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From

S N Tripathi, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Govt.

To

All Collectors
Chief Engineer, RWSS, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Compliance of orders of Hon'ble High Court, Odisha in WP (C) No. 2515 of 2011, dated 20.12.2012.

Sir,

As you are aware, Hon'ble High Court, Odisha has been pleased to order for provision of drinking water facilities in all AWCs without fail. Hon'ble High Court has been further pleased to direct that all AWCs functioning in their own building should be provided with drinking water within their premises.

As per report received from W & CD Deptt.(as on Sept. 2012), there were 16031 AWCs functioning in their own building, out of which the drinking water facilities have already been provided in 11524 within their premises and in the balance 4221 AWCs the drinking water facilities are available within the distance of 250 meters. In this regard a detail tabular chart lhas been given in the affidavit and it is further stated that tube wells will be sunk in 5666 AWCs by the end of March 2013.

2. Needless to say that we have to implement the order dated 08.03.2011 in letter and spirit. You are once again directed to look into the matter personally and ensure that 5666 tube wells are sunk inside the AWC premises. Steps may also be taken to provide tubewells in new buildings taken up by W & CD Department out of current allocation of over 32000 tube wells.

3. Hon'ble High Court has been pleased to direct further that drinking water should be made available to all AWCs functioning other than their own buildings as per norm.

However, taking into consideration the fact that the public money shall be utilized in a proper manner, we are making it clear that if a Anganwadi Centre is functioning in a private/rented building, it is not required to drill a tube well in that centre, but the authorities shall see that drinking water facility is made available to that centre within a radius of 250 meters.

4. Please feel free to suggest if you require more tube wells to comply the order of Hon'ble High Court in letter and spirit. You are once again directed to monitor the process closely so that all AWCs functioning in the own building/school premises have water within their own premises.

This is most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary to Government

CC: All RDCs / Commissioner-cum-Secretary, W&CD Deptt.