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Sub : Regarding installation of India Mark II Handpumps.

Dear Shri

One of the most important aspects of the activities of the National Drinking Water Mission has been the installation of the India Mark II Handpumps throughout the country. Accordingly, GWSSB has been installing only such kind of handpumps. However it has come to notice that under the auspices of District Planning Boards or other programmes of District Panchayat/Taluka Panchayat, handpumps other than India Mark II (i.e. local made) are being installed in some districts.

Such local made handpumps do not have the approval of the UNICEF or of the National Drinking Water Mission, as it has been the experience that such handpumps are not reliable on a sustainable basis. The regular maintenance of such handpumps also become difficult. The drawal of water is also not easy which is one of the reasons why India Mark II handpumps have been approved.

As such, installation of any handpumps other than India Mark II is not considered desirable and should not be resorted to as India Mark II handpumps have been found to work well under all kinds of conditions.

I would therefore request you to ensure that whenever any handpump has to be installed in your district, either under a scheme of the District Planning Board or under any other programme of the District Panchayat/Taluka Panchayat only India Mark II handpumps should be installed. If there is any difficulty in procuring such handpumps/spare which are available on DCS&D Rate Contract, you could contact either the office of the Executive Engineer (Mech), GWSSB or MS/CE (Mech) in the Board office who would extend all their cooperation. Wherever local make handpumps are installed it may also be examined whether there can be a programme of their gradual replacement by India Mark II handpump.

Incidentally, as the Board has a regular Action Plan for its activities, it may also be useful for you to plan installation of new handpumps in consultation with the Executive Engineer (Mech), GWSSB who would be in a position to keep you informed of the Board's Action Plan to ensure that no duplication takes place.

With regards,

Yours

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To
Shri
District Development Officer,
District.

Copy f.w.c. to : ~~Member~~ Secretary, GWSSB, Gandhinagar.

- With a request to suitably inform all EES of the Board in the field offices who should give a copy of the latest rate contract for both handpumps and spares to the Collectors and DDOs. He may also request EE (M), and EE, P.H. Works Division at the District level to get in touch with the Collector as well as District Planning Officers at the time of the formation of the Annual Plan of the District Planning Board.

Copy to :
All Zonal Chief Engineers, C.E. (Research) Chandernagore
All Superintending Engineers &
All Executive Engineers concerned.