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 Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
 (National Jal Jeevan Mission)

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To
 Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretaries
 In-charge of Rural Drinking Water Supply Department in all States/UTs

Subject: Ensuring clean water supply to Anganwadi Centers .

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance (WQM&S) has been accorded highest priority under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household. Under JJM, States/ UTs are to ensure potable drinking water availability through FHTC to schools, GP buildings, Schools, Anganwadi centres, Health centres, wellness centres, community buildings, etc.

2. As part of Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance under JJM, Gram Panchayat and/ or its sub-committee, i.e. VWSC/ Paani Samiti/ User Group, etc. will ensure testing of 100% drinking water sources including private sources and sanitary inspection under its jurisdiction using Field Test Kits (FTKs). The State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM) is to firm up state policy on engaging dedicated human resource for water quality testing as well as surveillance using FTKs.

3. Anganwadi Centres, especially in rural areas, play an important role in improving the nutritional and health status vis-à-vis overall development of children in the age-group of 0-6 years. Access to potable drinking water is linked to their overall development and hence provision of the same is imperative in protecting children from any water-borne diseases.

4. Therefore, in order to achieve the envisioned objectives, all states are hereby advised that water quality testing/surveillance is also to be done by FTKs at every Anganwadi centre to ensure potable water to our future generation .

Yours sincerely,

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Director (JJM-WQ)

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Senior Technical Director (PS), NIC - with request to arrange for necessary monitoring formats available in IMIS w.r.t. testing of water samples at Anganwadi centres.