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Sub: Decentralization of RWS Scheme Design to Dzongkhags

Dasho,

In keeping with the government's decentralisation policy, the procurement of RWSS materials had been fully decentralised to dzongkhags in 2007-08 financial year. Similarly, as per the Health Ministry's plan and also in line with the decision of 2nd Session of the First Parliament to decentralise the RWSS technical sanctioning authority to dzongkhags, **the RWS Scheme design along with the technical sanctioning authority is hereby decentralised to dzongkhags from the current financial year (2009-10).**

An executable RWSS design software application, RWS costing and scheme list written on CD along with installation manual for design software is enclosed for dzongkhags' use. However, technically it is not possible for dzongkhag engineers to carryout RWS scheme design without undergoing design training. Therefore, PHED will be organizing a design training course for the dzongkhag engineers in September 2009. The details of the training will be intimated shortly.

It is sincerely hoped that the decentralised design system will enhance dzongkhags' capacity and facilitate effective implementation of RWSS projects. In order to ascertain the quality of RWS scheme design, dzongkhags must have a focal RWSS design engineer with minimum qualification of Diploma in Civil Engineering and adequately trained. It will otherwise undermine the design quality and result in scheme failure and uneconomical scheme.

Nevertheless, from Ministry of Health, PHED will support dzongkhags in providing RWSS policy guidelines, technical specifications and standards of the RWS scheme, user training along with adequate design monitoring and technical support. PHED will also now focus

more on monitoring and supervision of project implementation in dzongkhags, impart RWSS related training and explore alternative water and sanitation technologies.

We look forward to Dzongkhags' continued cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully,



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6. DYT Chairpersons, All Dzongkhags for kind information and necessary action
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