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Dear «Sir_Name»,

Government is committed to a 'Swachh Bharat' by 2019, as a fitting tribute to 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. To achieve a 'Swachh Bharat' in rural areas, the following would require your urgent attention:-

- (a) To make the rural areas "Open Defecation Free (ODF)" by enabling construction of Individual, Cluster and Community Toilets.
- (b) For non-entitled categories, resort to micro finance and/or priority sector loans could be resorted to by beneficiaries including involvement of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in this regard.
- (c) Street cleaning and proper liquid and solid waste management in villages.
- (d) Piped Water Supply into every habitation, enabling "tap on demand" by rural households (on payment of connection fee and monthly user charges). In this connection alternate surface water sources may also have to be identified, wherever possible, keeping in mind falling water tables in many States, otherwise failing which, tube wells will be required.
- 2. I would like to request you to kindly urgently review the steps taken by your State Govt in this regard and keep us regularly informed every month of the steps taken. In particular the annual achievement by the State needs to be stepped up to at least three to four times in order to achieve the goal of 'Swachh Bharat' by 2019.
- 3. To achieve 'Swachh Bharat, it may be better to have the same department at State level to deal with water and sanitation as requested earlier. In case this is not immediately possible, then a better co-ordination between the two departments at State level may kindly be done.

With regards,

Yours sincerely, Sd/=

(Pankaj Jain)

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