



**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
**BLOCK-B, SECOND FLOOR, JANATA BHAWAN, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-06**

No.771592/36

Dated Dispur, the 15th March, 2026

**ORDER BY GOVERNOR OF ASSAM**

**NOTIFICATION**

In view of the decision of the Council of Ministers in its Meeting held on 10/03/2026, the Governor of Assam is pleased to accord approval to the following measures for the expeditious completion and phased operationalisation of the Composite Piped Water Supply Scheme (PWSS) erstwhile Neer Nirmal Pariyojana (NNP) covering Gram Panchayats across the districts of Kamrup (Metro), Jorhat, and Hailakandi:

**I. Phased Partial Commissioning**

Approval is hereby accorded for the adoption of a phased partial commissioning model for the Composite PWSS erstwhile NNP in the districts, subject to the following operational framework:

- i) **Threshold for O&M Commencement:** Operations and Maintenance (O&M) activities shall commence in any zone upon achieving a minimum of 60% Household (HH) coverage within that zone. The Defect Liability Period (DLP) shall commence upon zone completion or self-declaration by the implementing agency, and tariff collection shall be enabled for all households covered in such zone forthwith.
- ii) **Concept of Zones:** For the purposes of this Notification, a 'Zone' shall be defined as the command area of a reservoir. The minimum 60% household coverage threshold within a Zone shall be the qualifying criterion for the initiation of O&M activities and the payment of operators engaged for such Zone.
- iii) **Verification Mechanism:** O&M commencement in zones with minimum 60% household coverage shall require certification of completion within three (3) months, as verified and certified by the Third Party Inspection Agency (TPIA) appointed for the purpose.
- iv) **Tariff Framework:** An introductory water tariff of ₹100/- per household per month shall be levied for an initial period of six (6) months, applicable for a consumption of up to 10 kilolitres per day (kl/d). The original contracted tariff shall be applicable for consumption beyond 10 kl/d. Water tariff so collected shall be utilized towards O&M expenditure in accordance with the operator-owner ratio as stipulated in the relevant contract agreements, until total saturation of the Scheme is achieved.
- v) **Community Engagement:** Self Help Groups (SHGs) engaged under the Quadri-partite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) framework shall continue to be the primary channel for tariff collection and grievance communication. SHGs shall be entitled to a commission of ₹18/- per household for which tariff is collected.

## **II. Utilisation of Beneficiary Share for CAPEX/ OPEX**

Approval is hereby accorded for the utilisation of the Beneficiary Share funds collected in accordance with the NNP Concept Note and applicable guidelines, for Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) and Operations & Maintenance (OPEX) activities of the Composite PWSS erstwhile NNP.

- i) The said Beneficiary Share, presently held in the Joint Account at the Gram Panchayat level (jointly operated by the GP President and SO), shall be transferred to the account of the concerned Executive Engineer (PHE) upon submission of proper GP Resolutions and supporting accounting documentation by each concerned Gram Panchayat.
- ii) The utilisation of the Beneficiary Share funds shall be prioritised, inter alia, for the clearance of eligible and pending bills.

## **III. Utilisation of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Tied Grants (Water Component)**

Approval is hereby accorded for the reclassification and redirection of all tranches of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission (FC) Tied Grants earmarked for 'Water' in the Gram Panchayats falling within the command area of the Composite PWSS erstwhile NNP, to the 'Additional State Fund' head under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), for immediate CAPEX and OPEX requirements leading to saturation of the Scheme.

- i) The GP-wise details of the unspent 15<sup>th</sup> FC Tied Grants (Water Component) shall form the basis of verification and reconciliation to be conducted before actual fund transfer. The fund shall be utilized strictly to the extent of the available GP-wise 15<sup>th</sup> FC Tied Grants earmarked for water within the command area of the Composite PWSS erstwhile NNP.
- ii) The reclassified funds shall be transferred to the account of the respective Executive Engineers (PHE).
- iii) It is to be clarified that the 15<sup>th</sup> FC Tied Grants allotted to the Gram Panchayats of the Composite PWSS erstwhile NNP shall primarily be utilised as OPEX; however, in order to ensure sustenance of water supply in areas currently under partial commissioning, the funds shall also be applied towards CAPEX until saturation has been achieved.

## **IV. Conditions and Safeguards**

The above approvals are subject to the following conditions and safeguards:

- i) The total project cost of ₹873.72 crore shall not be exceeded without prior concurrence of the Finance Department.
- ii) Reclassification and redirection of 15<sup>th</sup> FC Tied Grants shall strictly comply with Government of India Guidelines; necessary certification regarding audit compliance shall be obtained before any fund transfer is effected.
- iii) Transfer of Beneficiary Share funds shall be supported by proper Gram Panchayat Resolutions and complete accounting documentation in each case.
- iv) Release of funds shall be stage-wise and shall be made only against verified physical progress reports and duly certified liabilities.

- v) No recurring financial liability on account of O&M shall devolve upon the State Exchequer without a separate approval of the Finance Department.
- vi) All pending liabilities shall be cleared strictly within the sanctioned scope.
- vii) District-wise financial sustainability projections for O&M shall be prepared before full saturation of the Scheme is achieved.
- viii) All releases and payments shall be made in strict compliance with the applicable Rules and financial procedures.

This will come into force from the date of issue of this Notification.

**By order and in the name of the  
Governor of Assam**



**Special Chief Secretary, Assam  
Public Health Engineering Department**

Dated Dispur, the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

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*Copy for information and necessary action to:*

1. The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, New Delhi.
2. The Accountant General (A&E), Assam, Maidamgaon, Ghy-29.
3. The Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission, Assam, Hengrabari, Ghy-36.
4. The Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen, Assam, Hengrabari, Ghy-36.
5. District Commissioner, All Districts.
6. The Principal Secretary of KAAC/DHAC/BTAD, Assam.
7. The CEO, Zilla Parishad, All Districts.
8. The Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Dispur, Ghy-6.
9. The Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21. He is requested to publish this notification in Assam Gazette in next publication.
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