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To

1. The Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of the departments related to PMGSY in all the States & UTs
2. The Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of the departments related to RCPLWEA in the concerned States
3. CEO/ E-in-C/ Chief Engineers of SRRDAs/ SIUs all the States/ UTs
4. E-in-C/ Chief Engineers of PWD/ SIUs all the concerned States implementing RCPLWEA.

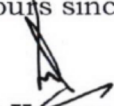
Sub: Withdrawal of relaxation given for inspections by SEs and CEs to be treated as independent inspection under the 2nd tier of Quality Monitoring.

Dear Madam/ Sir,

This is in reference to a letter dated April 21, 2020 from Additional Secretary (MoRD), regarding special dispensation given to States during COVID-19 period, allowing inspections by SEs and CEs to be treated as independent inspection under 2nd tier (copy enclosed).

2. Due to restrictions on movement of rail and air traffic, NQM deployment was not feasible and support of third tier quality monitors was impacted. Further most of State Quality Monitors (SQMs) being senior citizens were also not able to take up the assignment due to the then prevailing COVID situation. Accordingly, as a special dispensation, inspections by SEs and CEs of the State, were allowed to be treated as independent inspections under the 2nd tier, which otherwise are actually a part of 1st tier of quality management system, as per PMGSY Operational Manual (para 11.4.5). The said measure was entirely 'a temporary' arrangement.
3. Now, since the restrictions on the movement have been withdrawn in most of the states, the empanelled independent SQMs have resumed inspections of PMGSY/ RCPLWEA works.
4. In view of the above, the said relaxation considering inspections by SEs and CEs of the State, given in Para 5 & 6 of ibid letter dated 21.04.2020, is now withdrawn with immediate effect. You are requested to issue necessary directions to State Quality Coordinator (SQC) not to issue assignments to SEs and CEs as SQMs. The said relaxation is also being withdrawn from OMMAS.

Yours sincerely,


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