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Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission

D.O. No. W-11042/16/2010-WATER

Dated: 28th March, 2012

Subject: National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects

Dear

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The knowledge of groundwater, its management and sustainability structures shall be crucial for the officers of the implementing agencies during the planning implementation and monitoring stages of the project. During the recently concluded meeting of the Steering Committee on National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects it was decided that **Central Groundwater Board may take up 3-4 specialised training programmes on the topics of groundwater, and on sustainability structures, for 3-4 officers posted in each of the Pilot project blocks.**

A District Core group with the District Collector as Chairperson oversees the pilot project in the blocks and all the line departments concerned are represented on the core group. It was felt in the meeting of the Steering Committee that CGWB may also be represented on the District core group, and the CGWB Nodal Scientist for the concerned District may be a member of the District Core group. We have issued letters to the State governments to include them as Members.

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It is therefore requested that

1. A suitable programme may be prepared for the training,
2. Instructions be given that the nodal scientist for the concerned District attend the District Core Group meetings.

The minutes of the meeting are enclosed for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

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2. Member Secretary, All District Core Groups.


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Training of Trainers: Block level officers and the PRI officers shall be using HGM maps for water budgeting, planning, and implementation phases of the village level drinking water security plan. Trainings will be imparted to these officers by trainers from state departments and CGWB. It was decided in the steering committee meeting that NRSC may send a scientist for training on use of HGM maps for drinking water security planning in pilot blocks. List of Pilot Blocks is included in the concept note.

Maps with higher resolution: Since the pilots would involve data collection at village level for water budgeting, Groundwater prospect maps with watershed village boundary layers on a higher resolution shall be very much helpful. It was expressed by NRSC during the meeting that maps with higher resolution can be provided for the pilot project blocks as area of interest maps, on request.

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It is therefore requested that

1. A suitable action plan may be prepared for the training of trainers.
2. Area of interest maps for the Pilot Blocks at a scale of 1:10000 may be provided to the nodal agencies implementing the pilot projects, including watershed layer, water quality layer, and village layer

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With regards,

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