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COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR ROUTINE WATER SAMPLING AND OUTBREAKS of WATER BORNE DISEASES IN THE STATE OF PUNJAB

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The following decisions have been taken in the State task Force Meeting with stakeholder departments regarding routine sampling of drinking water and outbreaks of water borne diseases:

I) The responsibility of supply of potable drinking water to the residents of the State lies with Department of Local Govt. in the urban areas and Department of Water Supply & Sanitation in the rural areas.

II) The Department of Local Govt. and Department of Water Supply & Sanitation will be responsible for routine sampling of the drinking water in the urban areas, in the rural areas respectively.

III) The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab shall not undertake routine sampling of the drinking water in the State. The Department of Health and Family Welfare shall be cross checking the samples of drinking water in case of an outbreak of water borne diseases for bacterial contamination. The samples shall be sent to State Public Health Laboratory, Chandigarh for sampling of drinking water in case of outbreak.

IV) The Department of Health and Family Welfare can take some random samples of drinking water from areas from where outbreak of water borne diseases have been reported in past.

V) The Department of Local Govt. and Department of Water Supply & Sanitation should ensure that an alternate source of drinking water is made available in the area from where an outbreak of water borne disease has been reported.

VI) Chlorination of drinking water has to be ensured for disinfection of drinking water from where an outbreak of water borne disease has been reported.

Dated Chandigarh
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Principal Secretary to Govt. Punjab
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