To
The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries,
In-charge, Rural Water Supply Department,
All States / UTs

Subject: Taking up of new schemes under NRDWP

Madam / Sir,

1. National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) is a centrally sponsored scheme through which this Ministry provides financial & technical assistance to States for improving coverage of Piped Water Supply (PWS) in rural areas. For this, allocation in 2018-19 is Rs. 7000 Crore and State wise break up has already been conveyed to States and has also been uploaded in IMIS.

2. As execution of PWS normally takes 1-3 years depending on the size of scheme, Ministry had advised States to take up schemes up to three times of average annual allocation & state matching share. At present, States are not allowed to take up new schemes with exception of some category (like ODF villages, SAGY GPs, Arsenic / Fluoride affected habitations, Aspirations districts, Swajal scheme). However, it has been noted that many States have gone much beyond the said limit which has increased the overall committed liability under NRDWP many fold. Further, States which already have schemes more than the said limit, their committed liability is getting increased with taking up of new schemes under exempted category.

3. To have a discipline in this regard, it has been decided to allow states for taking up new schemes under NRDWP only when the net committed liability of all ongoing schemes under NRDWP is less than the amount of unspent balance & 3 times of annual allocation and State matching share thereof at any point of time. There will be no exemption [except for NWQSM, RWSSP-LIS and JE-AES (which will also have same logic)] for this rule which can be enforced through IMIS. Calculation in this regard on status as on 31.10.18 is enclosed. Change in status will be dynamic.
depending on the reduction in committed liability. However, States are free to take up any type of schemes not funded from NRDWP.

4. If the State feels that a scheme (in which no expenditure has been made and no coverage has been shown) will not be progressed under NRDWP, such scheme either can be deleted or source of funding under NRDWP can be un-checked in IMIS. Further, in case, total expenditure on a scheme is estimated now to be less than the estimated cost presently entered in IMIS, the State can reduce the estimated cost in IMIS. With both the above actions, 'ratio of liability / allocation' would get reduced which will facilitate the State to take up new schemes.

Yours sincerely

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**Note:** The table contains information related to Panchayat, Gram Panchayat, Sub-Cluster, Cluster, Block Cluster, CD Block, Gram Panchayat Code, and Panchayat Code. The information is structured in a tabular format with columns for each of these categories.