

IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2020

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MESSAGE

It is a great pleasure to learn that Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) is publishing an e-book containing important achievements for the year 2019-2020.

As we are aware, the Department is entrusted to carry out survey and investigation in providing safe, adequate drinking water and sanitation facilities.

I fervently hope that this particular publication would serve as a useful source of information to all readers having interest in water supply and sanitation sector.

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IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2020 PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The PHE Department, Govt. of Mizoram is responsible for providing safe drinking water supply and appropriate sanitation facilities to all citizens throughout the State of Mizoram.

Following are some of the major achievements of the Department.

1. RURAL WATER SUPPLY UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION:

On 15th August 2019, during his maiden Independence Day speech of his second term in office, the Hon'ble Prime Minister announced the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). A reformed approach to the water supply sector, the Jal Jeevan Mission has been designed to incorporate an integrated approach with end-to-end measures: from supply to reuse and recharge. Like the Swachh Bharat Mission, this programme will work as a Jan Aandolan.

VISION OF JJM:

Every rural household has drinking water supply in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis at affordable service delivery charges leading to improvement in living standards of rural communities.

MISSION OF JJM:

Jal Jeevan Mission is to assist, empower and facilitate:

- 1) States/ UTs in planning of participatory rural water supply strategy for ensuring potable drinking water security on long-term basis to every rural household and public institution, viz. GP building, School, Anganwadi centre, Health centre, wellness centres, etc.;
- 2) States/ UTs for creation of water supply infrastructure so that every rural household has **Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC)** by 2024 and water in adequate quantity of prescribed quality is made available on regular basis;
- 3) States / UTs to plan for their drinking water security;
- 4) GPs/ rural communities to plan, implement, manage, own, operate and maintain their own in-village water supply systems;
- 5) States/ UTs to develop robust institutions having focus on service delivery and financial sustainability of the sector by promoting utility approach;
- 6) capacity building of the stakeholders and create awareness in community on significance of water for improvement in quality of life;
- 7) in making provision and mobilization of financial assistance to States/ UTs for implementation of the mission.



OBJECTIVES OF JJM

The broad objectives of the Mission are:

- 1) to provide FHTC to every rural household;
- 2) to prioritize provision of FHTCs in quality affected areas, villages in drought prone and desert areas, Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) villages, etc.;
- 3) to provide functional tap connection to Schools, Anganwadi centres, GP buildings, Health centres, wellness centres and community buildings;
- 4) to monitor functionality of tap connections;
- 5) to promote and ensure voluntary ownership among local community by way of contribution in cash, kind and/ or labour and voluntary labour (*shramdaan*);
- 6) to assist in ensuring sustainability of water supply system, i.e. water source, water supply infrastructure, and funds for regular O&M;
- 7) to empower and develop human resource in the sector such that the demands of construction, plumbing, electrical, water quality management, water treatment, catchment protection, O&M, etc. are taken care of in short and long term; and
- 8) to bring awareness on various aspects and significance of safe drinking water and involvement of stakeholders in manner that make water everyone's business.

COMPONENTS UNDER IJM

The following components are supported under IIM:

- 1) development of in-village piped water supply infrastructure to provide tap water connection to every rural household;
- development of reliable drinking water sources and/ or augmentation of existing sources to provide long-term sustainability of water supply system;
- 3) wherever necessary, bulk water transfer, treatment plants and distribution network to cater to every rural household;
- 4) technological interventions for removal of contaminants where water quality is an issue;
- 5) retrofitting of completed and ongoing schemes to provide FHTCs at minimum service level of 55 lpcd;
- 6) greywater management;
- 7) support activities, i.e. IEC, HRD, training, development of utilities, water quality laboratories, water quality testing & surveillance, R&D, knowledge centre, capacity building of communities, etc.; and

8) any other unforeseen challenges/ issues emerging due to natural disasters/ calamities which affect the goal of FHTC to every household by 2024, as per guidelines of Ministry of Finance on Flexi Funds.

Efforts should be made to source funds from different sources/ programmes and convergence is the key.

Following achievements made under NRDWP and JJM may be highlighted.

| Year | Coverage | Fund received |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2008-2009 | 56 habitations | 5417.26 lakh |
| 2009-2010 | 124 habitations | 5435.93 lakh |
| 2010-2011 | 121 habitations | 6157.60 lakh |
| 2011-2012 | 122 habitations | 3882.64 lakh |
| 2012-2013 | 30 habitations | 4791.93 lakh |
| 2013-2014 | 57 habitations | 4488.53 lakh |
| 2014-2015 | 51 habitations | 3449.96 lakh |
| 2015-2016 | 28 habitations | 1732.28 lakh |
| 2016-2017 | 35 habitations | 2448.75 lakh |
| 2017-2018 | 20 habitations | 4609.75 lakh |
| 2018-2019 | 43 habitations | 2625.00 lakh |
| 2019-2020 | 15952 FHTC | 6804.65 lakh |

District-wise achievements of FHTC under JJM during 2019-20

| Sl No. | District | No. of FHTC |
|--------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Aizawl | 2185 |
| 2 | Champhai | 2319 |
| 3 | Kolasib | 1447 |
| 4 | Lawngtlai | 1448 |
| 5 | Lunglei | 4240 |
| 6 | Mamit | 2057 |
| 7 | Siaha | 1748 |
| 8 | Serchhip | 508 |
| | TOTAL | 15952 |



2. ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2019-2020 ON SBM-G MIZORAM

- 1) **Community Sanitary Complex (CSC):** 313 nos of Community Sanitary Complex (CSC) were constructed in various village along national highway.
- 2) **Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM):** 169 nos of Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) / dumping ground were constructed in various villages depending on the size of population of each village.
 - a. Under Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM), One Bio-gas plant was installed as pilot project at S. Maubuang village.
- 3) **Plastic Waste Collection Centre:** 308 nos of Plastic Waste Collection Centres were constructed for recycling purpose and 6 nos of plastic bailing machines were procured to be installed in appropriate blocks. One has been installed as pilot project at Aibawk.
- 4) **Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG 2019):** Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG 2019) is the Largest Indian Rural Sanitation survey and competition which was instituted from August 14 to September 30 2019.
 - *Mizoram ranked 1st* in North East, UTs and smaller states where population is less than 30lakh.
 - Kolasib district ranked 1st, Aizawl district 2nd and Serchhip district 3rd among all Districts in North East, UTs and smaller states.
- 5) **Swachh Bharat Awards (National Award):** The state received two National Awards from the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
 - **State Award** for ODF Plus in 4+1 IEC Category
 - **National Award in Women Category**, Mrs. Laltharzeli of Mamit for her outstanding contribution in Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin.
- 6) **IEC:** Under IEC, 34600 nos of Wall paintings and banners were constructed and distributed all across rural villages in Mizoram.

Swachh Mahotsav 2019 was launched at Aizawl on 25th July 2019 at Vanapa Hall. Swachh Mahotsav is an initiative by the government that encourages people from all over the country to maintain and promote cleanliness in their surroundings.

Under Swachh Mahotsav, Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG 2019), Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS 2019) and Swachh Prerak Day 2019 was organized on different themes and objectives.

Swachh Mahotsav 2019 closing function was organized at Vanapa Hall on 19th September 2019. Chief guest has addressed the special function 'Swachh Mahotsav 2019', organized by the PHED. The Chief guest also presented the Swachh Bharat Awards 2019 in various categories for outstanding contribution to Swachh Bharat Mission in Mizoram.

On 150th birthday celebration (2nd October 2019) of Mahatma Gandhi organized by Govt. of India and Govt of Gujarat at Sabharmati, Ahmedabhad, ten (10) Swachhagrahis from different district were selected to attend the function from Mizoram with officials under SBM-G.



Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 Awards received by Mizoram and three districts of Kolasib, Aizawl and Serchhip on 19.11.2019 at World Toilet Day Celebration, New Delhi

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4+1 IEC Campaign

4 Wall paintings and ODF Board constructed in all villages.











स्वच्छ महोत्सव 2019 पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग जल शक्ति मंत्रालय ६ सितम्बर 2019 विज्ञान भवन, नई विल्ली

Mizoram Awarded state Award in 4+1 IEC Category, and Mrs Laltharzeli awarded National Award in Women Category on 6.9.2019 at Swachh Mahotsav 2019 Celebration, New Delhi

Swachh Mahotsav 2019 was attended by Officials from Mizoram along with selected Swachhagrahis and Sarpanches.









Community Sanitary Complex (CSC)





Plastic Waste Collection Centres



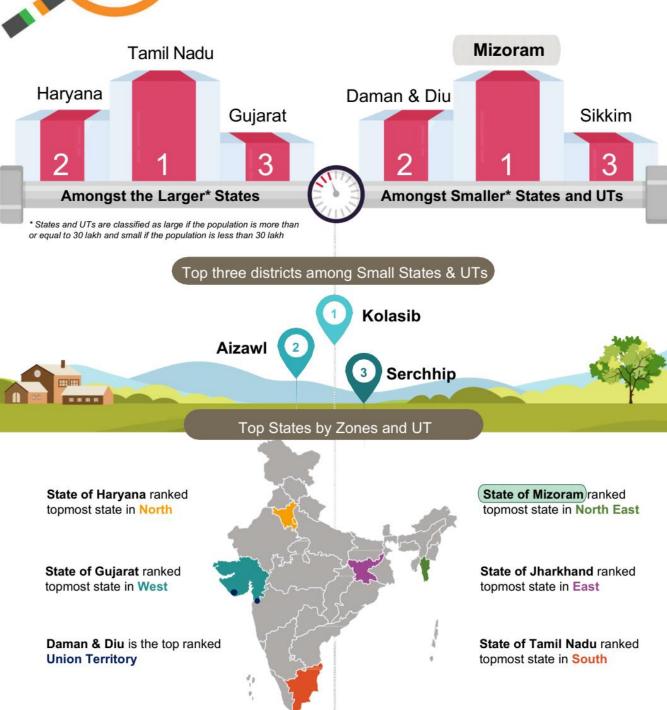


Solid Waste Management (SWM)





TOP PERFORMERS TOP THREE STATES AND UTS





3. ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER NABARD AND NEDP UNDER PHED DURING 2019-2020

| Sl. | Name of project | Funding | Amount | Expdtr. | Commissioned/ |
|-----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| No | | Source | (lakh) | (lakh) | completed |
| 1 | Sailam (Aug) (Pumping) | NABARD | 259.62 | 259.62 | August 2019 |
| 2 | Thingdawl WSS | NABARD | 520.00 | 520.00 | October 2019 |
| 3 | Vanbawng WSS (Solar Pumping) | NABARD | 241.10 | 241.10 | December 2019 |
| 4 | Combined Phullen & Thanglailung WSS | NABARD | 1400.00 | 1400.00 | March 2020 |
| 5 | Combined WSS of Rulkual, R. Vanhne, Paithar & Saikah (Solar Pumping Scheme) | NABARD | 1104.40 | 1104.40 | March 2020 |
| 6 | Combined Solar Water Pumping Scheme for Chiahpui, NE Khawdungsei & Khawkawn WSS | NABARD | 942.38 | 742.38 | March 2020 |
| 7 | Combined Solar Water Pumping Scheme for Mimbung & Hrianghmun WSS | NABARD | 1137.90 | 1137.90 | March 2020 |
| 8 | Imp. of SRI Laboratory Treatment Plan | NEDP | 140.51 | 140.51 | April 2019 |
| 9 | Drainage of Venghnuai, Aizawl | NEDP | 18.00 | 18.00 | April 2019 |
| 10 | Drainage of Dinthar veng, Aizawl | NEDP | 3.00 | 3.00 | April 2019 |
| 11 | Interconnection of main Reservoir and existing Plant at Zawlnuam | NEDP | 38.41 | 38.41 | May 2019 |
| 12 | Suarhliap WSS (Solar Pumping) | NEDP | 130.00 | 130.00 | May 2019 |
| 13 | Imp. and Electrification of existing Tlabung WSS | NEDP | 180.20 | 180.20 | May 2019 |
| 14 | Chhipphir WSS (Solar Pumping) | NEDP | 80.00 | 80.00 | May 2019 |
| 15 | Thenhlum WSS | NEDP | 85.40 | 85.40 | May 2019 |
| 16 | Water Supply Scheme for Belthei | NEDP | 78.34 | 78.34 | May 2019 |
| 17 | Buarpui WSS (Solar Pumping) | NEDP | 400.00 | 400.00 | May 2019 |
| 18 | Contruction of RCC Reservoir at W. Rotlang | NEDP | 11.27 | 11.27 | May 2019 |
| 19 | Providing Water Supply to integrated Ayush Hospital, Thenzawl | NEDP | 26.00 | 26.00 | June 2019 |
| 20 | Survey and Investigation of Tawi WSS | NEDP | 15.00 | 15.00 | June 2019 |

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|-----------|--|-------|---------|---------|--------------|
| 21 | Imp. of N. Vanlaiphai WSS | NEDP | 76.00 | 76.00 | June 2019 |
| 22 | Water Supply to Tualvungi Veng, Hermon Veng & Kanan at Thenzawl | NEDP | 78.00 | 78.00 | June 2019 |
| 23 | Construction of Service Reservoir at Rahsi Veng including Sectional Office and replacement of PS Tank by RCC circular Resrevoir at Bazar Veng, Lunglei | NEDP | 67.60 | 67.60 | June 2019 |
| 24 | Strengthening of Tuidam WSS (Pumping) | NEDP | 64.51 | 64.51 | July 2019 |
| 25 | Bungthuam WSS (Ground Water Based Pumping) | NEDP | 25.66 | 25.66 | July 2019 |
| 26 | Construction of RCC Reservoir at Pangzawl | NEDP | 18.76 | 18.76 | July 2019 |
| 27 | Aiduzawl WSS | NEDP | 39.60 | 39.60 | July 2019 |
| 28 | Dengsur WSS (Solar Pumping) | NEDP | 26.98 | 26.98 | August 2019 |
| 29 | Construction of IVSS under AWDD 'N' | NEDP | 21.00 | 21.00 | August 2019 |
| 30 | Restoration of damage for Marpara 'S' WSS | NEDP | 61.10 | 61.10 | October 2019 |
| 31 | Const. of Gravity Pipeline and intake for Gr. Khawzawl WSS | NEDP | 55.00 | 55.00 | October 2019 |
| 32 | Repair of Service Reservoir at Thingsai | NEDP | 15.68 | 15.68 | October 2019 |
| 33 | Repair of Reservoir at Reiek | NEDP | 34.30 | 34.30 | October 2019 |
| 34 | Const. and renovation of non-functional toilet provision of hand washing facility in Govt. Schools within Mamit 'Aspirational District' Mizoram | NEDP | 183.67 | 183.67 | January 2020 |
| 35 | Storm Water drainage of Aizawl Phase-I | AMRUT | 4419.73 | 4419.73 | March 2020 |

4. ON-GOING WORKS TAKEN UP UNDER PHE DEPARTMENT

(Rupees in lakh)

'A' NLCPR

| Q1 | | Approved | | nent upto h, 2020 | |
|----------|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|
| SI No | | project cost | Physical (%) | Financial | Remarks |
| 1 | Sainik School & Chhingchhip WSS | 787.00 | 81.10% | 611.82 | Work in progress |
| 2 | Construction of Dam Reservoir and Development of Recreation Centre at Keilungliah | 1988.00 | 63% | 485.64 | Work in progress |

'B' NESIDS

| 1 | Alternative Gravity Water Supply | 1141.96 | 51.54% | 4500.00 | Work in progress |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|------------------|
| | scheme of Aizawl (AGWSSA) | (crore) | | | |

'C' NEC

| 1 E Lungdar Multi | Village WSS | 1100.00 | 66.05% | 10.00 | On hold |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|---------|
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'D' 10% GBS

| 1 | Greater Khawzawl W/S/S (Pumping) | 2497.00 | 91.67% | 2497.00 | Work in progress |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|------------------|
| 2 | Biate WSS (Pumping) | 1364.67 | 93.00% | 1309.69 | Work in progress |

'E' NABARD

| 1 | Combine Phullen & Thanglailung WSS (RIDF-XXIII) | 1400.00 | 100% | 1400.00 | Completed |
|---|--|---------|--------|---------|---------------|
| 2 | Combine WSS of Rulkual, R.Vanhne, Paithar and Saikah (Solar Pumping Scheme) (RIDF- XXIII) | 1104.40 | 100% | 1104.40 | Completed |
| 3 | Combine Solar Water Pumping Scheme for Chiahpui, NE Khawdungsei and Khawkawn WSS (RIDF-XXIII) | 942.38 | 100% | 942.38 | Completed |
| 4 | Combine Solar Water Pumping Scheme for Mimbung & Hrianghmun WSS (RIDF-XXIII) | 1137.90 | 100% | 1137.90 | Completed |
| 5 | N. Tinghmun WSS (Solar Pumping Scheme) (RIDF-XXIV) | 145.75 | 40.55% | 43.72 | On-going work |
| 6 | Aug. of Sumsuih WSS (RIDF-XXIV) | 206.26 | 55.11% | 61.88 | On-going work |
| 7 | Imp. of Lengpui WSS (RIDF-XXIV) | 237.45 | 48.13% | 71.23 | On-going work |
| 8 | Sialhawk WSS (Solar Pumping Scheme) (RIDF-XXIV) | 1261.78 | 43.85% | 378.53 | On-going work |
| 9 | Hliappui WSS (Solar Pumping Scheme) (RIDF-XXIV) | 680.00 | 50.45% | 194.80 | On-going work |

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|----|---|---------|--------|--------|---------------|
| 10 | Aug. of Hnahlan WSS (Solar Pumping Scheme) (RIDF-XXIV) | 1065.57 | 50.45% | 196.82 | On-going work |
| 11 | Aug. of Greater Mamit WSS Part-I (Raw Water (RIDF-XXIV) | 670.00 | 29.55% | 201.00 | On-going work |
| 12 | N.Mualthuam WSS (Solar Pumping Scheme) (RIDF-XXIV) | 174.35 | 92.31% | 52.30 | On-going work |
| 13 | Construction of feeding and pumping WSS to Reiek (RIDF-XXV) | 1296.63 | | | |

'F' AMRUT

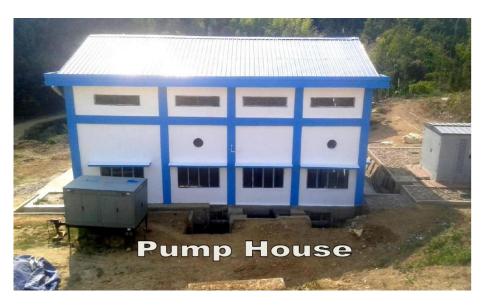
| 1 | Storm water drainage of Aizawl – Phase –I | 4419.73 | 100% | 4419.73 | Completed |
|---|---|----------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------|
| 2 | Setting up of Septage management Unit including Anaerobic Microbial Inoculums (AMI) & Bio- digester manufacturing facility at Aizawl | 1372.60 | 36.73% | 359.10 | Balance fund is awaited |
| 3 | Imp of AWSS (Dist. system, feeding main, Zonal tank, Pump & Machineries, Treatment Plant) under AMRUT (2017-19) Volume 'C': Renovation of chemical house, diesel engine, transmission line etc. under AWT Division. | 3212 /Vol 'C' 821.25 | 80.00% | 260.33 | |



5. Photographs of some Water Supply Schemes being taken up GREATER KHAWZAWL WSS UNDER 10% GBS







BIATE WSS (PUMPING)





Intake Jackwell at Tuipui



Aerator Clariflocculator Sedimentation Tank Filter House



Treatment Plant and Pump House No.-1 at Tuipui



WATER SUPPLY TO SAINIK SCHOOL, CHHINGCHHIP UNDER NLCPR



Pump House No. I & Sump at Tuikum



Machine & Panel Board at Pump House No. 2



Water Treatment Plant and Pump House No.-1 at Tuikum



6. STATEMENT OF HOUSE WATER CONNECTION (As on 1.4.2020)

| District | No. of Hou Conne | Total | |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|---------|
| | Urban | Rural | |
| Aizawl | 58,714 | 3439 | 62,153 |
| Champhai | 6,393 | 4247 | 10,640 |
| Kolasib | 8,285 | 2835 | 11,120 |
| Lawngtlai | 3,433 | 2935 | 6,368 |
| Lunglei | 13,635 | 5931 | 19,566 |
| Mamit | 2,705 | 3089 | 5,794 |
| Saiha | 4,152 | 1788 | 5,940 |
| Serchhip | 5,491 | 508 | 5,999 |
| Total | 1,02,808 | 24772 | 127,580 |

7. STATEMENT OF HOUSE WATER REVENUE COLLECTION

| Sl. No | Year | Target (Rs in lakh) | Amount collected (Rs in lakh) | Remarks |
|-----------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 2008-2009 | 499.82 | 635.39 | |
| 2 | 2009-2010 | 721.00 | 747.40 | |
| 3 | 2010-2011 | 1000.00 | 764.01 | |
| 4 | 2011-2012 | 1486.00 | 874.83 | |
| 5 | 2012-2013 | 1332.59 | 1412.58 | |
| 6 | 2013-2014 | 1800.00 | 1870.72 | |
| 7 | 2014-2015 | 2066.00 | 2281.60 | |
| 8 | 2015-2016 | 2500.00 | 3568.62 | |
| 9 | 2016-2017 | 3700.00 | 3751.67 | |
| 10 | 2017-2018 | 4000.00 | 4005.78 | |
| 11 | 2018-2019 | 4320.00 | 4479.56 | |
| 12 | 2019-2020 | 5000.00 | 4937.77 (-62.234) | The Deptt. has not achieved the target due to Covid-19 pandemic crisis |



8. STATUS OF URBAN WATER SUPPLY (As on 1.4.2020)

There are 1(one) no of city and 22(twenty two) nos. of notified Towns in Mizoram and out of these, 16 (sixteen) nos. are fully covered (70 lpcd and above) and 7(seven) nos. are still not fully covered (below 70 lpcd) as shown below:

| Sl. No | Name of Town/City | LPCD as on 1.4.2020 |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Aizawl City | 70 |
| 2 | Khawhai | 30 |
| 3 | Saitual | 70 |
| 4 | Zawlnuam | 38 |
| 5 | Bairabi | 70 |
| 6 | Khawzawl | 90 |
| 7 | Tlabung | 70 |
| 8 | Hnahthial | 70 |
| 9 | Saiha | 70 |
| 10 | Lawngtlai | 40 |
| 11 | Thenzawl | 50 |
| 12 | Darlawn | 70 |
| 13 | Lengpui | 70 |
| 14 | Kolasib | 70 |
| 15 | Vairengte | 70 |
| 16 | Serchhip | 70 |
| 17 | Lunglei | 64 |
| 18 | Sairang | 70 |
| 19 | N.Kawnpui | 70 |
| 20 | Champhai | 70 |
| 21 | Mamit | 70 |
| 22 | Biate | 19 |
| 23 | N.Vanlaiphai | 28 |



9. SALIENT FEATURES OF GROUND WATER RESOURCES IN MIZORAM

The total resources of the state : 0.192 BCM Existing development : 0.007 BCM Balance available for future development : 0.185 BCM Stage of development : 3.8 %

Categorization of assessment units : Safe (All units)

Ground water recharge in Poor quality zone : Nil Additional annual potential recharges : Nil

GROUND WATER DEPLETION SURVEY:

Ground water Level Survey has been carried out from the year 1999 in Mizoram by Ground Water Resources Assessment Cell (GWRAC) of PHE Department, Mizoram. During each field season, pre-monsoon and post monsoon ground water level data were collected from various locations covering all the districts of Mizoram. The technique of marking the locations of monitored wells evolves with times. The numbers of observation locations varies from time to time; however, at least 70 specific locations are marked and utilized consistently for measuring the ground water level for the entire state.

Prior to 2012 survey, Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) readings of the well locations were not included. However, from the 2012 season survey onwards, GPS data viz., latitude, longitude and even altitude of the well location were included. Incorporation of GPS readings enhances the accuracy and accountability of the data and reports. It was hoped that in the near future, more advanced technology like Geographical Information System (GIS) can be utilized for further development and collection of ground water data in our state. Application of sophisticated instruments may also ease the survey works and increase the accuracy of the output.

HYDROGEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS:

Hydrogeologically, the various rock types found in Mizoram can be grouped into two categories i.e. semi-consolidated formations and unconsolidated formations.

The entire area may be divided into two Hydrogeological Units viz. Unconsolidated unit and Semi-consolidated Unit.

The Un-consolidated formations with limited alluvial thickness are restricted along intermontane valleys, fractured valleys and shallow alluvial plain. The potentiality of ground water is found to be high within the areas of Un-consolidated unit. The sediments comprising alluvium and colluviums are by and large the important repositories of ground water. These are essentially comprised of sand, silt, and gravel, etc. The beds of sand and gravel and their admixtures form potential aquifers. The aquifer materials vary in particle size, roundness and sorting. Consequently, their

water yielding capabilities vary considerably. With high amount of rainfall and good recharge conditions, the ground water gets replenished every year in these zones.

The unconsolidated formations are found abundantly in the western part of the state. However, they are widely distributed in the central and eastern parts as well.

The semi-consolidated formations mainly comprise shale, sandstones and limestone. Major part of the State is occupied by Semi-consolidated unit which constitutes sandstone and shale. The Semi-consolidated formations developed secondary porosity due to tectonic disturbances. As the state is entirely occupied by hills with gentle to steep slopes, most of the rainwater flows out as surface runoff. In this type of terrain, the scope for ground water storage is limited to mostly secondary porosity and structural control in the higher elevation aquifers. These aquifers are the main source for springs. Ground water stored in the hill slopes emanates in the form of springs, which are being used as a source for water supply.

EFFECT OF GROUND WATER DEPLETION:

In areas with frequent water stress and large aquifer systems, ground water is often used as the main water source. If withdrawal of ground water exceeds the natural ground water recharge for extensive areas and long times, ground water depletion occurs. The deterioration in ground water levels can also be attributed to a various reasons like the failure of monsoons, and lack of rainwater harvesting. Some of the negative effects of ground water depletion are mentioned below:

- 1) Excessive pumping can lower the ground water table and cause wells to no longer be able to reach ground water.
- 2) As the depth to water increases, the water must be lifted higher to reach the land surface. As the lift distance increases, so does the energy required to drive the pump. Thus, power costs increase as groundwater levels decline. Depending on the use of the water and the energy costs, it may no longer be economically feasible to use water for a given purpose.
- 3) Ground-water levels may decline below the bottom of existing pumps, necessitating the expense of lowering the pump, deepening the well, or drilling a deeper replacement well.
- 4) The yield of the well may decline below usable rates.
- 5) Depletion of ground water may also leads to land subsidence. The basic cause of land subsidence is a loss of support below ground. When water is taken out of the soil, the soil collapses, compacts, and drops. This depends on a number of factors, such as the type of soil and rock below the surface. Land subsidence is most often caused by human activities, mainly from the removal of subsurface water.

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METHOD OF SURVEY:

The Wet tape method is used for surveying the ground water level within the entire state. Graduated steel or cloth tapes were used to measure the ground water level. The advantage of this method is that it offers great flexibility when measuring water levels. One of the drawbacks to the wet tape method includes the possibility of the tape coming into contact and tangled with other objects in the borewell, or breaking and falling into the well.

The following steps are carried out in the wet tape method:

- 1) The most recent measurement is referred at the initial step. Depending on aquifer characteristics, the graduated steel tape is inserted approximately 2–4 metres deeper than most recent measurement.
- 2) Protective gloves are used then at least the first five feet of the graduated steel tape is completely chalked.
- 3) The graduated steel tape is slowly lowered/ slowly feed in the hole.
- 4) The tape will begin to feel a little heavy or "weighted". If the "weighted" feel is lost while feeding tape, the tape is reeled up the hole and then tried to feed past the obstruction.
- 5) Once the desired depth is reached the tape was hold for 3 to 5 seconds.
- 6) The tape is then reeled up the well at a rapid pace so the wetted mark does not dry before reaching the surface. If an obstruction is encountered, the tape is lowered again below the obstruction and then the tape was carefully worked past the obstruction.
- 7) The wetted mark on the end of the tape was noted down after reading the graduation on it.
- 8) We subtract the depth of the inserted tape from the wetted mark on the tape.

SURVEY RECORDS:

Ground water Level Survey has been conducted from 1999 to 2019 and the records include annual ground water level for pre-monsoon and post monsoon seasons. During 1999-2011, the entire state is represented as a single unit. From 2012 onwards ground water level data are represented in district-wise as well. The ground water level is measured in metres below the ground level (bgl).

It was observed that the level of ground water is consistent with depth ranging from 8.80-13.25m below ground level. The rate of decadal (1999 to 2009 and 2010 to 2019) depletion of ground water in Mizoram is about 0.50m, where the depletion of ground water during pre-monsoon season is 0.32m and that of post monsoon is 0.57m during the last decade.



10. YEAR WISE SHOWING PRE MONSOON, POST MONSOON AND AVERAGE GROUND WATER LEVEL IN MIZORAM

| Year | Pre-monsoon | Post monsoon | Average |
|------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| 1999 | 12.56 | 12.00 | 12.28 |
| 2000 | 11.43 | 10.92 | 11.17 |
| 2001 | 12.63 | 12.01 | 12.32 |
| 2002 | 9.68 | 7.94 | 8.81 |
| 2003 | 12.05 | 11.29 | 11.67 |
| 2004 | 14.24 | 10.19 | 12.22 |
| 2005 | 14.19 | 12.31 | 13.25 |
| 2006 | 12.88 | 11.16 | 12.02 |
| 2007 | 14.02 | 10.12 | 12.07 |
| 2008 | 12.45 | 11.79 | 12.12 |
| 2009 | 12.90 | 11.08 | 11.99 |
| 2010 | 14.18 | 12.15 | 13.17 |
| 2011 | 13.44 | 12.00 | 12.72 |
| 2012 | 13.31 | 11.21 | 12.26 |
| 2013 | 12.91 | 11.50 | 12.21 |
| 2014 | 12.84 | 12.51 | 12.68 |
| 2015 | 13.01 | 12.64 | 12.83 |
| 2016 | Data gap | Data gap | Data gap |
| 2017 | 13.09 | 11.11 | 12.41 |
| 2018 | 11.72 | 10.83 | 11.28 |
| 2019 | 12.09 | 10.01 | 11.05 |

Pre-monsoon, Post monsoon and average ground water level in Mizoram, 1999-2019

Note: The rate of decadal decline of ground water level is about 0.50m, indicating depletion of ground water in the state of Mizoram.



11. BAR CHART SHOWING PRE MONSOON, POST MONSOON AND AVERAGE GROUND WATER LEVEL IN MIZORAM

