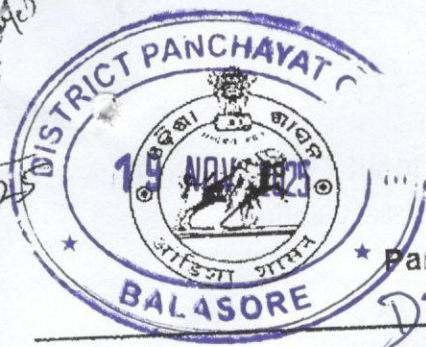




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No. PR-DWSS(FE)-CASE-0035-2025 3204/ Date: 17.11.2025

From

Vincet Bhardwaj, IAS
Director, Drinking Water & Sanitation

To

All District Collectors.

Sub: Imposition of ban on engagement of SEMs or Addl. SEMs by Gram Panchayats
w.e.f. 12.4.2013.

Madam/ Sir,

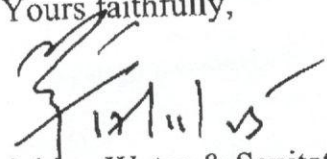
In inviting a reference to the subject noted above, I am directed to say that as you may be aware, ban on engagement of SEMs or Addl. SEMs by Gram Panchayats has been imposed w.e.f. 12.04.2013 vide letter circular no. 17172 dated 20. 10. 2014 of PR&DW Department (issued under the joint signatures of Commissioner - cum - Secretary to Govt., PR&DW Department and Principal Secretary to Govt., RD Department) read with letter circular no. 11017 dated 12.4.2013 of PR&DW Department (issued under the joint signatures of Commissioner - cum - Secretary to Govt., PR&DW Department and Principal Secretary to Govt., RD Department). It has been stipulated in above mentioned letter circular no. 17172 dated 20.10.2014 that if BDO comes across any such case where SEMs and Addl. SEMs are engaged in violation of the stipulation contained in this Department letter No. 11017 dtd. 12.04.2013, he should disengage them. Copy of above referred letter circulars are enclosed herewith for ready reference.

You are requested to ensure that instructions issued vide the aforesaid letter circulars are being strictly adhered to without any deviation in your respective districts.

You are also requested to ensure that SEMs engaged by GPs who have attained 60 years of age are disengaged by the GPs concerned.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

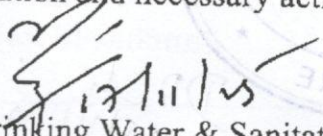

Director, Drinking Water & Sanitation

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Copy along with copy of enclosures as above forwarded to all CDOs- cum- EOs of Zilla Parishads/ All DPOs / All BDOs for information and necessary action.

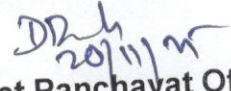
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DISTRICT OFFICE: BALASORE
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Copy submitted to all the Block Development Officer under Balasore District for information and necessary action.


District Panchayat Officer
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No. 110/7 /PR, Dated 12/04/13
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From

Aparajita Sarangi, IAS,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.
Panchayati Raj Department

S.N.Tripathy, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Government,
Department of Rural Development

To

All Collectors
All Project Directors, DRDA

Sub:- *Revision of honorarium of Self Employed Mechanics deployed in the Gram Panchayats of the State for operation and maintenance of piped drinking water supply system, Tube Wells etc.*

Ref:- This Department Lr. No. 5282, dtd. 19.03.2012.

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to Rural Development Deptt. letter No. 28555300252012/RD, dtd.20.10.2012 (Copy enclosed) on the subject cited above, I am to say that, Government have been pleased to enhance the honorarium of Self Employed Mechanics from Rs. 500/- to Rs.1,000/- per month for each operation i.e, operation and maintenance of piped drinking water supply system and maintenance of Tube Wells with effect from 01.04.2013.

As circulated earlier vide this Deptt. letter under reference, the Grama Panchayat can only engage the existing Self Employed Mechanics or Additional Self Employed Mechanics as per requirement for maintenance of tube wells as well as operating piped drinking water supply system.

On an average, one SEM should be entrusted to take care of 30 - 35 tube wells in a Gram Panchayat or 2 - 3 adjacent Panchayats and the Jr.Engineer, RWSS-II is required to assign the works to the SEMs/ Addl. SEMs in a proper manner as per instruction for smooth supply of drinking water in all habitations. The SEMs engaged in the Gram Panchayat for maintenance of tube wells may also be given additional charge for operating PWS System.

Except the person deployed by R.D. Department, Gram Panchayat in no case, can engage "Pump Operator" in PWS System. Only SEM/ Addl. SEM can do the job in PWS System.

Gram Panchayat will own the responsibility if it violates the above terms and conditions.

You are therefore requested to take suitable steps for payment of enhanced remuneration of Self Employed Mechanics with effect from 01.04.2013 under intimation to this Department.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.
Panchayati Raj Department

[Signature]
Principal Secretary to Government,
Department of Rural Development

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From

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.,
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Shri P.K. Mohapatra, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Govt.,
Department of Rural Development

To

All Collectors
All Project Directors, DRDA

Sub: Ban on engagement of Self Employed Mechanics/ Addl. Self Employed Mechanics by Grama Panchayats under Rural Piped Drinking Water Supply Scheme.

Madam/Sir,

In partial modification to this Department letter No. 5282/PR, dtd. 19.03.2012 and No. 11017/PR, dtd. 12.04.2013 jointly issued by the Panchayati Raj Department and the Rural Development Department, it is clarified that the Grama Panchayats in order to implement operation and maintenance of tubewells as well as Rural Piped Drinking Water Supply Scheme can only accommodate the existing SEMs/Addl. SEMs in the Grama Panchayat and not engage any new ones.

It is to reiterate that Grama Panchayats can no longer engage new SEMs or Addl. SEMs henceforward. In cases where there is need for reallocation of work, G.P. may report the same to the concerned BDO who will re-allocate the same. If BDO comes across any such case where SEMs and Addl. SEMs are engaged in violation of the stipulation contained in this Department letter No. 11017, dtd. 12.04.2013, he should disengage them. The gist of approved arrangement relating to management of Rural Drinking Water Supply System through Grama Panchayat communicated earlier vide R.D. Deptt. letter No. 12242, dtd. 27.09.2006 is modified accordingly.

Instructions may be issued to all the Grama Panchayats accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

20/10/2014
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.,
Panchayati Raj Department

18/10/2014
Principal Secretary to Govt.,
Department of Rural Development

- C.C. for Information and necessary action to:
1. Chief Engineer, RWS&S, Bhubaneswar
 2. All Superintending Engineers/ Executive Engineers, RWS&S
 3. All BDOs