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**Subject: Regarding constitution of State/ Sub-State level "Rapid Action Learning Units (RALUs)"**

Dear Sir

You are aware that the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) guidelines stipulate constitution of "Rapid Action Learning Units (RALUs)" at the National, State and district levels for studying and analyzing actions taken across the country in the rural sanitation programme, evaluating their impact, identifying good practices for up-scaling and also suggesting innovations and range of options for implementation.

2. This Ministry has constituted National level "Rapid Action Learning Unit (RALU)" vide Office Order of even number dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. A copy of the Order is available on the Ministry's website.

3. Just as the National RALU will look at innovations happening across the States, the States may constitute RALUs to pick up early innovations happening in the districts with an idea to share them and replicate them, wherever possible.

4. The State RALU may be constituted as a small unit to aid and advise the State Government based on feedback from the districts well as research and other sources of information. In each State, many sanitation 'champions' have now emerged, who are performing exemplary work. These include both officials (District Collectors, CEO, Zilla Panchayats or other officials) and non-officials (elected representatives, NGOs, researchers, or various other reputed people from all walks of life). A good mix of these officials and non-officials may be selected to represent both such people who have actual field experience, as well as those people who have a caliber to look at things from a distance and provide meaningful analysis and suggestions. Representatives from international agencies may also be involved as observers.

5. The State RALU is expected to keep a tab on happenings in the field through a day-to-day interaction with the implementers. They should be able to shift meaningful innovations that can be replicated across the State and provide those to the State Government for examination and further action. They should also keep themselves abreast with happenings in other States and advise their State Government accordingly. The focus will be to find overall solutions/strategy that helps the States to upscale sanitation programme quickly.

6. The National RALU will also be interacting with the State RALUs to obtain their suggestions regarding policy clarifications etc.

7. The States are, however, free to constitute that RALU in a manner considered most suitable to them. The States may also decide whether and in what form sub-district level RALUs are to be constituted.

8. I hope that your State will soon constitute RALU as a support mechanism for expediting Swachhta.

With regards

Yours sincerely,



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