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Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

9th Floor Paryavaran Bhavan,
CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003

Dated: 23rd March, 2012

To,
The Nodal officers , National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects in
Haryana, Karnataka, M.P., Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, UP

Subject: National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation is promoting the implementation of National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects in over-exploited/critical blocks in your State. Your immediate attention is invited to the following:

1. **Support Organisation:** The selection of Support Organisation for the Pilot project blocks in your State is still not complete.

It is requested to expedite the identification and selection process and engage the Support Organisation as soon as possible, and ensure that they are in place, and their activities have started. The names of the staff posted by the Support organisations in the target blocks may be intimated.

It was decided in the recently held meeting of the Steering Committee that Universities/ Academic institutions may not be appropriate agencies to be engaged as Support Organisations.

2. **Exposure Visits:** Exposure visits and workshops are being planned for Support organisations in first week of May. Please intimate the name of the persons nominated by the S.O. for the exposure visit after the Support Organisation has been appointed.
3. **Convergence:** Convergence of activities with MNREGA is an important component in the Pilot projects. Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India, has advised that the funding of projects proposed to be taken up with MNREGA convergence in the Pilot Projects, have to be included in the Shelf of projects at the District Panchayat level, before 15th August, 2012 for the next years cycle.

Thus, please ensure the inclusion of the activities proposed after finalisation of Village water Security Plan appropriately in the shelf of projects of the MNREGA before 31st of July.

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4. **District and Block Core Group:** Various activities in the Drinking water Security Pilot projects shall be similar to the Watershed program. Therefore please ensure that the District Watershed Development officer is represented on the District Core group, so that get their technical support is obtained.
5. **Krishak Vigyan Kendra:** KVK (Krishak Vigyan Kendra) in the Pilot Block/districts may be involved in the implementation of the project, and their representative may be included in the District/Block Core group.
6. **CGWB :** Please also include CGWB scientist in-charge of the district in the District Core Group.
7. **Timelines:** Suggested timelines for completion of various activities are given in the attached statement. You are requested to adhere to these timelines.

Please intimate the actions taken on the online IMIS of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



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1. Principal Secretaries of the concerned states.
2. Member Secretaries of the District Core Groups