Dear

With the efforts and cooperation extended by all the States this year, a substantial number of Gram Panchayats have become eligible to apply for the Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) by filling up beneficiary details and achievements on other project objectives as required.

The NGP 2010 guidelines and the revised application forms have been uploaded on the NGP website and the process of online application submission has already started on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. **The last date for submitting the application is 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.** 

I would request you to intimate all the concerned State/District officials to expedite the process of application entry so as to enable all the eligible PRIs to participate in the selection process this year.

You may kindly go through the revised NGP guidelines that make it mandatory for each NGP application being uploaded, to be explicitly certified by the State Secretary in-charge of Sanitation regarding his/her complete satisfaction as to the eligibility of the GP for the award.

Please ensure that due diligence is exercised in recommending each case to DDWS for survey by the independent agencies nominated by the Department in order to avoid the penal clauses in the NGP guidelines, 2010.

With best wishes,

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The State Secretaries in-charge of Rural Sanitation