

**MOST URGENT
PERSONAL ATTENTION**

No.IPH-PH-Drought-/2011- 395-418
Himachal Pradesh
Irrigation and PH Department

From:

Engineer-in-Chief,
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Shimla – 171002.

To

All the Chief Engineers,
Under IPH Department.

Dated, Shimla – , the 3 May, 201

Subject:-

Contingency plan for tackling Drought/Water Scarcity in the State.

You are aware that drought like conditions are prevailing in different parts of the State due to scanty rains /lesser snowfall during the last winter season. In case more precipitation is not received, some areas are likely to face scarcity of water in the coming summer months. Therefore, to tackle the situation, timely measures are required to be taken by the Department. Therefore, all the SEs /EEs shall prepare a contingency plan to mitigate the drinking water problem. Hence, following instructions are required to be followed by the field functionaries/staff:-

All the Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers shall constantly monitor water supply situation in their respective areas and remain in touch with the District Administration. For Monitoring the campaign at HQ level, Shri Madan Gopal Sharma, Executive Engineer (Telephone No. 2625897) O/O Superintending Engineer, P&I-I, Jal Bhawan, Kasumpti, Shimla – 171009 shall be the Nodal Officer. Similarly, Nodal Officers shall be appointed at Circle level by concerned Superintending Engineer under intimation to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer, HQ at Shimla. A weekly report on the attached proforma should be sent to the Nodal Officer, HQ by every **Monday** positively.

- 2 Schemes /habitations which are likely to be affected due to water scarcity should be identified on priority and identification of routes for deployment of tankers, tractors, mules for carriage of drinking water in consultation with revenue authorities should be done.
- 3 Intensive inspection and monitoring of all the schemes shall be carried out by the field officers/officials to ensure equitable distribution of water, leakages in the pipe lines should be plugged immediately to avoid wastage of precious water. Action should be taken against the defaulting consumers who misuse the drinking water for irrigation of kitchen gardens/fields, construction of buildings, using “Tulu” pumps on line and excess storage etc. should be taken as per the powers delegated to the JEs from time to time.

4. Proposal for linking traditional sources/existing irrigation schemes for augmentation of water supply in affected areas should be investigated.
5. Arrangement for running lift Irrigation schemes in 2/3 shifts should be made by internalization of staff.
6. Hand pumps /Tube wells installed in the affected areas/schemes should be identified for energization to give immediate relief to the public. The field officers shall remain in constant touch with the HPSEB officials for SOP and other related problems.
7. Hand pumps installed by the department should be kept in proper working order in order to improve/supplement the drinking water facilities.
8. During the current financial year, it has been decided by the Govt. to install 2500 hand pumps in the drought prone areas of the State. Therefore, there is need to identify such areas and also formulate an Action Plan for installation of these hand pumps in consultation with Superintending Engineer-P&I-I, Jal Bhawan, Kasumpti, Shimla-9.
9. The Deputy Commissioners/BDO/Tehsildars/PRIs should be requested to undertake cleaning and disinfection of traditional water sources. All possible help in this operation shall be rendered by IPH Deptt. to them.
10. Adequate stock of bleaching powder, alum etc. must be ensured at Divisional/Sub-Divisional level for chlorination of water sources and testing water samples to avoid outbreak of water borne diseases.

All the SEs will submit fortnightly report of availability of bleaching powder Division-wise to the Nodal Officer regularly.


12. No leave of any kind is to be sanctioned to any field staff except in case it is absolutely essential by making alternative arrangements.
13. ~~No~~ No new private Water connections will be sanctioned till the improvement in the summer/water scarcity situation.
4. The field functionaries like JEs, fitters/pump operators should perform their duties promptly, responsibly, devotionally and impartially to ensure equitable supply of water in their respective sections. Any lapse on their part shall be viewed seriously.
5. Whenever any complaint is received by the JE in complaint room, complaint number must be given to the complainant and proper complaint register maintained. Concerned AE/Executive Engineer must exercise a random check on such registers.
16. Any problem regarding this issue may be brought to the notice of District Administration/Nodal Officer immediately.

It is hoped that the above guidelines/directions will help the Department to cope up/manage the likely water scarcity during the summer season in the State.

You are, therefore, requested to circulate above guidelines/instructions to all concerned in the field for strict compliance.


Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Encl:- Proforma.


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Copy forwarded to the Special PS to the Hon'ble IPH Minister for kind perusal of the Hon'ble IPH Minister please.

2. Copy forwarded to the Principal Secretary (IPH) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2 for favour of information please.
3. Copy forwarded to all the Superintending Engineers under IPH Department for information and necessary action.
4. Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, P&I-I and II, Jal Bhawan, Kasumpti, Shimla-9 for information and necessary action.
5. Copy forwarded to Shri Madan Gopal Sharma, Executive Engineer, the Nodal Officer (Drought) HQ for information and necessary action.
6. Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer (SP) for information and necessary action.
7. Copy forwarded to the Registrar (IPH) for information and necessary action.


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