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Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) Division

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Dated 25.10.2016

To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretary
In charge, rural sanitation,
All States/UTs,
(Through E-mail/FAX)

Subject: Regional Conclaves on Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) approach.

Madam/Sir,

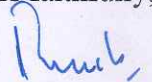
The States are working earnestly towards achievement of Swachh Bharat by/before 2nd October, 2019. The Swachh Bharat implementation requires constant engagement with implementers, so that there is cross sharing and better understanding of various issues. The Ministry regularly holds interaction with States in National level workshops. It is also essential to hold regional conclaves, so that States get more chance in representing their issues. The regional conclaves will also afford a better opportunity for detailed discussion on issues.

2. Accordingly, a series of ten one-day conclaves across five regions in India is proposed to be organized. The Regional Conclave series is proposed to be scheduled on every Thursday during November 2016 – January 2017. The participant size in the conclave would be approximately between 50-70 with roughly 20 State representatives and 50 district representatives. States representatives would include State Coordinators, Consultants and mid-level SBM-G implementing officers, while District Coordinator/district consultants would represent the districts. From the Ministry, there will be appropriate representation at the Director/JS/Secy. level. Representatives from development partners will also be part of these conclaves. The conclave series would be designed to engage States in an interactive debate and experience sharing.

3. The thematic areas for discussion in these Conclaves and calendar for the Conclave is at Annexure -I and II respectively. It is requested that the officers concerned from your State and districts may be nominated and directed to attend the Conclave as per the schedule.

4. Siriesha Darbha, Consultant-Capacity Building, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, New Delhi, Email: sirieshadarbha@kpmg.com Mob:098666320206 will be the nodal person from the Ministry in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



(Arun Baroka)

Joint Secretary (SBM)

Copy to: State Coordinator SBM (G), All States/UTs

Thematic areas for discussion in Conclaves

- Community engagement: Strengthening community triggering and involvement process, role of women in leading and decision-making
- ODF verification and sustainability: Current processes; reasons for some GPs/villages failing during verification; policy support required to strengthen verification and sustain the process; bottlenecks with MIS portal; quality check measures adopted in infrastructure provision; moving from single pit to twin pit etc.
- Human Resource development: Current HR structure under SBM-G; current investment in training/ expansion of capacities for management, verification, M&E etc.; incentive structure for volunteer groups such as community facilitators
- Behaviour Change Communication: State/Districts' BCC dissemination plan; discussion on investment in IEC engaging faith leaders/ambassadors, etc.
- Capacity Building: State/Districts' capacity building plan in engaging and strengthening key stakeholders including communities in areas like CLTS, data quality, infrastructure quality; State's role in promoting support environment – micro-finance, market for compost, education on creation of sanitation related jobs and activities like rainwater harvesting, kitchen gardens using wastewater etc.
- Technology issues

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Annexure-II**Calendar**

Conclave States	No. of Districts	Conclave City	Indicative date
Jammu and Kashmir	22	North (165 districts): Lucknow and Chandigarh	Nov 17, 2016 Dec 1, 2016
Himachal Pradesh	12		
Punjab	22		
Uttarakhand	13		
Haryana	21		
Uttar Pradesh	75		

Conclave States	No. of Districts	Conclave City	Indicative date
Arunachal Pradesh	16	North East (90 districts): Guwahati	Nov 24, 2016 Dec 8, 2016
Assam	27		
Manipur	9		
Meghalaya	7		
Mizoram	8		
Nagaland	11		
Sikkim	4		
Tripura	8		

Conclave States	No. of Districts	Conclave City	Indicative date
West Bengal	20	East (115 districts): Kolkata and Ranchi	Dec 15, 2016 Dec 22, 2016
Bihar	38		
Jharkhand	24		
Odisha	30		
A & N Islands	3		

Conclave States	No. of Districts	Conclave City	Indicative date
Andhra Pradesh	13	South (121 districts): Hyderabad and Bangalore	Jan 5, 2017 Jan 12, 2017
Karnataka	30		
Kerala	14		
Tamil Nadu	31		
Telangana	9		
Puducherry	2		