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No. PHE/247/

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From: Manoj Pant, IAS
Principal Secretary
to the Govt. of West Bengal

To: The District Magistrate
Paschim Bardhaman/ Bankura/ Purulia/ Birbhum/Jhargram/ Paschim Medinipur

Sub: Identification of locations prone to water scarcity during summer months and formulation & implementation of action plan for mitigation of drought like situation.

Ref: This Deptt.'s letter No. PHE/43/O-8/15 (Pt. II) dated 08.01.2019.

You might be aware that the undersigned held a meeting on drought preparedness in the Conference room of this Department on 04.01.2019 wherein the concerned ADMs of your districts were also present.

It was decided in the meeting that identification of locations prone to drought like situation be made from your end and the list of such locations be sent to this Department to facilitate formulation of action plan for mitigation of drought like situation.

Pursuant to the above decisions, the letter under reference was sent to you requesting for sending to this end the lists of the vulnerable locations. It is requested that such lists be provided from your end at the earliest, if not already sent. The concerned PHED Executive Engineers will keep in touch with you for obtaining the lists.

In this connection, the measures to be adopted for management of drought like situation in the identified locations during ensuing summer season are indicated below:-

- 1) The BDOs may be instructed to get the spot sources/ hand pump tube wells repaired by utilising the service of the Junior Engineer, RWS, PHE Dte. posted at the block.
- 2) The Executive Engineers of PHE Dte. will ensure that the existing Piped Water Supply Schemes (PWSS) function properly. Repairs/ restoration works as necessary shall be taken up immediately. Extension of pipeline with provision for extra stand posts may be done to cover nearby vulnerable locations if it is technically feasible. Both the Civil and Mechanical counterparts shall work in close coordination in this regard.

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- 3) Community/ mini water supply schemes may be formulated by the concerned PHED Divisions for the areas that are not covered by PWSS or spot sources. Sinking of new spot sources be restricted as far as possible.
- 4) In the vulnerable areas that cannot be covered through measures as stated in Paras (1) to (3) above, contingent measures to be taken for distribution of water through tankers and/or water pouches to the affected population.

In fine, the undersigned would like to request you to hold regular meetings with Executive Engineers of PHE Dte. and other concerned officials in regard to formulation and timely implementation of the aforesaid action plans for drought preparedness and to monitor the situation closely so as to mitigate drinking water scarcity in the event of any drought like situation in your district.

A micro management plan be sent to the undersigned by next seven days.


(Manoj Pant)

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the:

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2. Chief Engineer Headquarters/ Planning & WQM/ Western Zone/ Mechanical-Electrical (Northern/ Southern Zone), PHE Dte.


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