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To.

The Principal Secretary / Secretary in-charge Rural Sanitation, All States / UTS

Subject: Regarding construction of Model Community Sanitary Complexes in all Blocks of the country.

Sir/ Madam,

As you aware Community Sanitary Complex is an integral component of the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA). Such complexes are very useful when there is lack of space in the village for construction of household toilets or when some household cannot construct individual household toilet immediately.

- 2. Government of India has now decided to accelerate sanitation coverage in rural areas to achieve the vision of Nirmal Bharat by 2019. For achieving this target, elimination of open defecation is required to be addressed on war footing. Since the goal of providing Individual Household Latrines to each household will take some time, the Community Sanitary complexes can be a good interim way to provide sanitary facilities to villages. There is, however, an issue of acceptability of such CSCs amongst the rural population. To further the concept of the CSC and to generate awareness of the same it has been decided that all States/UTs strive to set up at least one Model Community Sanitary Complex in each Block of the country. This Model CSC can work as a major IEC instrument to generate awareness about use of Toilets.
- 3. Some States like Tamil Nadu have used the CSC concept effectively and created Integrated Women's Sanitary Complexes, which had a major impact in promoting the

privacy, dignity and security of Women. Details of Tamil Nadu Model are available in the Ministry's website.

4. Existing Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) guidelines stipulate unit cost Rs.2.00 lakh for a Community Sanitary Complex. Sharing pattern amongst Central Government, State government and the Community is in the ratio of 60:30:10. The community contribution, however, can be made by the Panchayat out of its own resources, from grants of the Thirteenth Finance Commission or from any other fund of the state duly permitted by it.

Yours faithfully

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