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Dated: 29th November, 2011

Dear *K. S. Singh* -

Thank you very much for your letter No. CE/SE (Dipm) Gol/Genl/2011-12/1713 dated 9th September, 2011 regarding providing special financial assistance to solve the drinking water problem in Rajasthan.

As you are well aware NRDWP does not have provision for granting special package to any State and I would like to inform you that no special package/treatment was given to West Bengal by this Ministry. A grant of ₹ 600 crore was given by the 12th Finance Commission for arsenic control in ground water in West Bengal. You may be aware that Rajasthan was also provided ₹ 300 crore for Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana (IGNP) for undertaking work of IGNP, drinking water, irrigation etc. and ₹ 150 crore for augmentation of existing water resources and salinity plants in border and desert districts by the Twelfth Finance Commission. You may also be aware that the Thirteenth Finance Commission award has provided an amount of ₹ 500 crore for strengthening of drinking water structure in Rajasthan.

The Ministry appreciates the special difficulties faced by Rajasthan with large desert areas and has revised the NRDWP formula in 2009-10 to give higher weightage to desert areas as a result of which Rajasthan has been provided 14.4% of the national allocation this year. Therefore, within the financial allocation available under NRDWP, maximum effort has been made to ensure that the special needs of Rajasthan are recognized and taken care of.

The approach of the Government of Rajasthan in preparing Village Water Security Plan based on conjunctive use of water through participatory process is highly appreciated. You have also pointed out that NRDWP envisages a grid supply system for long term sustainability.

Since there is no provision under NRDWP or with the Ministry to provide a special package, you may take up the matter with the Planning Commission during the Annual Plan discussions. I am forwarding your letter to the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission for necessary action.

With regards, *nam personal*

Yours sincerely,

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