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Dated: Kolkata, the 24th July, 2007.

From : Shri G.Ghosh, Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To: The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secy/Secy. Finance (Audit) Department

Sub: Suggestions relating of conservation of water.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of D.O. Letter No. 27/4/2007 - G A dated 11th July, 2007 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal by the Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, Government of India or, the above subject for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- G.Ghosh

Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

Prof. Saifuddin Soz D.O. No. 27/4/2007-G Minister of Water Resources India Shram Shakti Bhawan Rafi Ahmen Kidwai Marg New Delhi -110001

 11^{th} July, 2007

Craving your indulgence, I would like to make an earnest request to your for consideration of a couple of suggestions relating to conservation of water.

My suggestions are simple and these will certainly appear to be small. But then, Mahatma Gandhi had aptly remarked once;

"I learn t at the feet of my mother that one should take care or small things; bigger things

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take care of themselves".

I would, therefore, request you to make a gesture that all of us consider water to be a precious gift of nature and we are interested in its conservation in many ways. You could consider to support my following suggestions.

- i) You may kindly consider to introduce small water bottles, say of 200-250 ml at all conferences, meetings exhibitions etc., wherever drinking water is to be provided. The big bottle has to go as it represents a culture and tast for wastage of this precious resource.
- ii) You may also kindly consider to urge people to offer a small glass of water, when required, to inculcate a habit of saving water. The guests may take water as much as they like. but they should be offered water in small measures. As your know, sometimes, after a sip, water is thrown away recklessly.
- iii) You may also consider issuing instructions prohibiting people from irrigating flowers-beds, lawns and kitchen gardens out of the pipes carrying drinking water.

You will kindly appreciate the fact that all the bottled water comes from the ground water which is already under great pressure due to rising demand.

These small measures may promote awareness in the minds of the people for ensuring conservation of water not only for the present generation but for posterity as well.

I hope the suggestions would receive your due consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- S. Soz

Shri Buddhadeb Bhattachajee, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata