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To

**Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary**  
PHED/Rural Water Supply  
All States/ UTs

**Sub.: Jal Jeevan Mission: 100-days Campaign to provide assured potable piped water supply in Schools and Anganwadi Centres**

**Dear Madam/ Sir**

As you are aware, Hon'ble Prime Minister while unveiling the logo of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and releasing the 'Margdarshika' for Gram Panchayats and Paani Samitis/ Village Water & Sanitation Committees (VWSCs) on 29.09.2020, announced that a '100 days campaign' be launched on 02<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020 to provide assured potable water supply in all schools, anganwadi centres and other public institutions across the country.

2. Jal Jeevan Mission – Har Ghar Jal aims at universal coverage which also includes safe water in all public institutions, especially schools and anganwadi centres. The reports on coverage for providing safe water in schools and anganwadi centres show that the progress made by the States/ UTs is below par. It is also possible that tap water connections have been provided in these institutions but has not been reported on JJM-IMIS.

3. Providing safe water to schools and anganwadi centres is all the more important as children are more susceptible to water- borne diseases. Repeated infections due to intake of unsafe water will adversely affect their growth and may result in stunting. Situation is complex in water quality-affected areas where safe water is to be ensured on priority by this year end.

4. To achieve the objective of this campaign. i.e., to provide assured potable water supply in all schools, anganwadi centres and public institutions across the country in a 'campaign mode', you may do the following:

- i) Gram Sabhas to be convened coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020 and a resolution be taken up regarding providing tap water connection in all the households in the village in a time-bound manner, as planned by the State and safe water in all schools, anganwadi centres and other public institutions in the village in next 100 days;
- ii) As nodal department, PHE/ RWS Department of State may spearhead the campaign by involving Gram Panchayats and/ or its sub-committees, along with other concerned departments, development partners, sector partners, academic & technical institutions and work together to achieve this goal;



iii) Prepare implementation strategy which may include the following:

- a.) Provide tap water connection to all schools, anganwadi centres and other public institutions;
- b.) In sparse settlements/ habitations like hilly, forest areas, tribal areas etc., solar powered stand-alone water supply systems can be installed;
- c.) Wherever providing potable water through tap water connection is not possible during this campaign period, safe water be ensured through purifiers, CWPPs, etc. as an interim measure; provision of rain-water harvesting in public institution buildings in desert and drought-prone areas to ensure water security in these Anganwadis centres and schools;
- d.) Ensure updating of data along with daily reporting of progress in JJM-IMIS;
- e.) Water testing and surveillance activities to ensure safe water should be taken up in schools and anganwadis centres;
- f.) Water supply to toilets built in schools and anganwadi centres also to be provided; and
- g.) IEC campaign through platforms such as television, radio, social media messaging on the importance of safe water and its impact on health of children to be taken up.

5. In view of this, you are requested to make concerted to ensure potable tap water supply in schools as well as in toilets of these schools and anganwadi centres within next 100 days. I believe this campaign will be immensely useful in providing safe tap water to school and anganwadi centres in rural areas of our country.

Yours sincerely,



[Bharat Lal]