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यूटी सचवालय, लेह/UT Secretariat, Leh,

Dated: 03.10.2026.

Subject: Designation of Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs) as Micro-Utilities for In-Village Drinking Water Supply Operation & Maintenance, as per Comprehensive Implementation and Reform Plan (CIRP) Reform 2.2.3, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0.

**Order No. 114-LA(PHE/I&FC) of 2026,
Dated: 03.10.2026.**

Whereas, the PHE/I&FC Department, UT of Ladakh has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM) for implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0 in the Union territory of Ladakh; and

Whereas, under the Reform 2.2.3 of the Comprehensive Implementation and Reform Plan (CIRP), as provided in the JJM 2.0 Operational Guidelines, the States/UTs are required to institutionalize the Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs) as Micro-Utilities for in-village drinking water supply operation & maintenance; and

Whereas, under Reform 2.2.3 of the CIRP, the VWSC shall function as the Micro Utility, which shall be responsible for ensuring that drinking water services are delivered to all households in accordance with the prescribed service norms relating to the adequacy, regularity and quality.

Now, therefore, in alignment with the JJM 2.0 Operational Guidelines, Chapter 2.2.3, the PHE/I&FC Department, Administration of the Union territory of Ladakh hereby designates the Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs) as Micro-Utilities for In-Village Drinking Water Supply Operation & Maintenance within the Union territory of Ladakh.

The designated Micro-Utilities shall, inter alia, perform the following functions:

1. Operation and routine maintenance of in-village water supply infrastructure, including distribution networks, storage structures and associated components.
2. Ensuring equitable and reliable distribution of water to all households, including those in remote or difficult habitations.

3. Monitoring service delivery parameters at the habitation level and undertaking corrective measures, as required.
4. Acting as the primary interface for consumers, including recording and facilitating resolution of grievances.
5. Supporting water quality surveillance, disinfection practices and adherence to safety standards.
6. Promoting community participation, awareness and responsible use of water resources.
7. Performance of such other functions as may be assigned under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 and subsequent guidelines issued by the Government of India or the UT Administration.

Further, the PHE/I&FC Department, District Water and Sanitation Missions (DWSMs), District Technical Units (DTUs) and other concerned agencies shall provide necessary technical guidance, capacity building, monitoring and institutional support to the VWSCs for effective discharge of their responsibilities as Micro-Utilities.

By order of the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

Sd/-

(Shurbir Singh) IAS,
Commissioner/Secretary,
PHE/I&FC Department, UT of Ladakh.

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1. Secretary, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.
2. Mission Director, NJJM, DDWS, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Union territory of Ladakh.
4. Joint Secretary (JKL), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
5. Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh.
6. All Deputy Commissioners (Chairman, DWSM), UT of Ladakh.
7. Chief Engineer, PHE/I&FC Department, UT of Ladakh.
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9. Joint Director, Information, UT of Ladakh, for wide publicity in local media.
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Additional Secretary,
PHE/I&FC Department, UT of Ladakh.
Dated: 03.10.2026