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Ministry of Jal Shakti
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(National Jal Jeevan Mission)

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Dated the 28th February, 2020

To
The Principal Secretary/Secretary
In-charge of Rural Drinking Water Supply,
All Arsenic and Fluoride affected States.

Subject: Provision of potable water in quality-affected areas. - reg.

Madam/ Sir,

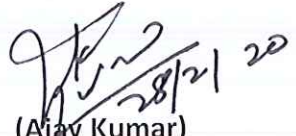
The undersigned is directed to refer to above mentioned subject and to state that, the main objective of Jal Jeevan Mission is to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024 to every rural household to provide drinking water in adequate quantity (minimum 55 lpcd) of prescribed quality (BIS:10500) on regular basis. The provision of potable water in quality-affected areas is the most important priority under JJM.

2. As detailed in the **Operational guidelines for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission** (para 3.5(xi)), in water quality-affected habitations, especially with Arsenic and Fluoride contaminants, potable water has to be ensured on priority. Since, planning and implementation of piped water supply scheme based on a safe water source will take time, as a purely interim measure, installation of Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs) may be taken up to provide 8-10 lpcd potable water to meet drinking and cooking need of every household residing in such villages/ habitations. However, SWSM to prioritize such areas for providing potable water through FHTC to every rural household by March, 2021.

3. During the National Conference on "Provision of Potable Drinking Water in Quality-affected Areas" held on 07/02/2020 at New Delhi, the States/ UTs were requested to make provision of safe drinking water through piped water supply @ 55 LPCD to all households in all quality-affected habitations on priority basis as a long-term measure. However, if it is taking time, the States / UTs should make minimum provision of safe drinking water @8-10 LPCD to all households in such quality-affected habitations as a short-term measure.

4. This may please be accorded highest priority and action taken report on the same may be furnished by 30th April, 2020 so as to provide the information to NGT.

Yours sincerely,


(Ajay Kumar)
Director (WQ)

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The Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineer, In-charge of PHED/RWSS of all Arsenic and Fluoride affected States