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Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM)

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Dated April 20, 2020

To,

Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary
in-charge of Rural Water Supply/ PHE Department
All States/ UTs

Subject: Allocation and release of funds in 2020-21 under Jal Jeevan Mission - extension of deadline for 31st March, 2020 ending data updation – regarding

Madam/ Sir,

Your attention is invited to this Department's letter of even number dated 31.03.2020 extending the deadline for updation of data ending March 31, 2020, which *inter-alia* includes population and household data for all the habitations, coverage and quality-affected habitation information, verification of baseline data (tagging) and monthly progress of physical & financial progress, and to be completed by 22.04.2020.

2. In normal course, this task should have been completed by States/ UTs by 31st March, 2020 as these are well known in advance and there has been continuous follow up by this Department. However, despite repeated requests and this being a day-to-day activity, some of the States/ UTs, are yet to complete this task. Criticality of this task can be appreciated with the fact that data related to number of households without tap connections, population living in water quality-affected habitations, unspent balance of funds, etc. are taken into account while allocating and/ or releasing the fund. Moreover, in the absence of the same, under Jal Jeevan Mission, March 31st 2020 ending physical and financial progress report are yet to be finalized and this Department and respective States are facing an extremely embarrassing situation. Further, such delays in revalidation of baseline and updation of data at your end adversely impact the planning process that needs to be undertaken in the beginning. It may be noted that any release of fund is linked to finalization of annual plan for the 2020-21 and monthly physical and financial/ expenditure plan. It may also be noted that as per existing instructions, every month, maximum upto 5% of the budgetary allocation for JJM in 2020-21, can be released. In first quarter of the financial year, the Department can utilize upto maximum 15% of the budget allocation. You will appreciate that this delay in updation of data may cost the programme heavily including loss of funds. Needless to mention here that JJM being a mission-mode programme, such delays in data updation is really a serious matter.

3. However, in view of the requests made by few State Governments/ UT Administrations to extend the deadline for completing the data updation work and also considering the prevailing condition in the country as fall out of COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided to

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further extend the last date for revalidation of baseline and data updation upto May 5th, 2020. It is emphasised that henceforth, no further requests for extension will be considered.

4. Once again you are requested to complete the task as soon as possible but not later than May 5, 2020 positively.

Yours sincerely,



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