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Dated 9th April 2009

Dear Sir,

The Nirmal Gram Puraskar incentive award is being given to Panchayati Raj Institutions and organizations since 2005. It has achieved remarkable popularity among PRIs across the country and has immensely contributed to the acceleration in the progress of the Total Sanitation Campaign in the last few years.


In the light of experiences gained in the implementation of the scheme in these years, the DDWS drew up a revised draft Nirmal Gram -Puraskar guidelines with desired modifications and circulated to all the State Secretaries in-charge of Rural Sanitation vide DO letter of even number dated 1st April 2009 written by Joint Secretary (S&A) seeking their suggestions/comments.

In the mean time, it is also desired to update the database of verifying agencies prepared and maintained for the purpose of verification of PRIs to make it more representative and accountable. It is desired to have one agency per 1000 Gram Panchayats or part thereof from every State that can be assigned the job of verification of NGP status. Accordingly, you are requested to forward a list of requisite number of Non-Governmental Organizations/Institutions/Research Centres etc. from your State that can be considered for inclusion in the database. Details of minimum of three agencies should be forwarded. These should broadly satisfy the following criteria:

1. Should be working for at-least five years in the field of Water and Sanitation.
2. Should have received Grants from Central/State Government/s for similar verification/survey work in the past.
3. Should have a turnover of not less than Rs.25 lakh per annum during the last three years.
4. Should have adequate trained manpower from the field of Sanitation for the survey work.
5. Should have a proven work record and should not have been blacklisted/debarred from giving work by any government agency in the past.

You are requested to send the list latest by 30th April 2009 along with their annual reports and audited statements of accounts for last three years to this Department to consider their inclusion in the database.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(VIJAY MITTAL)

To State Secretaries Incharge of Rural Sanitaion in all States/UTs