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Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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To
Principal Secretary/ Secretary
In-charge rural Sanitation
All States / UTs

Subj: Identification of insanitary latrines and their conversion to sanitary latrines to address the problem of manual scavenging

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware "The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" has been published in the Gazette of India on 19.9.2013 and para 4(1) (a) of the Act stipulates to every local authority to "carry out a survey of Insanitary latrines existing within its Jurisdiction, and publish a list of such Insanitary latrines, in such manner as may be prescribed, within a period of two months from the date of commencement of this Act." This Ministry has already sent a number of letters dated 19/10/2012, 5/12/2012, 18/2/2013 and 4/6/2013 regarding identification of Insanitary latrines and conversion of Bucket latrines (dry latrines) into Pour flush latrines (Sanitary latrines). Secretary, DWS vide his letter dated 18/2/2013 has specifically requested Chief Secretary/ Administrator of all States / UTs for action in this regard. Further, a Review meeting with Principal Secretary/Secretary all States / UTs to discuss identification and conversion of insanitary latrines into Sanitary latrines was held on 12/4/2013.

2. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has already directed States/Districts for conducting a survey for Identification of Insanitary Toilets with reference to Census 2011 data. In this regard, a separate provision for reporting has been made in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) to capture the data (to be entered by States/districts) regarding conversion of Insanitary to Sanitary toilets. As entered by States/UTs through IMIS, as on 21.10.2013, 1,62,375 households have been found with Insanitary latrines, out of the 5.86 lakhs dry latrines in rural areas as per Census 2011 report and 74,811 of these have been provided Sanitary latrines since October, 2012. State /UTs wise details are available in Ministry's website.

3. As "The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" has come into force from 19th September, 2013, hence, identification of Insanitary latrines and their conversion into Sanitary latrines may be completed immediately as per the provisions of the Act. It is also requested that data in IMIS may be updated regularly so that actual position could be ascertained on day to day basis.

Yours faithfully,



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