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Government of India
Ministry of Panchayati Raj

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25-K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001
Dated 27th September, 2016

To

The Chief Secretary
(All States as per list)

Subject: Providing safe drinking water to rural people utilizing funds under FFC grant -regarding

Sir,

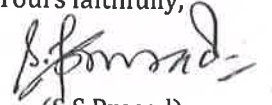
Under the Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) award, grants to the tune of Rs. 2,00,292.20 crore are being devolved to Gram Panchayats (GPs) for the period 2015-20 at Rs. 488 per capita per annum at an aggregate level to support and strengthen the delivery of basic civic services by the GPs. The grants are being released in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) dated 8-10-2015.

2. To ensure that the grants being made available are utilized properly and for the prioritized local needs, the States have issued their detailed guidelines for preparation of participatory Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) converging resources from various State and Central sector schemes over which the GPs have command. The FFC and the guidelines issued by MoF emphasize on delivery of basic services such as water supply, sanitation and street lights in addition to other activities for utilization of grants.

3. The decision for prioritizing utilization of FFC funds for providing basic services lies with the GPs which have to incur expenditure after preparation of GPDPs. Since Government of India has accorded utmost importance and priority to providing safe drinking water in the rural areas, Gram Panchayats should be advised to consider undertaking various activities connected with providing safe drinking water to the people utilizing FFC grants.

4. Hence, it is requested that suitable instructions to Gram Panchayats for according priority to various activities relating to the provision of safe drinking water may be issued at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


(S S Prasad)
Director

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