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Government of India has launched National Water Mission (NWM) under National Action Plan for Climate Change guided by Hon'ble Prime Minister's Council. The main objective of NWM is "conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management". Under the mission every State and Union Territory is being supported to formulate a State / UT Specific Action Plan (SSAP) for Water for sustainable development and management of their water resources by linking with the respective State/UT Action Plan for Climate Change and other sectoral plans. The SSAP includes preparation of State Water Budget.

The State/UT Specific Action Plan (SSAP) on water is a multi-disciplinary activity requiring active participation of all Government Departments related to water from supply side, demand side, governance side, technology side and environment and climate change perspective and also that of non-government agencies and citizens. Thus, State/UT Government need mentoring and guidance in the formulation of plans through convergence and synergy.

On the subject, NWM has organized a National Workshop on SSAP inviting all the States and UT's on 5th June, 2017. One of the recommendations of the workshop was to formulate a model template for SSAP in consultation with various stakeholders. Accordingly, NWM has undertaken extensive consultation with various Government of India Ministries'/Departments, expert institutions and experts including CWC, CGWB and State Nodal officers on the subject. Accordingly, a tentative draft is getting ready and is to be finalized in consultation with the State Governments. In this context, NWM is organizing a meeting with 11 State officers to finalize the SSAP draft template on 23rd October 2017.

As a representative of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation located in the state you are required to support and extend all assistance to the State team in preparing the SSAP for Water. Thus it becomes necessary for you to understand the objectives, outcomes and process of the exercise. It is needless to mention that you are a member of State level Steering and Monitoring Committees on SSAP for Water.

Given your expertise and leadership in Water Sector, hereby I cordially invite you to join the said meeting and enrich the proceedings and mentor the State teams. The meeting is scheduled on 23rd October, 2017 from 9.30 am to 5.pm. The venue of the meeting is Auditorium Hall, CWC, Sector 5, R.K Puram, New Delhi. A request has already been made to Chairman CWC for nominating you for the said meeting.

I am delighted to inform you that Dr.Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Ayog will grace the meeting.

Eagerly awaiting your kind participation.

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