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Sustainability of drinking water sources is the key issue in the wake of fast depleting ground water table in the State due to over exploitation. An evidence of increasing sustainability problem is that the number of tankers for water transportation is increasing day by day and year after year. Handpumps & Tubewells start drying up in summers and in majority of the cases the yield reduces leading to scarcity of supply during peak demand period.

In order to tackle the problem in rural areas, under NRDWP 20% of annual allocation has been kept reserved for sustainability. Under Urban Plan also there is a separate head to allocate funds for this purpose. But it is observed that as yet, the focused attention on this activity is lacking. This is because of lack of strategic planning at HQ and district level.

In order to achieve the objective, it has been decided to constitute a 'Sustainability Cell' in the office of CE (R) PHED and CE (HQ) PHED under an XEN/SE with supporting staff and having Geohydrologist as Member Secretary of the Cell.

These Cells would:

1. Prepare technical guidelines and designs for the field officers to take up sustainability structures through rainwater harvesting, revival of traditional sources, artificial recharging etc. based on the Technical Manual of Government of India.
2. Based on the Urban and Rural Benchmarking studies of DWS where the unsustainable sources have been / would be identified and measures for sustainability prescribed, fix annual targets, get resources allocated and monitor the achievement of targets.
3. Collect knowledge & technology and literature on sustainability of drinking water sources and share it with field officers.
4. Organize trainings of field officers with the objective to create a sense of urgency and update their technical knowledge.

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