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The Hon'ble Governors & Administrators of all the State/UTs,

National Water Mission (NWM), under Ministry of Jal Shakti, is one of the 8 missions set up in 2011 under the National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC) guided by the Prime Minister's Council. The main objective of NWM is to "conserve water minimize wastage & to ensure its more equitable distribution both across and within the states through integrated water resource development and management." Promotion of citizen and State actions for water conservation, augmentation, and preservation is one of the goals of NWM.

NWM's campaign "Catch the Rain" with the tagline "Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls", is to nudge all stake-holders to create Rain Water Harvesting Structures (RWHS) suitable to the climatic conditions and sub-soil strata. Drives to make water harvesting pits, rooftop RWHS, check dams, etc; removal of encroachments and de-silting of tanks to increase their storage capacity; removal of obstructions in the channels which bring water to them from the catchment areas etc; repairs to step-wells and using defunct bore-wells to put the water back to aquifers, etc. are some of the activities suggested to be taken up with people's active participation under this campaign.

Raj Bhavan has a unique status in the state and has large land area. Hence it is suited for making RWHS, so that all rain water falling in its campus can be impounded there itself. Further, if dual piping systems are setup inside the campus buildings, grey water from kitchens & bathrooms after primary filtration can be used for flushing systems and irrigation in parks & gardens of the campus. This can reduce the use of potable water for not-potable uses. Taking these works in Raj Bhavan will also have great demonstrative effect.

Governors, being Chancellors of all Universities in the state, may also advise Vice-Chancellors of all state Universities which have large campus under their jurisdiction to take up appropriate RWHS to catch the rain. NWM has also sent letters to them in this regard.

It is also requested to direct the officials concerned to inform the action taken and send relevant pictures and write up by email to md.nwm@gov.in or catchtherain.nwm@gmail.com.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To,

ALL Governors/ & Administrators of all the States/UTs



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