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Bhubaneswar, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

To

All Collectors.

**Sub: Preventive maintenance of hand pump tube wells and sanitary well.**

Ref: Joint Letter from DoRD and DoPR dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2013.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, rural drinking water supply in Odisha is largely ground water based. For 1,41,928 habitations, RWSS has sunk over 3,40,828 spot sources including 3,29,795 tube wells till February, 2013. I am happy to know that this year all of you are likely to sink over 32,630 tube wells against which 28,481 have already been sunk. While the new tube wells including tube wells sunk last year may not require immediate maintenance, there are many more spot sources including sanitary wells which require regular repair and maintenance.

2. We have transferred the function of operation and maintenance of drinking water projects to Gram Panchayat with necessary funds and functionaries. Repair of tube wells have also been covered under Odisha Public Service Delivery Act, 2012 which is in operation. During your field visit and grievance hearing you may be getting complaints regarding non-availability of clean, safe and adequate water in some habitations including Schools and Anganwadi Centers. As in the previous year, you should take up preventive maintenance of hand pump tube wells and sanitary wells including Piped Water Supply scheme in a campaign mode. You must ensure that all the tube wells are thoroughly checked and required preventive maintenance likely painting/quality testing and repair of platform is carried out.

3. With anticipated rise in temperature in the coming months, it is necessary to take up preventive maintenance of tube wells, well in advance so that they are kept fully functional during the ensuing summer season. It should be ensured that the blocks purchase adequate spares, paints, riser pipes and hire mobile vans. All tube wells so repaired shall be recorded and signed by Villagers/Ward Members/Anganwadi Workers/ASHA Workers/Sarpanch (any two signatories). The Junior Engineers, RWSS and Assistant Engineers, RWSS must conduct surprise inspection of 10%. RWSS shall engage a separate repair team for repair of Piped Water Supply Schemes.

4. It shall be the duty of the BDO to provide hired mobile vans, POL and required spare parts (to be met out of the Finance Commission grant). RWSS shall provide extra labour force for this task. This should be monitored by you and Project Director, DRDA on a weekly basis in order to ensure success of the preventive maintenance drive.

Yours faithfully,



**Chief Secretary,  
Odisha**

CC:

1. Principal Secretary to Govt., R&DM Department
2. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
3. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Panchayati Raj Deptt.
4. All RDCs
5. MD, OSDMA
6. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development
7. Chief Engineer-I & II, RWS&S, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
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For information and necessary action.



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