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To

The Principal Secretary incharge Rural Water Supply Department of All States

Sub.: National workshop on Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector (24th May, 2012) at Chandigarh- Sponsored by World Bank.

Sir,

The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Govt. of Punjab with the assistance of World Bank—is organizing a one day National Workshop on "Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Rual Water Supply and Sanitation Sector on 24/5/2013 at Hotel Mount View, Sector-10, Chandigarh, Haryana. The Government of Punjab has requested this Ministry to request State Governments—to nominate senior officers of the rank of Chief Engineer—of State Rural Water Supply Department to attend the above workshop.

It is therefore, requested that an officer of the rank of Chief Engineer in the Rural Water Supply Department of your State may be nominated to attend the above workshop. The nomination as well as other details of the participants may be conveyed to Sh. N.K. Dhir (Coordinator PPP Workshop), Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Chandigarh (Mobile No. 0987842853)

Yours faithfully,

(Sujoy Mojumdar)
Director (W)

Copy to: Sh. N.K. Dhir (Coordinator PPP Workshop), Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Chandigarh (Mobile No. 0987842853) w.r.t letter dated 9th May, 2013.

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National workshop on Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector (May 24th, 2013) at Chandigarh - Sponsored by World Bank.

Department of Water Supply and Sanitation. Government of Punjab is currently implementing World Bank assisted Punjab Rural Water Supply & Sanitation project. The project has successfully implemented innovative systems and procedures to achieve sustainability in the operation and maintenance of Rural Water Supply Schemes /assets. These are:

- Involvement of PRIs and mechanism for achieving community mobilization at grass root level.
- Water connection to each household.
- Target to implement 24x7 water supply with water meters.
- Centralized 24x7 complaint redressal system.

2.0 Further, the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation has taken initiative to assess role of PPPs in Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector. Under the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector (RWSS) Policy (2006), the local communities such as Gram Panchayat and Gram Panchayat Water and Sanitation Committee has taken up the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation services, though the response has been mixed. In many villages, these schemes have performed well, whereas, in few villages, the schemes are finding it difficult to effectively discharge their responsibilities due to low technical and financial skills. To bridge this gap, the Government of Punjab has been exploring the possibility of engaging private agencies for implementing and managing various rural water supply / sanitation projects. A study in this respect was awarded to M/s CRISIL, Mumbai. The study has been completed by CRISIL. The Department is organizing a National Workshop to critically examine the findings of the study for adoption of PPPs in rural sector in achieving long term sustainability of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation.

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- A one day workshop in this respect is proposed to be held on 24th May 2013 in Hotel Mount View Sector 10, Chandigarh. The proposed workshop on PPP mode is likely to provide all of us an opportunity to learn for improvement in managing sustainable O&M of WSS schemes through exchange of ideas and sharing knowledge and experience with experts from other States, Govt. of India, World Bank and WSP etc.
- 4.0 While soliciting your for making this workshop a success, I cordially invite you to attend this workshop personally. It is also requested that appropriate direction should be given for attendance of National Workshop by senior officers of the rank of Chief Engineers of state PHEDs.

Please confirm your participation as well as travel plans to the undersigned at my email pswss@punjab.gov.in and also to the workshop coordinator Mr. N.K. Dhir, Superintending Engineer at his email: dhirnk@gmail.com latest by 18th May 2013 for making arrangements for your comfortable stay etc. Tentative agenda of Workshop is attached.

Yours sincerely,

(Suresh Kumar)

Shri Pankaj Jain, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of India, New Delhi. X