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Subject : Addendum to the Guidelines for Hariyali (2003)

In order to ensure drinking water availability with special emphasis on mitigating drinking water scarcity in drought years, it is important that, in watershed villages, serious efforts be made to accomplish the National Norms formulated by the Department of Drinking Water Supply (DoDWS), Ministry of Rural Development. These Norms prescribe that 40 litres of safe water per head per day should be available within 100 meters of every household. Since watershed development programmes of this Department provide for augmentation of the supply source for drinking water, it is necessary that while planning for watershed development, suitable arrangements should be made to dovetail funds available under Swajaldhara Scheme of the DoDWS to ensure accomplishment of the prescribed National Norms. With this objective, the following specific additions/modifications have been made to the Guidelines for Hariyali (2003).

- 1) The following sub-para may be added to Para 23 :
"The Gram panchayat shall constitute a Drinking Water Committee with the help of WDT that will consist of women representatives in majority from various community groups and from the Gram Panchayat. This committee shall oversee implementation of watershed activities concerning drinking water security."
- 2) Para 26 on "Activities for Watershed Development" and Para 34 on "Procedure for Release of Instalments" may be read with the proviso that "the Watershed Action Plan should have a separate sub-category on water harvesting for augmenting drinking water source. The success criteria to monitor the progress of watershed project should include adequate drinking water security in the village, particularly for the marginalized groups."
- 3) Para 41 on "Monitoring & Review" may be read with the proviso that "the Quarterly Progress Report submitted by the PIA to the ZP/DRDA should contain a separate section highlighting the drinking water status in the watershed and progress made in achieving the National norms. This should also be reflected in the district level monitoring/mid-term evaluation, including that conducted by the external agencies."



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