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Dear Sir / Madam,

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter No.11011/06/2013-WQ dated 13th November, 2014 wherein operational guidelines for commissioning of community water purification plants were circulated to cover all remaining arsenic, fluoride, heavy metals toxic elements and pesticide affected habitations by March,2017. The quality of safe drinking water has been drawing attention of various activists, NGOs, dignitaries, Parliamentarians and various Apex bodies like NHRC, NGT and even Parliament. Lot of VIP references and Parliament questions are being received in the Ministry raising issues of drinking water quality and commissioning of community water purifications plants is being monitored at the highest level of PMO. There is, therefore, need for sense of urgency amongst all stake-holders involved in commissioning of community water purification plants in water quality affected habitations.

2. While the efforts made by some of the States are appreciable, it is emphasized that this physical achievement needs to be reflected in Ministry's IMIS. In my D.O. letter No. 11011/06/2013-WQ dated 5th March , 2015 I had requested you to update the status of IMIS within a week's time. This was followed by another DO letter of even number dated 24 Jul 2015. But it is seen that no such updation has been made in the Formats B-24 and B-25 of the IMIS of the Ministry. I request you to issue immediate instructions for entering this physical achievement in the Formats B-24 and B-25 of the IMIS of the Ministry.

3. You are also aware that the Ministry had to give assurance to NHRC that all the water quality affected habitations will be provided with pure and safe drinking water by March, 2017. As per information available with the Ministry only about 4,459 habitations have been reported to be covered with community water purification plants, though IMIS data entry for these is not updated. I request you to gear up the State machinery/Rural Water Supply Deptt, to focus on this activity and start taking up steps for commission of community water purifications plants urgently under NRDWP.

4. Indovation initiative taken by the Ministry has brought out new technologies like solar electrolytic defluoridation, ion exchange, capacitative de-ionization, activated carbon, etc, for commissioning of community water purifications plants, I again request you to focus on this highly sensitive matter of providing safe drinking water at least for drinking and cooking purposes (8-10 lpcd). Further, please ensure and direct concerned officials to enter the physical achievements on weekly basis on

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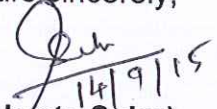
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IMIS system of the Ministry so that the Ministry can monitor the progress made by the State from time to time for updating the PMO, NHRC, National Green Tribunal Parliamentary Committees and for replying Parliament Questions.

5. I had requested vide my do letter of even number dated 24th Jul 2015 for submitting Monthly Progress Reports on the issue. It is unfortunate the same are not being received in this Ministry.

6. I would therefore, earnestly request you to kindly look into the matter personally and take speedy action so that the fixed targets can be achieved within the fixed time.

Yours sincerely,


14/9/15
(Satyabrata Sahu)

To,

- 1) Principal Secretary/ Secretary In- charge of Rural Water Supply (All States/ UTs)
- 2) PPS to Secretary, MoDWS