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Dear Sir,

The Ministry is aware of high amounts of total dissolved solids (salinity including chlorides) in many of the rural drinking water sources in the country. Seldom, it is also observed that surface water sources are at a considerable distance which increases the capital cost of the project. This also enhances the operation and maintenance cost more than the conventional water supply schemes from nearby sources. Therefore, it is decided to convene the meeting with all concerned State Governments where salinity is a problem and come out with objectives and strategy to address the problem by implementation of desalination plants of large capacities.

- 2. The funding may be considered as an external aided project whose financing pattern could be discussed. Therefore, you are requested to attend yourself, if possible, or depute the Managing Director / Engineer-in-Chief / senior most Chief Engineer of your State to discuss on this issue.
- 3. This meeting will be held in my room in the 4th Floor of **Paryavaran Bhawan**, CGO Complex, New Delhi at **11.00 AM** on **03rd September 2015**.
- 4. Director, Central Salt And Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI), Bhavnagar is requested to attend the meeting to provide technical details on desalination technologies to the State Governments in this meeting. Alternatively, he may depute a senior Scientist who is well versed with desalination technologies.

I am sure that you will not miss this opportunity.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Satyabrata Sahu

 Principal Secretaries / Secretaries in-charge of Rural Drinking Water Supply Programmes of Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra

2. The Director, Central Salt And Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI), Shree Gijubhai Badheka Rd, Vidhyanagar, Bhavnagar, Gujarat 364002

3. PPS to Secretary, DWS, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.

4. Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

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