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Dated: 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you regarding expediting the formulation / completion of State Specific Action Plan (SSAP) on Water co-ordinated by the National Water Mission. The Government of India had launched National Water Mission (NWM) under National Action Plan for Climate Change with the main objective of NWM as "conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management". According to its action plan, all State Governments were requested to formulate a SSAP for their state for sustainable development and management of its water resources linking it with their respective State Action Plans for Climate Change.

2. The SSAP-Water comprises of 3 components, namely, (i) State Water Budget for water security, safety and sustainability; (ii) Action Plan for Climate Change; and (iii) SSAP Water Plan till 2050. Till date twenty-five States/UTs including State of Gujarat have signed the MoU with their respective Nodal Agencies for SSAP preparation. To assist the State of Gujarat for the preparation of SSAP, North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management (NERIWALM), Tezpur was nominated as Nodal Agency by NWM, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.

3. In the capacity building workshop held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, the representatives of all the State Governments were requested to expeditiously prepare and submit their SSAP Reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase. On completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of SSAP, a reasonably comprehensive water data base in relation to water resources opportunities and challenges in the state will be available and enable it to take concrete steps for effective planning, implementation and management of water resources. As per Plan of Action and in view of revised template furnished to the State Government during the last quarter of year 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the SSAP Report (i.e., furnishing of material facts and figures on water data in the revised template) must have been completed by the State of Gujarat by December 2018. The State of Gujarat is still to submit Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of SSAP as per revised template.

4. You will kindly appreciate that water conservation, augmentation and preservation requires active collaboration of all stakeholders, including State Governments. Hence, a sufficiently senior officer, who has understanding of all the various aspects of water resources management is required to be designated this responsibility. This officer will serve as focal point person for all communications with NWM and all other stakeholders. Therefore, I, request you to kindly **nominate a sufficiently senior officer of the State Government** who has all the technical expertise in relation to water resources management and development to be designated as **'Mission's Representative' (in place of Nodal Officer)**. Kindly advise the designated officer to look into the matter and to expedite the preparation and submission of Report of 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of SSAP at an early date.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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*Respected Sir*

Government of India launched National Water Mission (NWM) under National Action Plan for Climate Change. The main objective of NWM is "conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensure its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management". Under the action plan, every State is being supported to formulate a State Specific Action Plan (SSAP) for sustainable development and management of its water resources by linking with the respective State Action Plan for Climate Change. NWM is supporting this initiative through North Eastern Regional Institute of Water And Land Management (NERIWALM), Tezpur, Assam and National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Roorkee, Uttarakhand.

2. Till date twenty-three States/UTs have already signed the Memorandum Understanding with nodal agencies. Most of the State/UTs have identified the Nodal Department and Nodal Institution and a State Nodal officer (from the Nodal Institute). The works for the preparation of SSAP are at different stages of progress in States/UTs.

4. NWM in collaboration with NERIWALM and NIH conducted recently SSAP workshop in five regions of the country namely Pune, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Gangtok and Shimla to build and reinforce the capacities of State/UT in order to develop SSAP's effectively. Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu have already completed the SSAP and are in the process of submission to NWM.


5. As many of the States are still not ready with the formulation of SSAP, NWM, is organizing a daylong meeting with the Nodal Institutions and Nodal officers to further fine tune the capacity building to enable the States to expedite the formulation/completion of SSAPs. The meeting is scheduled at 11 AM on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, 15, Janpath, New Delhi.

You are earnestly requested to depute the State Nodal officer for attending the said meeting.

Eagerly looking forward for your kind nomination.

*With Warm Regards,*

Yours truly,

  
(Nitishwar Kumar)

Principal Secretaries of State/UTs