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*Respected Ma'm/Sir,*

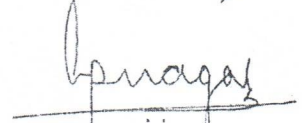
The Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) play a pivotal role in constructive and exponential success of any development initiative in India. Such has been the case with "Jal Shakti Abhiyan" of Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD&GR). Inspired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's impetus on Jal Sanchay, the JSA is a time-bound, mission-mode water conservation campaign. The program aims to create sustainable sources of drinking water, especially in water stressed areas. This year, phase three of JSA has been launched by the Hon'ble President of India on 04<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

2. Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been closely working with Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) for sensitizing the Panchayat on the subject of Water Conservation and Drinking Water. Reference may be made to letter no. 15 (2) FC-XV/FCD/2020-25 dated 14/07/2021 of Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance that states that the 30% of total RLBs grants of XV FC funds has been earmarked 'Drinking Water, rainwater harvesting and water recycling'.
3. A detailed advisory dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 has issued Gram Sabha guidelines, which inter-alia states that the Gram Sabha meetings may be held on focused agendas on themes of National priorities/focus areas of Health, Water, Nutrition, Education etc.
4. To continue these efforts, all Gram Panchayats may be advised to conduct a Special Gram Sabha on the subject of Water and take a 'Jal Shapath' on **World Water Day i.e. 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, the details of which shall be uploaded on Vibrant Gram Sabha Portal ([www.meetingonline.gov.in](http://www.meetingonline.gov.in)). Details of process of uploading data in Vibrant Gram Sabha portal along with proposed activities under the JSA 2023 has been placed in annexure – I. A reminder message (SMS) shall be sent to the Sarpanchs of all Gram Panchayat, two days prior to the event. The role of States/Panchayats has been placed in annexure-II may be discussed in detail while preparing a roadmap for mitigating water scarcity. This

activity must be prioritised in 150 Water Stressed Districts, the list of which has been placed in annexure.-III.

Encl. as above

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