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Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
(Water Division)

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To
The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Rural Water Supply Department,
All State Governments (excluding Goa) .

Sub: Guidelines on Swajal- Amendment thereof.

Sir

Kindly refer to the Ministry's letter of W-11044/1/2018-Part I/ Water II dated 31.8.2018 whereby fresh guidelines on Swajal scheme was circulated. States like Punjab have informed that they have no safe blocks in their aspirational districts and have requested to take up new works under Swajal in aspirational districts without insisting on the condition of taking up Swajal works in safe blocks as identified by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB).

The request has been examined in the Ministry. As drinking water requirements are very small percentage of the total load on ground water drawl, it has now been decided that in addition to safe blocks, mini piped water supply schemes under Swajal can be taken up in all other blocks of the aspirational districts of the States either by retrofitting of existing tubewells or hand pumps with adequate yield or a new source with safe and adequate potential.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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