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Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

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**SUB: Cabinet decision for making compulsory the collection of rain water from the roof tops of buildings in the urban areas as also from the roof tops of large commercial / institutional buildings located anywhere in the State- Implementation thereof.**

1. As you are aware, the Government recently decided to make compulsory the collection of rain water from the roof tops of following buildings in the State :-

- (a) For all buildings which come up in the Urban areas of the State in future ;
- (b) For all the commercial/ institutional buildings , existing or proposed for construction in future and having plinth area of more than 1000 sq. meters and located anywhere in the State. //


2. In order to work out the modalities for the implementation of this decision, a workshop was also organised in the Seminar hall of Armsdale Building, HP Secretariat, on 30-12-1998 which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and was presided over by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development. The participants in the workshop included the representatives from the Departments of Urban Development, PWD, Town & Country Planning , Housing Board, etc. The experts from the Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC), Ghaziabad made a presentation on the technical aspects of implementing this cabinet decision. A copy of the document received from SERC, containing detailed drawings and designs for various categories of storage tanks is enclosed with this letter for using as a resource document.

3. It is imperative that the govt. buildings which fall under the criteria, as mentioned above in para -1, should have the necessary provision for collection of rain water from the roof tops as per the decision of the Govt. Thus, you may kindly ensure that not only all govt. buildings, in the urban areas in future have necessary provisions but also all large

govt. buildings, existing of proposed for constructions in future, and having plinth area of more than 1000 Sq. Mtr. and located anywhere in the State should have the necessary provisions.

4. I shall be grateful if you could make a time bound action plan, including necessary budget provisions, to provide these provisions in the existing large govt. buildings constructed by your Deptt. I may be informed of the action taken within a fortnight so that the necessary implementation report of the Cabinet decision could be sent to the GAD accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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