

**Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 in committee room under the chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary (IPH) to the GoHP, to review the action taken on the minutes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, regarding Non Seasonal outbreak of Jaundice,**

**(List of Participants is attached as Annexure-1)**

In the beginning, a brief presentation was made by Mr.K.K Gupta, SE-cum- Coordinator WSSO about the concept and issues involved in Coliform Monitoring Plan based on the reports and studies made in past about the non seasonal outbreak of Jaundice. It was followed by discussion on following topics:

- 1. Providing Public Taps:-** The Municipal Engineer informed that the matter regarding providing public taps at places where the traditional water sources are prone to contamination was placed before the House of MC Shimla for consideration and approval who resolved to keep this issue pending. However, the matter has again been discussed with the Mayor by the ME and the Mayor has assured that the matter will be again placed before the House and the connections will be provided thereafter.
- 2. The issue of installation of water ATMs in Shimla town and at other locations in the state was also discussed in the meeting.** Director WSSO intimated that 'Expression of Interest' for implementing pilot project for installing water ATMs (automated) vending machines based on UV & UF technology to dispense water on demand has been advertised in the leading news papers as well as uploaded on departmental website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org) last date of receipt of EOI is 26-12-2013.
- 3. Ultra Filtration Membrane & Ozonization:-** Both the proposals for treatment of water through Ultra filtration Membrane & Ozonization in the LWSS Ashwani Khad, were discussed with the Consultant from WAPCOS and after going through in the details of merits and demerits, they suggested that Ozonization would be suitable technology & techno-economical. As such this proposal has been included in the upgradation of DPR for Rehabilitation of Water Supply Distribution System for Shimla City being prepared by them but this addresses the 10mld water capacity of Ashwani Khad only and for other schemes this component will require additional cost.

4. **Cleaning of Water Tanks:-** The Municipal Engineer intimated that periodical cleaning of all main storage tanks under Municipal Corporation is being done. The individuals are being made aware through print media as well as by a drive of 'Sarvamangal'- a community contact programme launched by Municipal Corporation staff; to keep their tanks clean. But, it was felt during the discussion that MC should set in place a mechanism on the pattern of DDA to ensure that the water tanks of individuals are regularly cleaned.
5. **Validation of STPs:-** Chief Engineer, Shimla Zone intimated that M/S MWH India Pvt. Ltd has intimated its inability to take the job due to non-viability of project for the firm. It was decided that fresh tenders shall be invited to do this job with in 15 days. During the discussion it was told that many households in Shimla have connected the storm water with the sewerage system and this makes the STP absolutely ineffective and thus MC should proactively separate these connections by serving notices to such households after immediate identification. The ME was requested to expedite the legal process of serving notices and to ensure that no storm water enters into the sewerage connections and make use of provisions in the existing legal remedies like **MC and Epidemic Acts** effectively; to stop outbreak of seasonal diseases and epidemics in Shimla. The Chief Engineer Shimla Zone will serve notice to the MC Shimla to take immediate steps in this regard.
6. **Distribution of Field Testing Kits:-**It was decided that twenty five FTK's will be provided by the WSSO to the Municipal Corporation & CHO, MC will ensure that test reports are regularly shared/provided to the IPH Department by the M.C.
7. **Socio-Economic data of the Jaundice Patients:-**It was assured by Dr. Swati Saha Roy, DSO O/o CMO Shimla that basic data about the economic status of patients will be provided to the IPH Department before next meeting and in future the information about there BPL or Non-BPL status will be recorded by the Health Department and shared with the IPH Department. It was also decided that in the next meeting Dr. Guleri from Health Department will be invited to know the latest status of ICMR Project.

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

**List of participants of meeting held on 6-12-2013 at 3.30PM**

1.	Sh. R.K. Sharma	ENC(IPH)
2.	Sh. S.K. Kapta	Spl. Secretary
3.	Sh. A.K. Vaidya	Director, WSSO
4.	Sh. Suman Vikrant	S.E. IPH Circle Shimla-9
5.	Sh. M.S. Kanwar	C.E. South
6.	Sh. K.C. Dhiman	S.E. WS&S Circle Shimla-3.
7.	Sh. Naveen Puri	S.E.(P&I)-I, Shimla
8.	Sh. K.K.Gupta	S.E.WSSO\
9.	Sh. P.M. Negi	E.E. Division No-II Shimla
10	Sh. Vijay Kumar Gupta	M.E. MC Shimla
11	Sh. Rakesh	AE, IPH S/D Sainj
12	Sh. Rajesh Kashyap	A.E. M.c. Shimla
13	Mrs. Nirupama Chauhan	D.E.O. (MOH office DDUH) Shimla
14	Dr. Omesh Bharti	CHO, MC Shimla
15	Dr. Swati Saha Roy	DSO O /O CMO Shimla