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Dated, the 20th January 2017

To

The Chief Secretaries of all States (except Goa).

Subject: Qualitative and timely execution of watershed development projects - Action in cases of irregularity and / or corruption or financial malfeasance.

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to refer to the above-mentioned subject and to say that 8214 projects covering an area of 39.07 million hectare are being implemented in the States under the Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The projects are being implemented by the respective State Department / Agencies as per the concerned State Government’s technical, administrative and financial rules and in accordance with the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects.

2. It is necessary that these projects are completed in a qualitative and timely manner.

3. In case of receipt of any complaint etc. of irregularity and / or corruption or financial malfeasance in respect of any project, it becomes imperative to:

(a) inquire into the complaint in a time-bound manner and

(b) take the necessary action as appropriate.

4. The necessary appropriate action in case of irregularity and / or corruption or financial malfeasance coming to notice would include action in any or all of the following three domains:

one: Departmental action on the errant officers / officials,

two: Civil action for recovery of the government monies irregularly spent and

three: Criminal action in case of criminal culpability.
5. Delaying or diluting action in such cases has to be avoided.

6. It is also necessary that no such case should be treated as closed unless and until the necessary appropriate action has been duly and fully concluded in all the three domains mentioned above (as applicable and relevant).

7. It is requested that appropriate instructions on the above lines may kindly be issued to the State Department / Agencies implementing watershed development projects in your State.

8. This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

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✓ Copy to: (i) The Chairman, SLNAs of all States except Goa (as per standard list).

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