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Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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Dear Madam / Sir.

The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has observed that the operational conditions of water testing laboratories in States are not satisfactory primarily due the inadequate qualified manpower and other infrastructural facilities in laboratories. The sense of pride for working in laboratory is missing in the people working in the laboratories, as the laboratories are deemed last priority in many States. Keeping this in view, the Ministry desires to get all the drinking water testing laboratories in States to get NABL Accreditation in a phased manner.

The Ministry has set a timeline for NABL accreditation of State level drinking water testing laboratories during national Orientation Workshop for NABL Accreditation on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015. In this regard, a timeline has been set for first 25 laboratories in different States to get NABL accreditation by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015, next 25 laboratories by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 and remaining testing laboratories in the state in next phase.

Considering the problem that majority of the State level Water Testing laboratories in States do not have adequate qualified and experienced Senior Chemists/Chief Chemists (on regular basis) to guide and monitor for getting NABL accreditation of Water Testing Laboratories in the States, they may like to avail the services of the qualified, experienced and retired Chemists/Chief Chemists from PHED/RWS&S departments in States, as stop gap arrangement. This will help in timely NABL Accreditation to the water testing laboratories in the States. The expenditure towards the remuneration of State level Water Quality Consultants may be met from the available funds under 3% NRDWP-WQM grant.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
[Satyabrata Sahu]

To  
Principal Secretary/Secretary-in-charge of Rural Drinking Water supply in all the States

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