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Dear Shri Mishra

The Department of Drinking Water Supply (DDWS) has undertaken several Inter-sectoral convergence activities with the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for effective implementation of its programmes of Accelerated Rural Water Supply (ARWSP), Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance and, Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC).

2. As part of these initiatives, you may like to take up the following activities for convergence :

- i) Identify functions, mechanisms of pooling of financial and human resources of staff with specific roles and responsibilities for inter-sectoral convergence with NRHM and SSA at State, District, Block and Gram Panchayat level.
- ii) Joint Training programmes for ASHA workers, ANMs, Health Workers and officials of TSC at all levels.
- iii) Provision of toilets and incentives to ASHA workers and their role in Community mobilization on importance of sanitation facilities and, health & hygiene education programmes, particularly in school and anganwadis.
- iv) Convergence of Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme in the areas of mapping of safe and unsafe drinking water sources, community mobilization for usage of safe sources for drinking and cooking purposes, treatment of water in unsafe sources.
- v) Data collection on health indicators like Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), anemia among children and women, Child morbidity, water quality affected habitations and linkages to water and sanitation related illness.
- vi) Inclusion of health and hygiene messages in the curriculum and Activity based learning-teaching methodology of SSA in schools.

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- i) Capacity Building of teachers, school management, Parent Teachers Association, Village Education Committee on monitoring construction of sanitation facilities, health and hygiene education awareness activities in schools.
- ii) Innovative Pilot projects on school water supply and sanitation undertaken like linking up with the Schools Mid Day Meal Programme under SSA through Solid and Liquid Waste Management, menstrual health, hygiene management, setting up incinerators, sanitary napkin vending machines in schools, innovative models of school toilet designs specially for the challenged children, grey water reuse, rain water harvesting, water quality monitoring.

3. Considerable progress has been made by some States in undertaking these convergence initiatives. The Department is reviewing the progress of implementation of these inter-sectoral convergence activities undertaken by States to further strengthen this programme. To this end, it is requested that a report be sent to us on the steps taken by your State for inter-sectoral convergence of programmes of DDWS with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, & Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for effective implementation of the on-going water and sanitation programmes.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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