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Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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Dated the 6th September, 2018

Dear Sir / Madam,

Kindly refer to the Ministry's letter of even number dated 31.8.2018 in which fresh guidelines on Swajal programme were shared. Swajal is now designed as a community demand driven, decentralized, single village preferably solar powered, mini PWS programme for the aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog.

Gram Panchyats in partnership with rural communities and State sectoral agencies would be involved in the execution of the schemes and also operate and maintain the scheme. It would also sustain the ODF status and ideally be implemented as a groundwater based Piped Water Supply (PWS) scheme in habitations situated preferably in safe blocks (identified by Central Ground Water Board) of aspirational districts with no piped water supply.

Fund for swajal is to be accessed from the Flexi Fund of NRDWP. SWAJAL also gives States a lot of flexibility in scheme design, selection of components, funding (only minimum cap of 5% is specified), scheme estimated cost (only maximum cap is specified), selecting the IEC Agency, sourcing the 10% Gram Panchayat Contribution etc. Involvement of the community needs to be ensured at every stage of the programme starting from pre-planning stage to handing over the scheme to Gram Panchayats for O&M.

The Swajal guidelines *inter-alia* with Frequently Asked Questions(FAQ) and a few case studies, similar to swajal in the form PPT, are attached for your ready reference. The State Governments are requested to take up Swajal Schemes in aspirational districts as per enclosed guidelines. You are requested to kindly instruct the Officers concerned to ensure regular online updation of Swajal IMIS that is being put in place very shortly.

With regards,

Encl.: As above

Yours sincerely,

(V. Radha)

To,
Additional chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary
In-charge of Rural Drinking Water Supply
All State Governments (excluding Goa)

Copy to : DM/DC, Aspirational Districts

Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Water Division

Steps for roll out for Swajal programme planning stage (From Para 5 and Annexure 14(ix) of the fresh Swajal guidelines issued on 31.8.2018)

1. Identification of habitations in the willing GP/ village located in the safe blocks of the aspirational districts.
2. Issue of advertisement inviting proposals from GP or selection of GP by the State.
3. Constitution of District Swajal Project Team (DSPT) or District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM).
4. Issue of Expression of Interest for selection of IEC (or use the existing one either under NRDWP or SBM) and Customer Care Centre
5. Resolution of Gram Sabha to undertake Swajal and sending to DWST or DWSM.
6. DSPT/DWSM agreeing to the resolution.
7. Deposit of 10% of the capital cost as GP contribution in a separate bank account
8. Scheme walk through and finalisation of scheme design by the GP with the assistance of IEC agency.
9. Preparation of detailed estimate on the basis of scheme selection by the Gram Sabha.
10. Forwarding of detailed estimate to DSPT/DWSM by EE Rural Water Supply in the district for onward transmission to Member Secretary SLSCC for approval.
