Subject: Monthly summary for the month of March, 2021 in respect of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

**Progress in Swachh Bharat Mission- Grameen Phase-II**

During the month of March 2021, 2,17,182 Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) and 4,896 Community Sanitary Complexes have been constructed. An amount of Rs. 533.22 crore has been released to States under the programme during the month.

**Progress in Jal Jeevan Mision (JJM)**

During March 2021, 41,59,595 households have been provided tap water connections. So far 3,22,84,505 crore households have been provided the tap water connections in year 2020-21. An amount of Rs. 1,262.20 crore has been released to States/UTs under the programme during the month.

**Monitoring of JJM**

Hon’ble Minister of Jal Shakti reviewed the planning and implementation of JJM with States/UT’s Chief Ministers/Minister’s In-charge through Video Conferencing on 13th March, 2021.

**Discussions on Ministry of Jal Shakti**

Discussions on working of Ministry of Jal Shakti was held in Rajya Sabha on 9-10th March, 2021. Hon’ble Minister, Jal Shakti replied to the issues raised by Hon’ble MPs.

**Review meeting of Aspirational Districts assigned to Ministry of Jal Shakti**

Hon’ble Minister, Jal Shakti took the review meeting of all the 5 Aspirational districts assigned to Ministry of Jal Shakti namely Sirohi, Dholpur and Karauli in Rajasthan, Osmanabad in Maharashtra and Vizianagarm in Andhra Pradesh on 23rd March, 2021. The meeting was also attended by Hon'ble Members of Parliament representing those districts. DM/DCs of these aspirational districts were asked to expedite the progress.
**Training on ODF**


**Monitoring of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)**

Secretary, DWS reviewed the progress under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen with ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary and Mission Directors in-charge of Rural Sanitation in all States/UTs though video conference (VC) on 10th March, 2021.

**Field visits**

Teams of Consultants of Department undertook field visits to villages in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Haryana during 15th March, 2021 to 18th March 2021 to assess actual field implementation of SBM (G).

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