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Dated 28.09.2015

To

The Principal Secretary/ Secretary in-charge of Rural Sanitation,

All States/ UTs

Subject: - Convergent planning for all Rural Development Programmes at Gram Panchayat level.

Sir,

As you are aware that a nationwide Swachhta campaign is being celebrated from 25th September 2015 to 31st October 2015. In addition to this, following the convergence at all level and giving boost to the campaign, in association with Ministry of Rural development, it is decided to organize gram Sabha's at all the gram panchayats on 2nd October 2015. In this regard, it is being informed that Department of Rural Development is planning to undertake a convergent planning process to converge all the Rural Development Programmes including Sanitation and Rural drinking water Supply at Gram Panchayat level. The process will start with visiting each and every village of 2532 extremely backward blocks across the country by resource team from MGNREGA and NRLM where they will explain the entire planning process to elected members in Gram Sabhas to be organized on 2nd October, 2015 in all the Gram Panchayats of these 2532 blocks. For the remaining blocks States will facilitate the process.

2. It will be a great opportunity to disseminate the idea of community led approach focused under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) at Gram Panchayat level which will increase the accountability and participation of Gram Panchayats in achieving the ODF GPs/villages. The plan framework prepared by Ministry of Rural

Development is forwarded herewith for reference.

3. You are, therefore, requested to issue appropriate directions to the officials at the District level to seize this opportunity in the Gram Sabhas on 2nd October, 2015.

This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (Sanitation).

Yours faithfully,

(Rajani Singh)

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India

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