

From

Director,
Water and Sanitation Support Organization,
O/o Public Health Engineering Department, Panchkula.

To

The Executive Engineer,
Public Health Engineering Division,
Ambala Cantt. / No. 2, Bhiwani/ No. 1, Faridabad/
No. 1, Fatehabad/ Gurgaon/ No. 1, Hissar/
No. 2, Jhajjar/Jind/ No. 1, Kaithal/ No. 1, Karnal/
Kurukshetra/ Mohindergarh/ No. 1, Narnaul/ No. 1, Nuh/
No. 3, Palwal/ Panchkula/ No. 1, Panipat/ No. 1, Rewari/
No. 2, Rohtak/ No. 1, Sirsa/ No. 2, Sonapat/ No. 2, Yamunanagar.

Memo No. 6323-43 -DWSSO
Dated Panchkula the, 19-10-2012

Subject:- Capacity Building of Gram Panchayats to whom Tubewell based Water Supply Schemes have been handed over for Operation and Maintenance.

1. As per the provisions of 73rd Constitutional Amendments the operation and maintenance of single villages tubewell based water supply schemes have been handed over to Gram Panchayats for operation and maintenance. The policy regarding devolution of powers was issued by PHED on 22.03.2012.
2. To extend help to Gram Panchayats, a notification for constitution of Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) was issued on 08.05.2012 by Development and Panchayats Department. The roles and responsibilities of the VWSC are defined in the said notification.
3. To promote Water Conservation in the rural areas, a policy regarding Water Conservation Award to village Panchayats was circulated by PHED on 16.04.2012.
4. On the direction of Hon'ble High Court in CWP No. 5846 of 2010, the PHED has notified Haryana State Rural Water Policy 2012 on 7th June, 2012.
5. As per the information available on Website of PHED, 3013 tubewells in 1606 habitations spread over various districts of Haryana have been handed over to Gram Panchayats for operation and maintenance. The district wise No. of habitations and tubewells handed over is enclosed. The payment to these Gram Panchayats as per policy dated 22.03.2012 is being made regularly through concerned Executive Engineer. In the meeting of Executive Committee of SWSMH held on 26.09.2012, it was decided that utilization certificates for the amount being paid by PHED to Gram Panchayats will be given quarterly by the Gram Panchayats through concerned BDPO and it will also be ensured that ITI qualified person is appointed by the Gram Panchayat for operation of the tubewell.
6. It has been observed that there is a need for capacity building of these Gram Panchayats so that they able to operate and maintain the water supply schemes in a efficient manner. There is a provision in approved Annual Action Plan of WSSO 2012-13 for capacity building of VWSCs. To achieve this end the proposal is as under:-

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- (a) The capacity building workshops shall be held at each Block level.
- (b) At least 5 members from village panchayat/ VWSC, operation staff engaged by Gram Panchayats, concerned Gram Sachiv may be invited to attend the capacity building workshop.
- (c) The resource person to impart training may be SDE Public Health, District IEC and Equity Consultant, Block Resource Coordinator (BRC), Chemist of PHED.
- (d) The number of participant in each workshop may not be more than 100.
- (e) The capacity building workshops may be held from 1st November to 30th November which shall cover all the villages where water supply schemes have been handed over to Gram Panchayat for O&M.
- (f) The name of the resource persons, venue and dates shall be decided by the nodal Executive Engineer of PHED for WSSO in the district.
- (g) The training to the resource person will be imparted by the WSSO Staff from the Head Quarter at Nilokheri or other suitable location as per availability of venue preferably before 1st November.
- (h) The module for the capacity building shall cover the following issues:-
 - i. Roles and responsibility of VWSC and devolution of powers to Gram Panchayats.
 - ii. Functions for proper operation and maintenance of electric motor, penal board, Chlorination & repair of leakages in distribution system.
 - iii. Use of field testing kits for Water Quality monitoring and introduction to water borne disease.
 - iv. Introduction to Rural Water Policy for release of water connections.
 - v. Introduction to Water Conservation Award.
 - vi. Quarterly submission of utilization certificates for the funds given by PHED.
 - vii. Methods of water conservation and rain water harvesting.
- (i) The said workshop can be one day workshop.
- (j) The expenditure on the entire workshop shall be charged to NRDWP Support funds.
- (k) The IEC material to be distributed to all the participants shall be prepared through Executive Engineer Panchkula by WSSO Head Quarter.
- (l) The BDPOs also needs to be involved to ensure presence of the Gram Panchayats for which instructions needs to be got issued from PS D&P to all ADCs/ BDPOs.

To finalize the above stated proposal, a meeting of all District Nodal Executive Engineers of PHED for WSSO and District IEC & Equity Consultants will be held on 26.10.2012 at 11:30 AM in conference hall of PHED, Bay No. 19-20, Sector-4, Panchkula under the Chairmanship of Engineer-in-Chief, Haryana, Public Health Engineering Department.

You are therefore, requested to attend the meeting alongwith District IEC & Equity Consultants on the above stated date, time and place. The name of resource persons, venue and dates for the capacity building workshops may be brought in the meeting for discussion.

DA/ As above


Director,
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Dated: 19-10-2012

A copy of the above is forwarded to Chief Engineer (Rural)/ Chief Engineer (Prog.) for information. They are requested to attend above stated meeting.



Director,
Water and Sanitation Support Org.

Endst. No. 6346-66 - DWSSO

Dated: 19-10-2012

A copy of the above is forwarded to All District IEC and Equity Consultants under WSSO for information and necessary action. They are requested to attend the meeting alongwith all the details.



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