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Dear ,

As you are aware the Government of India has resolved to achieve Swachh Bharat by 2019. This shall require a more focused attention of your State Govt to accelerate implementation of the present scheme of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA). As you are aware, there are many factors which are affecting the performance of the NBA programme.

2. I would like to make the following suggestions to the State Governments to increase the efficacy of the programme:-

- (i) Use of constructed toilets essentially requires water. The absence or shortage of water directly affects the continuous usage of toilets as in absence of adequate water, the toilets can't be kept clean and smellless. It is observed that most of toilets being constructed in the rural areas of the country are using Urban Pans which are more or less flat as against Rural Pans which have a heavy slope require less water. Urban Pans require 2-3 litres to flush as compared to Rural Pans which require less than 1 litre of water for flushing. Less use of water in rural toilets having urban pans is one of the main reasons of choking, smells and non-use of toilets in rural areas. Since most rural households do not have piped water supply into homes, and water has to be collected from outside for use in the toilets, it is clear that the use of rural pans will ultimately promote greater use of toilets with the limited availability of water.
- (ii) While the NBA suggests a range of technologies to be used in latrines to be decided by the beneficiary, it suggests the use of twinpit latrines. It is essential that states ensure that no latrines lower in technology than the twinpit latrines are built (e.g. a single pit is not to be used). The use of any such inferior technology shall adversely affect the sanitation

situation in rural areas. This Ministry intends to monitor this to ensure that no inferior technology is used for construction of latrines under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan. However, a superior technology is permissible.

- (iii) There is a suggestion that some Govt benefits should not flow to individuals who do not have a household latrine of their own. Similarly, some States have issued orders regarding collection of fines by GPs from people who defecate in the open. It is suggested that States may consider some sort of punitive action to restrict cases of open defecation and also to encourage construction and use of toilets.

I would like to hear about the action taken regarding the above issues in your State.

With regards

Yours sincerely,


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To

All Chief Secretaries of States (By Name).