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D. O. No. W-11042/73/2011-Water-II
Dated: 17.01.2013

Sub.: Monitoring of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's direction to provide drinking water and sanitation facilities in Schools.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to the Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation's D.O. letter of even number dated 09/10/2012 addressed to the Chief Secretaries of the State, requesting you to take cognizance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court direction to provide clean drinking water and sanitation facilities in all schools by 31/02/2013. A copy of the letter—is enclosed for reference at Annexure.

- 2. States were urged to coordinate with the State Education Departments to obtain information of schools without drinking water supply and toilet facilities and ensure coverage of the same by 31/03/2013.
- 3. A page has been created in the Ministry's IMIS to monitor the progress of implementation of the Order by States, and can be seen at htt://indiawater.gov.in/imisreports/nrdwpmain.aspx. After clicking on the Data Entry>> Regular>> coverage of Schools (Supreme Court). All States must update status of drinking water supply and toilets in schools at intervals of every fifteen days. However, as of 15/01/2013, information has been updated by only three States Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- 4. You are requested to immediately ensure that information on compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order is entered on a fortnightly basis in the IMIS and ensure that the order is complied with by the prescribed date.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Myjaybhashar [T. M. Vijay Bhaskar]

To

State Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries incharge of RWS and Sanitation in all States (Except Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Tami Nadu)

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D.O.No. W -11042/73/2011-Water Dated 09/10/12

Dear Shri Tabom Bam,

I would like to draw your attention to the order of the Hon. Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 631 of 2004 dated October 3rd, 2012 (Copy enclosed) regarding provision of inter alia, toilet facilities for boys and girls and drinking water facilities in schools. States and UTs were directed to file affidavits regarding the facilities in their States. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has also filed affidavits on the status of drinking water supply and sanitation in schools.

An extract from the judgement is given below:

- 9. We are, inclined to dispose of this Writ Petition with a direction to all the States to give effect to the various directions already given by this Court like providing toilet facilities for boys and girls, drinking water facilities, sufficient class rooms, appointment of teaching and non-teaching staff etc., if not already provided, within six months from today. We make it clear that these directions are applicable to all the schools, whether State owned or privately owned, aided or unaided, minority or non-minority. As the writ petition is disposed of, no orders are required to be passed on applications for intervention and impleadment and the same are disposed of.
- 10. We make it clear that if the directions are not fully implemented, it is open to the aggrieved parties to move this Court for appropriate orders."

As you are aware, both the National Rural Drinking Water Programme and Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (formerly Total Sanitation Campaign) funds can be utilised to provide drinking water facilities and toilet facilities, respectively for boys and girls, in Government schools in rural areas. As per the convergence mechanism set up with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan supports separate toilet facilities for boys and girls in schools constructed upto the year 2007 in areas covered by Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan Projects. All remaining schools are to be covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

The Ministry has been regularly writing to the State Departments i/c of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation to obtain details of Government schools without

drinking water and toilet facilities from the State Education Departments and to provide these facilities in a time bound manner.

In view of the above judgment, may I request you to personally review the position in your State and give suitable instructions to the concerned officials to comply with the Court's directions within 6 months from the date of order i.e. by 2nd April, 2013. I would also request you to monitor the action taken regularly at your level and ensure full compliance with the order.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pankaj Jain)

Shri Tabom Bam, Chief Secretary, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, ITANAGAR

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