



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
Chief Minister's Monitoring Cell

Physical verification report of the project namely,  
"Water Supply Scheme Batpora-Magam Handwara,  
District Kupwara"



By Joint Director,  
CM's Monitoring Cell.

## PHYSICAL VERIFICATION REPORT

Name of the Project:	Water Supply Scheme Batpora Magam, Handwara
Source of Funding	District Sector/ State Plan
Executing Agency	PHE Division, Handwara
Status	Partly completed
Source of scheme	Dug-well
Population to be benefited	2430 souls
Year of start of Work	2010
Original target date of completion of the project	2011 (one working season)

Village Batpora of district Kupwara is meeting its requirement of drinking water from WSS Vodhpora Shehla since long. The village mostly comprises families living below the line of poverty. With the growth in population, the demand for drinking water in the village and its adjoining areas has been increasing over the years. The earth quake of 2005 worsened the situation as the existing source of water got depleted considerably.

In order to overcome the problems faced by the people of the area on account of drinking water, the Water Supply Scheme Batpora Magam was taken up under "Water Sustainability Programme" in the year 2010 at a cost of ` 26.49 lacs and was expected to be completed within one working season.

The existing infrastructure of the old water supply scheme comprises (01) Hand Pump located in the village, a 4000 glns Water Reservoir and a Water Tank on the uphill side of the main road of Batpora with water supply pipes. Water is

being lifted mechanically and pushed into the reservoir where from it is supplied to the households in the village.

Under the new WSS, it is proposed to construct a new Service Reservoir and a Dug Well on the same hilltop, a pump house, laying of supply mains/rising mains from pump house to Service Reservoir, installation of electrical and mechanical machinery/equipments with other related infrastructure and providing connections to the new households that have come up in the village as a result of expansion. On completion the scheme shall benefit 5 mohallas, the population of which comprises of 3000 souls approximately.

### Financial Status

(` In lakhs)

Estimated Cost	26.49
Revised cost	74.07
Releases	Nil
Expenditure	Nil

### Physical progress

Despite lapse of one working season required to complete the works proposed under the new scheme, only earth excavation work for construction of Service Reservoir has been carried out by the executing agency till the day of physical inspection.

### Observations/Findings/Problem areas

The physical inspection of the work was undertaken on the orders of the Principal Secretary to HCM on the basis of a representation which was made by the inhabitants of village Batpora to the Hon'ble Chief Minister complaining about the delay in execution in works under the new WSS.

It was reported by AEE, PHE that the work under the scheme could not be further carried out after earth excavation for construction of Service Reservoir at the hill top (Kareva)

because of some objection from the Forest Division, Handwara. The Forest Division claims that the land belongs to it and under the circumstances it was necessary for the PHE officials to seek permission for construction of the Reservoir which has not been done by them.

Reportedly a meeting on the subject has been held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara sometime back who had desired the execution of the scheme provided minimum forest land is utilised and also the patch of land should be devoid of forest trees. During verification it was observed that the patch of forest land which has been identified for construction of water reservoir is indeed a small piece of land having no trees in it. Despite this there has been reluctance on the part of DFO Langate for giving NOC for construction of the water reservoir.

There is also state land available in close proximity to the forest land where the SR could have been constructed. But the plea taken by the AEE for construction of SR at the Forest Land was found reasonable and convincing as the forest land is on higher contour as compared to the state land which is on lower contour. It was explained by the AEE that the construction of SR at the higher contour will definitely serve the purpose in supplying the water more effectively to the targeted population.

One of the components of the scheme is the construction Dug Well with a production capacity of 5500 GPH (gallons per hour) to be explored by Ground Water Department. This component of work is also yet to be taken up.

It was also brought to notice by the AEE concerned that the original project cost ` 26.49 lacs is under revision for which the DPR is under preparation. The reason for revising the project cost has been attributed to inclusion of mechanical and electrical components which were not incorporated in the original project. The revised cost of the project is estimated to be ` 74.07 lacs.

## Suggestions

The scheme needs to be implemented without further delay since the people of the village Batpora are facing acute shortage of drinking water.

The executing agency needs to prepare the revised DPR immediately and submit the same to the concerned authorities for approval/ funding and simultaneously pursue the case for seeking NOC from the Forest Division, Handwara for construction of SR at hilltop.

Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara may also ensure that the NOC is provided by the Forest Division to PHE Division Handwara so that the construction work of SR is taken up at an earliest which has been an impediment in execution of the work.

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Officers of Executing Agency who accompanied the inspecting officer:	Executive Engineer, AEE, PHE Div Handwara
Date of conduct of physical inspection:	28-11-2011





Service Reservoir of the old Water Supply Scheme at Batpora



Earth excavation work for construction of new Service Reservoir for WSS, Batpora