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Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
D.O.W-11042/16/2010-Water-II
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Dear

As you are aware, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation is implementing through the States the National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects in which block-wise water security plans were to be prepared for 15 over-exploited/critical blocks in 11 different States. The Blocks Warud and Morshi from District Amravati in your State were also a part of this Pilot Project.

Since June 2014, two Video-conferences for review of Pilot Projects were held with 11 States, and it was reported that the progress in Amravati, under the Pilot Projects is held-up because of various issues between GSDA and the CEO-Zila Parishad level.

It has to be brought in your notice that Maharashtra pilot block (Warud and Morshi) have been one of the leading blocks in terms of progress, till last year. However, since last year, poor coordination and non-responsive attitude by GSDA has affected the pace of work implementation.

The major issues that came up during the VC and need to be addressed immediately are as follows:

1. Appointment of a State Nodal Officer (SNO):

There is no State Nodal Officer appointed. The district Nodal Officer has been given a the charge of SNO. It is suggested to appoint a suitable SNO immediately.

2. Role of GSDA:

It was learnt during the Video conference (held on 30-10-2014), that the role of GSDA in the Pilot Project has to be limited to technical support ONLY. The decisions pertaining to the fund-related issues and administrative works for the pilot project works has to be taken-over by the State Department, rather than leaving it to GSDA.

It is also to be noticed that in spite of the issues discussed with GSDA in the Video-conference, and letters sent to GSDA (Dated 08-08-2014), there has been no response to this Ministry.

3. Fund release to Support Organisation:

It was also learnt in the VC that because of non-release of funds to the Support Organisation, the trained manpower of the SO has left, resulting in no further progress in the project works.

4. Approval of the Village Water Security Plan (VWSP):

It was reported in the VC that 16 village water security plans were prepared, but still to be approved by GSDA before sending to this Ministry. However, GSDA told that they have not received any VWSP so far. GSDA therefore, be directed to scrutiny the VWSPs prepared so far, and at least one VWSP shall be sent to this Ministry for vetting at the earliest.

5. Procurement and installation of rain gauges:

GSDA official reported that the rates quoted by Zila Parishad (for procurement of rain gauges and water level indicators) are very high. It was suggested to GSDA to procure the required equipments, and provide the same to the pilot blocks. The response on the same has yet to be received from GSDA.

It is strongly felt that your intervention is required to get these issues sorted out at the earliest. The role of GSDA has to be revised, so as to avoid any further delay in the pilot project.

A representative from Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation will also be deputed to visit the Pilot Blocks, for evaluating the action taken and progress made so far.

You are therefore requested to direct the concerned officials to take immediate action on the issues listed above. In case of non-responsiveness, the State may be asked by this Ministry withdrawal from the National Rural Drinking Water Security Pilot Project.

With

Yours faithfully,

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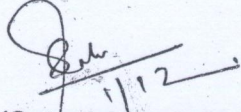
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Subject: National Rural Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects

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1. Lr. No. 1015/2014, Dt. 08-07-2014;
2. Lr. No. 67/2014 Dt. 07/07/2014;
3. Lr. No.393/2014 Dt. 04-07-2014;
4. Lr. No.1367/2014, Dt. 27-05-2014;
5. Lr. No. O. No./RWSD/IEC/1341/2014, Dt. 19-05-2014;
6. Lr. No. 765/2014, Dt. 10/3/2014


Sir,

As you are aware, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation is implementing through the States the National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects in which block-wise water security plans are being prepared in 15 over-exploited/critical blocks in 11 different States. Warud and Morshi Blocks from District Amravati were also a part of this immensely important Pilot Project.

A Video-conference for review of progress of Pilot Projects was held with 11 States on 30-07-14, chaired by the Joint Secretary (Water), MDWS (copy of minutes enclosed). It was observed that the progress of works/activities in both blocks of Amravati district is going on a slow pace because of various reasons/issues.

During the VC, the State Nodal Officer was directed to send a copy of all the communications sent to GSDA, pertaining to the issues related to pilot projects, to the Ministry (Reference letters enclosed).

It was also learnt that there are various pending activities, which are yet to be approved by Groundwater Surveys and Development Agency (GSDA). The main of these are:


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1. Renewal of contract of the SO as per the work to be completed:

GSDA has to submit an evaluation report of the work done by the SO, to the Ministry. Further, a communication has to be sent to the Ministry about the contract renewal with the SO.

2. Fund release to the Support Organisation (SO) as per the work completed:

It is suggested to take necessary action for releasing the payment to the SO as per the work completed by them.

3. Approval of Village Water Security Plans (VWSPs) already prepared:

It was reported in the VC that about 16 village water security plans are prepared, but none of them was cleared by GSDA. It is, therefore, requested to scrutiny the VWSPs prepared so far, and send at least one or two samples of VWSP for further examination and approval of model plan to this Ministry at the earliest.

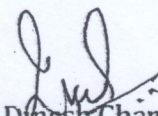
4. Procurement and installation of rain gauges:

It is suggested to felicitate the works pertaining to the procurements and installations, as the delay in these activities are hampering the overall progress of the Pilot projects, and accordingly action may be taken for releasing the payments.

It is strongly felt that your intervention is required to get the issues sorted out at the earliest. Further, a representative from Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation will be deputed to visit the Pilot Blocks in month of September, for action taken reporting on the points highlighted during the review in the Video-conference and the request made herein to GSDA for sorting out the pending issues.

You are therefore requested to direct the concerned officials to take immediate action on the issues listed above. The outcome of this project would go a long way in the success of this pilot project on Over-exploited blocks so as to ensure Drinking Water Security to rural people.

Yours faithfully,



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