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Dear Madam / Sir,

You might be aware that the National Human Rights Commission, the Estimates Committee and the Standing Committee on Rural Development has taken the issue of water quality contamination in the country in a serious manner. While major chemical contaminants, namely, arsenic, fluoride, iron, salinity and nitrate are being monitored by the Ministry, it has been observed that quite a large number of habitations are also been affected with heavy metals, pesticides and fertilizers in rural drinking water sources. You might be aware that testing of heavy metals and pesticides require sophisticated instrumentation while wet chemistry division and bacteriological testing division also warrant specific procedures to be followed in testing contamination level. For this purpose, the Ministry had also circulated the Uniform Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Protocol which needs to be followed and for which 100% Central grants under 3% NRDWP – WQMS funds are provided to the States.

In order to ensure proper testing protocols, it has become essential that all the State level water quality testing laboratories to get accredited by NABL at an early date. You are, therefore, requested to take urgent follow up action in this regard using WQMS funds. Further, once the State level laboratories gets NABL accredited, it could build the capacities of the district, block and sub divisional laboratories and facilitate as a referral laboratory in getting NABL accreditation to these laboratories also in future, but in a phased manner.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Satyabrata Sahu)
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1. All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of States dealing with rural drinking water supply.
2. Senior Technical Director, NIC for uploading in the Ministry's Website. ✓

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