

Guidelines on Sajal Gram Puraskar

1.0 Name and Purpose of the Award :

The name of the incentive award scheme is “**Sajal Gram Puraskar**”. The purpose of giving the Sajal Gram Puraskar is to motivate Panchayats to achieve drinking water security and safety for all households in their Panchayat on a sustainable basis.

2.0 Eligibility Criteria :

The eligibility criteria for the Award will be based on fulfilling the below mentioned criteria:

- The concerned Gram Panchayat must have received **Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP)** and must have sustained NGP status to eliminate chances of bacteriological contamination of drinking water sources is not eliminated.
- All households in the Panchayat have drinking water supply through metered **household tap connections** within their premises.
- Drinking water supply is available on a **24x7 basis**.
- All households to have **recharge or roof-water harvesting structures** within their premises.
- **Conjunctive use** of ground, surface and roof water sources with ground water contributing not more than 50% of the total water supply.
- The GP should have a working system of **community monitoring of ground water levels and crop water budgeting** by the community in water stressed areas.
- **Drinking water quality** provided in each household should be within the desirable limits as prescribed under the BIS standard ie., IS-10500.
- The in-village drinking water scheme or in-village distribution network should be **managed by the Gram Panchayat or its Standing Committee ie., the Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC)** for a period of 3 years atleast.
- **The VWSC should have atleast 50% women members and SC, ST and minority members** in proportion to their population.
- The GP/VWSC should have the **functions, funds from 10% O&M funds of NRDWP and functionaries** to operate and maintain all water supply assets created within their jurisdiction and sustainability structures created in the vicinity for improving source sustainability.

- The GP should meet atleast **50% cost of O&M** through collection of user charges in the first year.
- **Sanitary protection** of all drinking water sources and local catchments is mandatory.
- **Regular Water Quality Monitoring** of all drinking water sources by the trained grass root workers/community using field test kits and seeking confirmation from the Sub-divisional/district laboratory or from nearby other laboratories.
- Taking up **water conservation measures**
- Systematic arrangements for **solid waste management** within the Panchayat.
- Individual soak pits in every household or drainages leading to community stabilization ponds for **effective waste water management**.
- Documented significant **decrease in incidence of water and sanitation related diseases**.

3.0 Selection Procedure:

The procedure for the selection of the Gram Panchayats will be based on the following principles:

- A Selection Committee under the Zilla Panchayat would scrutinize all applications received from the Gram Panchayats, send teams from other Gram Panchayats and officials for verification and recommend the eligible ones to the State Government
- State Governments to have an independent verification done through reputed institutions in the water sector.
- The State Government will examine the verification report and recommend eligible cases to Government of India.
- For a secondary verification of the recommendations received from the State Governments, Government of India would engage independent evaluator(s) or Multi-disciplinary teams to assess the status of drinking water security achieved by the Gram Panchayat.
- There will be a National Committee on the **Sajal Gram Puraskar** constituted by the Department of Drinking Water Supply, to select the list of awardees.

4.0 Incentive Pattern:

The incentive pattern will be based on the population criteria and will be as follows:

(Rupees in Lakh)

S. No	Particulars	Gram Panchayat	
		Upto 2000	More than 2000
1	Population	Upto 2000	More than 2000
2	Cash incentive in Rs lakh	2.00	4.00

5.0 How the Incentive can be used

The incentive can be used by the PRI for improving the drinking water facilities, improving water quality and for maintenance/ improvement/ augmentation of drinking water sources in their jurisdictional area.

6.0 Implementation of the Scheme

The award scheme will be implemented every year starting from year 2010-11.

7.0 Source of Funding

Funds under IEC under the Water Supply Sub-head under NRDWP would be utilized for the purpose of awards.

8.0 National level Selection Committee:

A National level Selection Committee would be formed for finalizing the selection procedure, incentive amount and for the other administrative and coordinating activities regarding the Award function to be held. The constitution of this Committee will be as follows :-

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| 1) | Secretary (DWS) | - | Chairperson |
| 2) | AS &FA | - | Vice- chairperson |
| 3) | JS (DWS) | } | Members |
| 4) | JS(TSC) | | |
| 5) | Chairman, CGWB or Representative | | |
| 6) | Director, NIH, Roorkee | | |
| 7) | Mission Director, NRHM | | |
| 8) | Representative from CPCB | } | Permanent invitees |
| 9) | Representative from DST | | |
| 10) | All Directors and Technical Advisers | - | Member Secretary |
| 11) | Director in-charge of DWS | - | |
