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To,
The Principal Secretary/Secretary,
In-charge Rural Sanitation, All States/UTs

Subject: Workshop on ODF Verification and financial streamlining

You are aware that the Swachh Bharat- Gramin focuses on achievement of complete Open Defecation Free (ODF) villages. In order to bring uniformity in the parameters of ODF, the Government of India has issued the definition of ODF. Indicative guidelines to verify ODF status on the basis of these parameters have also been issued to the States.

2. Based on the same, most of the States have devised their mechanism for ODF Verification, and also started verifications of ODF declarations and claims.

3. UNICEF has done an assessment on the ODF verification mechanism adopted by certain States and their finding is attached in the Annexure. The States concerned may like to peruse these findings and give observations on the same, if any. The remaining States may send information on the ODF verification processes in the format adopted in the Annexure.

4. In order to cross learn and share the mechanism adopted in different States, it is proposed to hold a one day workshop on the 'ODF verification process' for the Secretaries/Principal Secretaries of all the States on the **22nd August, 2016 at Jaipur**. The details of the Workshop will be communicated shortly. The workshop will provide an excellent opportunity to know how different States are carrying out ODF verification. Given the fact that the World Bank Project is going to incentivize ODF status as determined through an independent survey and funds will be released based on that, therefore, it will be useful for all of us to clearly understand this and it is requested to make it convenient to attend the workshop in person.

5. The workshop will also focus on the mechanism of fund flow from States down till the household/village level in different States and promote cross learning of best practices to avoid parked funds, delays in transfer of funds etc.

6. The nodal officer to coordinate conduct of this workshop in the Ministry will be Dr. Neeraj Tewari, Mob.no.08979216117; Email: neerajtewari70@gmail.com.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



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