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To,
The Principal Secretary/ Secretary,
Department of Panchayati Raj
FFC States

**Subject: Regarding the use of Fourteenth Finance Commission(FFC) Grantsby the
Gram Panchayats in Rain Water Harvesting under Jal Shakti Mission**

Sir,

As you are aware, Government of India has focused on “Jal Shakti Mission” towards nation-wide efforts for Water Conservation. The importance of the Mission was also emphasized in the recent Video Conference held with the States. As the Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) grants are being devolved to Gram Panchayats(GP) for delivering basic services which includes water supply, there is adequate scope for convergence of the efforts of the State/ Gram Panchayats between the works/activities utilizing FFC grants with those of the Jal Shakti Mission.

2. As per guideline of Ministry of Finance regarding implementation of FFC recommendation, the expenditure incurred by Panchayats on the Basis Services within the functions devolved to Gram Panchayat under the State laws may be incurred after proper plans are prepared by them, in accordance with the relevant rules, regulations, processes, and procedures applicable in the State.

3. Considering the onset of monsoon over large parts of the country, the Gram Panchayats(GPs) in the States may be advised to utilize the FFC Grants towards roof rain water harvesting systems and groundwater recharge in various Panchayat owned/controlled and govt department owned/controlled public buildings/structures in the Gram Panchayats like the GP Bhawans, Aanganwadis, Schools, panchayat owned Common Service Centres buildings, Community/marriage Halls, Primary Health Centres/Hospitals, post office, bank/ATM own buildings, Panchayat owned market/shops building etc towards water conservation in pursuit of the Jal Shakti Mission. These roof rain water harvesting works need to geotagged and uploaded in mActionSoft application without fail. The procedure for making the expenditure from FFC Funds after preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) may be suitably deferred in case of such urgent necessity and the formalities of getting the approval of the plans may be done post-facto.

4. These emergency expenditure for the above services need to be incorporated in revised GPDP during current year for due approval of Gram Sabha. Further State Government may ensure and instruct to GPs for this emergency expenditure to be for Basic Services only as per 14th Finance Commission recommendations.

Yours faithfully,



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