W-11042/16/2010-Water-II Government of India Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

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To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretaries in-charge of Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, & Uttar Pradesh

Subject: Action taken report based on the Video-conference held on 30-07-2014 for reviewing the work completed under National Rural Drinking Water Pilot Projects (NRDWSPP)

Ref.:

- 1. Minutes of Meeting of the Video-Conference chaired by Joint Secretary (Water), MDWS held on 30-07-2014
- 2. Letter to District Collectors/District Magistrate of the Pilot Blocks (Districts)

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the progress of implementation of the Pilot in various States was reviewed in a video-conference, chaired by Joint Secretary (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, GoI; on 30-07-2014. The minutes of the video-conference were sent to all States and also available on Ministry's website for your reference.

In a video-conference, the Joint Secretary (Water) emphasized on various points for action of the States concerned, and to be communicated to the Ministry accordingly. Further, following important points were taken-up n the VC for immediate action:

1. Support Organisation (SO) contract extension/retendering

It was directed in the VC, that in States where the SO contract has ended or is ending, the work of SO has to be evaluated immediately, and based on that, renewal of the contract of existing SO or empanelment of new SO has to be done in one month's time w.e.f. 30-07-2014.

It is been observed that the States of Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka have not confirmed their action taken on SO contracts to this Ministry. Tamilnadu officials confirmed in the VC, that they will be extending the contract of the

SO, and communicating the same to this Ministry at the earliest; but no official communication has been so far received on the same.

Further, in Maharashtra, the GSDA has to reply back to this ministry on various issues which were communicated vide letter no. W-11042/16/2010-Water-II, dated 05-08-2014 separately.

In case GSDA is not willing to continue this project in the Amravati district, the State may decide on this matter.

2. Payment to SOs for the work completed

It was also discussed in the VC that the Support Organisations have to be paid as per the work completed by them in the pilot projects; during their contract period. But, this matter is being repeatedly reported to the Ministry.

Further, the Ministry has not received any confirmation on the above issues (in writing) from the Pilot Blocks in States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana.

The States may also share the issues they might be facing in this entire process of SO payment and contract extension /retendering with this Ministry.

3. Conducting regular District Core Group Meetings

It was also discussed in the VC, that the District Core Group (DCG) meetings have to be conducted regularly in the Pilot Blocks (districts), and the proceedings of the same shall be shared with the Ministry. A letter from MDWS was also sent to all District Collectors for conducting the DCG meetings, pertaining to the pilot projects. Except Tamilnadu and Uttar Pradesh (Mauranipur Block-Jhansi District), all other States have to share the proceedings with this Ministry.

4. <u>Submission of Village Water Security Plans and preparation of all VWSPs for the Block</u>

Every pilot block is been directed for last one year to submit at least one sample village (GP) water security plan (as per model VWSP) to this Ministry for examination. Once approved by the ministry, VWSPs for the entire block has to be completed on the similar lines and presented before SLSSC by December 2014.

However, the Ministry has NOT received any VWSP from (Mauranipur and Barauli Ahir blocks) Uttar Pradesh, (Warud and Morshi Blocks) Maharashtra; and from (Piploda block) Madhya Pradesh so far.

The VWSPs from Tamilnadu, Punjab, Rajasthan, Piler Block (Andhra Pradesh), Moothey Block (Telangana), Karnataka has been approved by the Ministry, and it is requested that all VWSP should be prepared and got approved by December 2014.

It was also stated by the Joint Secretary (Water), and is again reiterated, that if the states are not interested and not performing as expected under the Pilot Projects, the States are free to terminate the projects and accordingly, the state may be requested to Ministry to revoke the approvals, etc.

You are therefore, requested to take action on the above mentioned points and monitor the progress of the pilot projects on regular basis. The next review workshop will be held by the Ministry in the month of October 2014.

Yours faithfully,

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- 1. State Nodal Officers (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, & Uttar Pradesh)
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- 3. TD (NIC) for hosting on website

Enclosures:

- 1. Minutes of VC held on 30-07-2014 (hosted on website)
- 2. Letter to District Collectors/DM (hosted on website)