



Government of Punjab
Department of Water Supply and Sanitation

To,

All Deputy Commissioners
Government of Punjab

By E-mail only

No. MD/SBM(G)/2023/463 Dated: 19-12-2023


Subject: Ensuring availability and sufficiency of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene facilities in Schools.

Ref: DDWS, MoJS, Govt. of India DO letter no. S-18012/96/2023-SBM-V-DDWS dated 30.11.2023.

It is intimated that Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India vide letter under reference has intimated that it is extremely important that all schools, including pre-primary, have provisions for clean drinking water, as well as appropriate and adequate number of toilets with running water facilities for students, teachers, other staff and visitors. Besides, the schools must also have functional hand hygiene facilities (with water and soap and/or alcohol-based hand rub) available at points of care, and within 5 metres of toilets.

2. Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti runs two Flagship Schemes viz Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in rural areas. SBM-G aims to sustain the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status of villages and to improve the levels of cleanliness in rural areas through Solid and Liquid Waste Management activities, making villages ODF Plus. Jal Jeevan Mission aims to provide drinking water to all rural households and public institutions including Health Care Facilities.
3. Similarly, the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs supports the provision of clean water and sanitation facilities. In view of the critical importance of providing potable water and toilets for students, teachers, other staff and visitors, the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education also supports State, inter alia, for providing WASH facilities in the schools.
4. It is requested that the following actions may be taken urgently under your guidance with a view to saturate all schools with WASH services:
 - i. Status of availability and sufficiency of toilets (usable and separate for male and female) in schools may be reviewed urgently. Community Sanitary Complexes, Community Toilets/Public Toilets may be planned and constructed, wherever necessary. Resources available under the SBM (Gramin) and SBM (Urban) may be utilized for this purpose.
 - ii. Plan for providing tap water in rural schools as soon as possible from resources available under the Jal Jeevan Mission, AMRUT, Samagra Shiksha Scheme.
 - iii. Testing of water quality, may be carried out in the schools on a periodic basis. Appropriate disinfection systems may be ensured wherever necessary.
 - iv. Support may be ensured for maintenance of the water and sanitation assets in the schools. The Fifteenth Finance Commission tied grants for water and sanitation and additional support may be ensured, wherever necessary, through the funds available such as Swachh Bharat Kosh or under the various schemes to the extent admissible.

In view of above, it is requested that the periodical review of the progress on the above-mentioned points at your level would ensure comprehensive coverage of WASH in all the schools in your district in a time bound manner resulting in saturation of quality services.

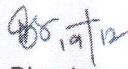

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A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information, please.

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