

Clarification related to JICA assisted Orissa Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project

Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO) under the Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha is implementing the Orissa Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar Sewerage District - VI with loan assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

It is observed that, the print and electronic media in their news articles often refers the project implementing authorities as JICA Authorities and the Orissa Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project as JICA project, which is incorrect. This misinformation facilitate the interpretation that JICA is directly responsible for taking up the works related to the project. JICA has also expressed their reservations on such type of publication that these are unjustly harming JICA's name and reputation.

This is to clarify that the project implementing authority for Orissa Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar Sewerage District-VI is Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO), Housing and Urban Development Department, Govt. of Odisha and JICA is only providing the loan assistance to the project.

JICA is an independent administrative institution under the Government of Japan, extending assistance in the forms of concessional loans, grants and technical cooperation to projects that build social and economic infrastructure in emerging countries. The loan projects supported through JICA's assistance are executed by central/ local government agencies.

In this regard, it is to bring it up to you that JICA provides financial / loan assistance to the Government of India for the implementation of projects in the States. The project execution including procurement, monitoring and management of contractors' is being done by with the State Government and or its agencies, **which in this case is Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO) under the Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha.**

For further clarification/information, you may kindly reach to the Chief Operating Officer, WATCO, Cuttack.

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