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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Jal Shakti**  
**Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation**  
**National Jal Jeevan Mission**

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To,

**Add. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary**  
In-charge Rural Water Supply/ Public Health Engineering Department  
All States/ UTs

**Sub:** Role of Hon'ble Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha) in planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (Har Ghar Jal) – regarding

**Madam/ Sir,**

To provide assured potable piped water supply through tap water connection to every rural household, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is being implemented in partnership with States. JJM is a decentralized, demand-driven and community-managed programme with the Gram Panchayat and/ or its sub-committee, i.e. Village Water & Sanitation Committee (VWSC)/ Pani Samiti/ User Group, etc. playing a key role in planning, implementation, management, operation and maintenance of in-village water supply systems. The Mission envisions to empower Gram Panchayat and/ or its sub-committee, VWSC/ Pani Samiti to function as a local public utility for assured water supply to every home. Thus, efforts are being made for involvement of local communities to make water everyone's business.

2. Looking at the role that the Hon'ble Members of Parliament/ elected representatives can play in mobilizing the community and empowering them, thereby making this mission a 'Jan Andolan', provisions have been made for their participation in the Operational Guidelines for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission. In the guidelines, there is also a provision for preparation of Village Action Plan (VAP) by dovetailing all resources available under various schemes/ programmes e.g. MNREGS, 15th FC grants for PRIs, JJM, SBM(G) and other sources like District Mineral Development Fund (DMDF), CSR Fund, MP/ MLA Local Area Development Funds, public contributions, etc.

3. In view of this, you are requested to take necessary action to ensure active participation of Hon'ble MPs in the planning and implementation of centrally sponsored 'Jal Jeevan Mission– Har Ghar Jal', to make JJM, a Jan Andolan. The modalities are as under:

**a.) Role of Hon'ble MP(s) in District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM)**

Hon'ble MP(s) should be invited in every meeting of the District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) as a Special Invitee(s). Their role would be:

- i.) to ensure that implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission –Har Ghar Jal is being done in accordance with provisions of the Operational Guidelines;
- ii.) reviewing physical and financial progress of the mission in the district, preferably in every quarter;
- iii.) resolution of bottlenecks in implementation of schemes in villages and way forward;
- iv.) promotion of community engagement and participation for smooth and effective

implementation; and

- v.) prioritizing the convergence of MPLAD & other centrally sponsored programme funds in the district/ villages.

**b.) Consultation on planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission:**

- i.) Hon'ble MP(s) are to be consulted by sharing the draft District Action Plan for 100% coverage of the districts of which their respective constituencies are part of, (Hon'ble MPs of Rajya Sabha are to be consulted in case of plan of the district of the State they represent, for which they have been nominated as Co-Chairman of the District Level District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) of the Ministry of Rural Development) and inviting their suggestions/ views on the same;
- ii.) Hon'ble MP(s) may give their suggestions/ views on the draft plan within 15 days. If no response is received within the stipulated time, it will be deemed that Hon'ble MP(s) have 'no comments' on the same;
- iii.) any suggestion given by the Hon'ble MP(s) which are in consonance with the provisions of Operational Guidelines for the implementation of JJM to be considered by the District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) and outcome of the same to be incorporated in the District Action Plan (DAP);
- iv.) any such suggestion, if cannot be incorporated in the plan, to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of District Water & Sanitation Mission with valid reasons/ indicating the reasons/ constraints in implementing the suggestions; and
- v.) before declaring any district as Har Ghar Jal district, i.e., 100% FHTC district, Hon'ble Members of Parliament whose constituencies are part of the district may be consulted so as to ensure that 'no one is left out'.

**c.) Protocol for 'Bhoomi puja' and/ or commissioning/ inauguration of water supply schemes:**

- i.) Hon'ble MP(s) of the parliamentary constituencies falling in the jurisdiction of the district, should be invited in the bhoomi puja and/ or commissioning/ inauguration of water supply schemes under JJM, whenever it is organized; and
- ii.) The function should be held in a manner befitting as an official function with due regard to prevailing protocol.

4. Further, State/ District level DISHA will periodically monitor the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission along with other non-statutory schemes of Government of India as prescribed by the Ministry of Rural development.

Yours sincerely,

  
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