Dhiman	S.E., WS & S Circle Shimla-3
7.	K.K.Gupta	S.E.-cum-State Coordinator(WSSO)
8.	Naveen Puri	S.E.(P&I), Shimla
9.	B.S.Bhatia	S.E.(D), South Zone Shimla
10.	Anil Mehta	E.E.(IPH), Division-I Shimla-9
11.	S.K.Sharma	E.E.(P&I)-I
12.	Preet Mohinder Singh	E.E. Division No.II Shimla
13.	V.K.Gupta	M.E., MC Shimla
14.	Ashwani Sharma	O/O S.E. Jal Bhawan (SZ)
15.	Rajesh Kashyap	A.E., MC Shimla
16.	Raj Paul	A.E., STP Sub-Division Dhalli.