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Dear Shri Bhalla,

The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS) administers the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) through which assistance is provided to the State Governments in their efforts to provide adequate potable drinking water in rural areas. As you are aware that till the end of 11th Plan Period the norm for coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply was 40 lpcd. In the current Plan Period the Ministry has revised the service level to 55 lpcd. This is not only to increase the levels of service provided to the rural population but also decrease the gap that exists between rural and urban water supply.

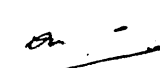
2. However, it is also seen that there are a number of rural habitations in States where the service levels is still less than 40 lpcd.

3. It is, thus, urged that the first priority is to make sure that all habitations which are being supplied drinking water at level below 40 lpcd be focused upon to make sure that they are provided at least 40 lpcd. Once this is achieved, the second priority is to further improve the service levels of habitations from 40 lpcd to 55 lpcd.

4. It is requested that the above priorities be kept in mind while preparing the Annual Action Plans (AAPs) for Rural Water Supply in the State and while preparing new Drinking Water Supply Schemes under NRDWP.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



[Pankaj Jain]

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