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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
EE.16 Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 13th April, 2016

To

The Education Secretaries of all States/UTs

Sub: Provision of water supply and sanitation in schools using Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) grants.

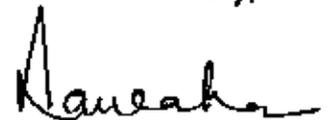
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose a copy each of D.O. No.11/145/2016-CD.I dated 6th April, 2016 jointly issued by the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of School Education & Literacy); and Ministry of Panchayati Raj's letter F.No.N-18011/17/2015-FD dated 18th March, 2016, which are self-explanatory.

2. You are accordingly, requested to take necessary action with regard to provision of water supply and sanitation in schools using FFC grants.

Encl. as above

Yours faithfully,



(Alok Jawahar)

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Copy to: State Project Directors of SSA in all States/UTs.

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D.O.No. 11/145/2015-CD.I
April, 2016

Dear

The Fourteenth Finance Commission has devolved substantial grants to Gram Panchayats to be spent on basic services of which special priority is indicated for water supply and sanitation. In order to utilize the resources properly, all States have initiated the process of preparation of plans at the Gram Panchayat level converging resources over which the Gram Panchayats have command.

2. While Gram Panchayats are the final decision-making authority on how the resources should be utilized, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has issued a circular advising the States to instruct Gram Panchayats to give priority to the provision as well as repair of drinking water systems including for hand wash and toilets in schools (copy enclosed).

3. Further, the Gram Panchayats may take the lead in convening meetings with Parent Teacher Association of the schools and the Village Education Committee and put in place proper arrangements for regular cleaning of the school toilets and for disposal of solid and liquid waste generated in the schools, and may support such activities.

4. In order to strengthen the demand side, Parent Teacher Associations may be asked to approach the Gram Panchayats and indicate the need for proper water supply and sanitation systems as their priority and also raise this in Gram Sabhas.

With regards

Yours sincerely

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Please put this up for circulation to all States along with the advisory issued by MoP.R.

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F.No.N-18011/17/2015-FD
Government of India
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BY SPEED POST/FAX



11th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building,
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Dated March 18, 2016

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