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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Drinking Water Supply

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Office Order

Subject: Setting up of Research & Development Advisory Committee (RDAC) on rural drinking water and sanitation – regarding.

With the new issues and challenges emerging in the rural drinking water and sanitation sector, it has been decided to set up a **Research & Development Advisory Committee (RDAC)** in Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development with the following composition:

S. No.	Name / Designation	Capacity
1.	Secretary, DoDWS	Chairperson
2.	Principal Adviser, Planning Commission (i/c of WS&S)	Member
3.	Secretary, DST or his/ her nominee	Member
4.	Director General ICMR or his/ her nominee	Member
5.	Mission Director, NRHM, Ministry of Health	Member
6.	Joint Secretary, in-charge of rural drinking water, DDWS	Member
7.	Joint Secretary, in-charge of rural sanitation, DDWS	Member
8.	Chairman, CGWB, New Delhi or his/ her nominee	Member
9.	Chairman, CPCB, New Delhi or his/her nominee	Member
10.	Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad	Member
11.	Prof. Anil K. Gupta, IIM, Ahmedabad & Vice Chairman, Innovation Foundation, Ahmedabad	Member
12.	Dr. S. Ponnuraj, Gandhigarm University, Dindigul, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu	Member
13.	Shri Phrang Roy, Ex. Vice President, IFAD	Member
14.	Mr. D.K. Manavalan, AFPRO, New Delhi	Member

15.	All Directors/ Deputy Secretary(s)/ Technical officers of DoDWS	Permanent Invitees
16.	Addl. Adviser (PHE), DDWS	Member-Secretary

2. The Member-Secretary can invite any other person/ expert/ institution as and when deemed necessary to participate in the deliberations of the aforesaid committee as invitee with the approval of the Secretary, Department of Drinking Water Supply.

3. The functions of the Research & Development Advisory Committee (RDAC) on rural drinking water and sanitation sector will be as follows:

- i) Identify field problems from the user departments and community organizations, viz. Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Community-based organization (CBOs), voluntary agencies, etc.
- ii) Generate new ideas for research, development and innovation, and fix priority for such projects and decide thrust areas.
- iii) Identify institutions and scientists for specific research, development, innovation and pilot projects, and invite them to submit proposals.
- iv) Help the identified scientists/ organizations to formulate inter-sectoral and multi-disciplinary research projects relevant to the sector.
- v) Suggest norms to institute sponsored "WATSAN fellowships" and "chairs" in Universities and Research & Development (R&D) organizations.
- vi) Help the Department to organize regional, national and international workshops, annual R&D review sessions and National Water Congress to be sponsored by the DDWS.
- vii) Help the Department to prepare specialized and emerging science and technology related documents of current interest.
- viii) Advise the Department on all such matters which will be helpful in promoting and adopting useful technology as well as research and developmental activities with specific reference to rural water supply and sanitation sectors.
- ix) Promote convergence with other agencies involved in similar activities and dovetail the same for the benefit of the WATSAN sector.

4. Non-official members of the RDAC participating in its meetings will be offered TA/ DA, local conveyance, Economy Class airfare from their regular place of work to Delhi or place of meeting and back, as the case may be along with Rs. 1000/- per day as honorarium/ sitting fee. The same will be applicable to any

non-official invited to participate in the deliberations of the committee as resource person.

5. The RDAC will meet on annual or biannual basis as may be considered necessary.

6. This issues with the IFD's concurrence vide no. 143/ IFD-DWS/ 2009 dated 30.9.2009

Sd/-

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Distribution:

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3. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi.
4. Principal Adviser (Water Supply & Sanitation), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. PS to MRD/ PS to MoS (RD-AS)/ PPS to Secretary (DWS)/ PS to AS&FA.
6. All officers in the Department of Drinking Water Supply
7. Guard File/ Admn. Section/ IFD/ Water Section/ WQ Section/ CRSP Section/ Cash Section.