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Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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Dear Madam/Sir.

We had asked for the district wise contingency plans to meet any drought like situation. In response to it many States have sought huge funds to tackle drinking water scarcity in the eventuality of any drought like situation.

You would be aware that we have a Standard Operative Procedure (SOP) in this Ministry to meet any drought like situation. Interalia the States should immediately repair or re-bore hand pumps and tube wells so as to keep them in proper order so that supply of drinking water is maintained.

The payments for repair or re-boring of tube wells is to be made from the O&M components which is 15% of funds under the NRDWP with a matching contribution from the State Governments. In case of high water-stressed areas where water supply through tankers becomes inevitable to tackle drinking water supply, the same be deployed. However, as water supply through tankers is not admissible under the NRDWP guidelines, the same is to be recouped later from SDRF/NDRF and 2% Calamity component of the programme, after a drought is declared by the State and after visit of IMCT & orders of HLC.

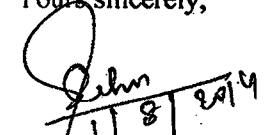
We, therefore, do not understand why the State Government are demanding funds as part of the contingency plan for which the states already have got O & M funds under NRDWP. There is no provision under NRDWP guidelines to provide funds in case of contingency other than what has already been mentioned above. In case of new water assets to be created the same could be debited to normal NRDWP funds and in case of repairs, the same can be met from 15% O & M funds.

I, therefore, request you to kindly review the matter at your level. Principal Secretaries are fully aware of the provisions regarding allocation and release of funds as mentioned in NRDWP guidelines.

Action taken by the State Government may kindly be intimated to the Ministry urgently and not later than by 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

With Regards.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Satyabrata Sahu)

All Chief Secretaries

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