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Dear Madam/ Sir,

This is regarding maximizing the outcome out of availability of funds under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). It is pertinent to mention that in view of increase of devolution of funds under 14th Finance Commission to the States from 32% to 42% and devolution of funds to Gram Panchayats for basic services which includes water supply as well, the allocation under NRDWP has got reduced with effect from 01.04.2015.

2. It is expected from the States to invest more funds from State Budget for Rural Water Supply Sector and also to use funds available with Gram Panchayats for creation of spot sources and O&M of various schemes.

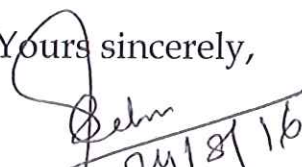
3. As you know, large number of schemes are presently at various stages of implementation in the entire country. Hence, to expedite the completion of the schemes which are in advanced stage to provide water supply quickly to the targeted population, it has now been decided by the Ministry to utilize the funds released by this Ministry in this year and corresponding matching share of the State **mandatorily** for the Schemes which are in the completion stage of 75% or more. If the State does not have such schemes, they may incur the expenditure on schemes which are in the stage of completion of 50% to 75% and in that order. While doing this, the States are requested to prioritize the schemes which are intended to cover Arsenic/Fluoride affected habitations, SAGY habitations, ODF (verified) habitations.

4. It has also been decided to release the second installment under NRDWP only after getting an undertaking from the State agreeing for compliance of the above conditions. In addition to this, States are also expected to complete the entry of '**status of physical completion in percentage terms**' for all ongoing schemes in IMIS and '**reasons for delay**' (if any) for such schemes which are not completed within the original planned date of completion as reflected in IMIS.

5. All the above said entries must be completed by **31.08.2016**. The Ministry has been instructed **not to** release the next installment until the above said information has been furnished.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


24/8/16
(Satyabrata Sahu)

To

Principal Secretary / Secretary in charge of rural water supply of all States