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To  
The Principal Secretary,  
Panchayati Raj Department,  
All States (as per list attached).

**Subject: Provision of water supply and sanitation in anganwadis and schools using Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) Grants - reg.**

Sir/ Madam,


I am directed to say that States have issued detailed guidelines on the preparation of a Gram Panchayat Development Plans converging resources over which the Gram Panchayats have command. These resources primarily include grants of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, MGNREGA and Swachh Bharat Mission. The Fourteenth Finance Commission has accorded priority to provision of basic services in the utilisation of its grants with primacy given to water supply and sanitation.

2. There are a few activities related to water supply and sanitation that are critical from the point of view of their impact on the health of children and also because there is no specific schemes to address them. Some of these are:-

- 1) Construction of toilets in schools and baby-friendly toilets in anganwadis and provision of drinking water supply systems for these institutions as per prescribed norms.
- 2) Filling up of gaps in provisions of toilets where the existing infrastructure falls short of the norms in these institutions.
- 3) Rehabilitation of existing toilets and drinking water systems in schools and anganwadis if they are in need of repairs.
- 4) Regular repair of the toilets and drinking water systems in schools and anganwadis.

3. The flexibility in usage of FFC funds lies with the Gram Panchayats. However, in view of the importance of the above-mentioned activities, it is suggested that suitable instructions may be given to the Gram Panchayats in this respect and the importance of this may be included as a special item in their capacity building programmes. This issue was also discussed in the meeting of the Principal Secretaries of the State Panchayati Raj Department on October 29-30, 2015 and it was decided that States could undertake construction of toilets and water supply in anganwadis utilising the FFC grants.

Yours faithfully,

  
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1. Ministry of Women & Child Development, Shastri bhawan, New Delhi w.r.t D.O. letter No. 19-3/2004-CD-I dated 1.4.2015
2. Department of School Education & Literacy , Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi w.r.t. D.O. letter No. 27-97/2015-EE.16 dated 2.11.2015
3. PPS to SPR