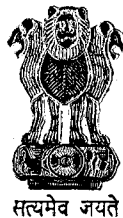


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**Subject: National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects in Over-Exploited Blocks**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As you are aware, National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects are being implemented in your State in selected blocks. During the recently held National Review Workshop at Bangalore from 2-4 May, 2012 the progress made by the projects was reviewed by Secretary, DWS..

2. The action points identified in the Workshop are attached. You may like to note that contracting a Support Organisation and deploying their team, setting up of Steering Committee and engaging retired engineers/ hydrogeologists as a Consultant to assist the district Executive Engineer and block staff are to be urgently done.

4. It is reiterated that software activities in the Pilot Projects are a part of the Support Activities under NRDWP.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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To

Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries incharge of RWS/ PHED in the States of  
Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka,  
Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Rajasthan

**Action points emerged from the National review Workshop at Bangalore,**

**2-4<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

1. States to ensure that the Support Organisation appointing process is completed within the timeline prescribed i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> May/30<sup>th</sup> June. (Please see timeline at the end of the action points)
2. States to ensure that Support Organization for the pilot projects are in place and the teams are deployed.
3. States to form Steering Committees at State and district levels for the pilot project. The Steering Committee at State level may be chaired by the Chief Secretary/Additional Chief Secretary/Development Commissioner and include members from Departments related to Drinking Water, Water resources, Agriculture, Rural development, Sanitation, Education, Health and include NGOs dealing with water resource management in rural areas. Similar Committees to be formed at District level chaired by District Collector/CEO, Zilla Panchayat.
4. States may appoint retired hydrogeologists/Irrigation or PHED engineers with suitable technical background and interest for supporting the project at the field level (district and block). The cost on this account can be met from Support activities of NRDWP.
5. States to send a request to MDWS / WSP for
  - i. scheduling the water budget training,
  - ii. training to Support organizations, and
  - iii. exposure visits for their respective pilot Blocks.

**Requests for trainings and exposure visits will be considered only after finalization of the Support organizations, signing of contracts, and issuance of work orders to the Support Organizations, and deployment of the SO team in the field.**

6. Training of Support organizations will be conducted by WSP at Regional level (combining two to three States per training)
7. States to organize Water Budget trainings for villages, supported by WSP, and the exposure visits as per the schedule drawn up by WSP after receiving the training requests from the states.
8. The States are to prepare an action Plan / work plan for the Support Organization which shall be presented by them in the next workshop.
9. Next national workshop to be held in the first week of August 2012.
10. States to revive all VWSCs in the Pilot Blocks.
11. States to ensure completion of source inventory along with 100 % quality testing and GPS locations for all the Drinking water sources in the Pilot blocks

## Timeline:

The timeline for the activities is as follows:

Activities	Dates
Support Organisation in Place- contract to be signed, issuance of work orders, and teams deployed	30.05.2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gujarat, Maharashtra</li></ul>	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka</li></ul>	30.05.2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>M.P., U.P., Rajasthan , Punjab, Haryana</li></ul>	30.06.2012
Training request to MDWS / WSP for training of Support organizations and also for water budget training	As soon as Support organization is in place
Training of Support organizations by WSP at District / Block headquarters	Between 01.06.2012 to 30.06.2012
States to revive VWSCs in the Pilot block	30.06.2012
Conduct Water Budget Training supported by WSP in the field	15.06.2012 to 30.07.2012
Preparation of an action Plan / work plan by the Support Organization	30.07.2012
Next National workshop in which states have to present their action plan for the support organisation	First week of August 2012
States to complete source inventory along with 100 % quality testing and GPS locations for all the Drinking water sources in the Pilot blocks	30.09.2012