

- *Sub-Section 1 (b) (viii) of Section 4 of the Right to Information Act 2005 (Manual 6)*

Statement of the Boards , Councils, Committees and other bodies consisting of two or more person constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advise, and as to whether meetings of those Boards, Councils, Committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minute of such meeting are accessible for the public.

The following committee at the village level is constituted for each village as described below for the implementation of Swajaldhara & TSC schemes in a particular village desiring to implement Swajaldhara & TSC schemes:

Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC):

The Village Water & Sanitation Committee (VWSC) under the Chairmanship of Village Headman/Durbar Head will implement Swajaldhara & T.S.C. Schemes. The Members of V.W.S.C will elect the village Headman/Durbar Head its Chairman for implementation of schemes of their own choice with active participation of the villagers. Women, SC, ST and poorer sections of villagers, subject matter specialists, NGOs, CBOs are to be given due representation and at least one third members of the VWSC are to be women.

Functions & Duties of VWSC

- ▶ Planning, Designing & Implementing all Drinking Water & Sanitation Activity
- ▶ Opening and managing Bank Account for depositing Community Cash Contribution, O & M Funds and management of Project Funds.
- ▶ Ensuring Community participation and decision making in all faces of scheme activities.
- ▶ Ensuring Villages to take up Swajaldhara & T.S.C. implementation in their respective villages
- ▶ Organizing Community contribution towards capital cost both in Cash and kind (Land, Labour or Materials)
- ▶ Signing of various Agreement with the D.W.S.C
- ▶ Procuring construction materials / goods and selection of Contractors (where necessary) and supervision of construction activities.
- ▶ Commissioning and takeover of completed water supply and sanitation works through a joint Inspection with D.W.S.C.
- ▶ Collection of funds through a tariff ,charges and deposit system for O & M of Water supply and Sanitation works for proper managing and financing of O & M of the services on a sustainable basis and empowering of women for day to day operation and repairs of the schemes.
- ▶ Creating and promoting integration of Drinking Water, Sanitation and hygiene in the village.
- ▶ Participation in Communication and Development Activities in other villages