

**CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT –II**

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Indian Standard Specification for Packaged drinking water prescribes requirements for physical, chemical, microbiological and radiological parameters. Besides above, manufacturing units are required to maintain various hygienic conditions as stipulated in Annex B of IS 14543:2004.

CMD-II vide its note of even No. dated 02 03 2001 had circulated guidelines for reporting the hygienic conditions of licensee units as observed during inspections. ROs/BOs were further advised, vide CMD circular of even No. dated 22 August 2001, to monitor hygienic conditions strictly and to report in detail this aspect in their inspection reports. Consequent upon the revision of IS 14543, a performa for reporting hygienic conditions was also circulated vide CMD-II note of even No. dated 06 07 2004.

However, it has been observed that some of the BOs are not reporting the hygienic conditions in the prescribed performa, with the result that it becomes difficult to assess the exact prevailing hygienic conditions of the unit from inspection reports. Recently, during my visit to one of the licensee under SRO, the hygienic conditions were found to be deplorable. Subsequently, a large number of units have not been found to be adhering to hygienic norms as reported by the teams of officers who have been deputed to all the units in SRO region.

Accordingly, all BOs are advised once again that :

1. During preliminary inspection hygienic conditions be examined critically against each Clause of Annex B of IS 14543:2004 and reported as per the check list provided under Annex C of IS 14543.
2. During periodic and all other inspections including visit for ROM, the hygienic conditions be verified and reported in the performa as circulated vide CMD note of even No. dated 06 07 2004.

Keeping in view the criticality of the product, the above instructions be followed by all the concerned inspecting officers strictly and any deviation noticed during subsequent inspection shall be viewed seriously and may call for disciplinary action where required.

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**Circulated to all DDGR's/ROs/BOs**

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