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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation
National Jal Jeevan Mission

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To
Secretary
Water Resources Department,
Government Secretariat,
Government of Kerala

Subject: Observation of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) on the request of Government of Kerala regarding utilization of XV-FC tied grant for purchase of private land-reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Mission Director, Kerala Water Authority's letter no. 10761/AE 13/2022/KWA dated 25.07.2022 whereby clarification on following two issues related to utilization of XV-FC tied grant was sought:

- i.) Purchase of private land to ensure availability of land to GPs for JJM;
- ii.) Panchayat road restoration for implementation of JJM projects.

2. The above noted matter has been examined in consultation with Finance Commission Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and the observations, in this regard, are as under:

i.) Para 9 of both the Operational Guidelines issued by DoE, MoF and the Manual issued by this department do not infer purchase of land for implementation of XV-FC recommended tied grant independently or in convergence with any other national scheme like JJM. Finance Commission grants do not cover land compensation or the cost of land.

ii.) As far as restoration of road is concerned, local bodies may utilize funds available with them including XV-FC untied grant for the location specific needs including restoration if the same is not included in the terms and conditions of the project works being carried out and there is no duplication.

Yours faithfully,


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