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Dear

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of India has increased the incentive provided to BPL families for construction of Individual House Hold Latrines (IHHL) under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). The incentive now to be paid by Government of India will be Rs.1,500/- per toilet, instead of Rs.900/- being paid till now. The basic cost of latrines has also been increased from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.2,500/-, with an additional Rs.500/- for difficult and hilly areas.

Simultaneously, the incentive to be paid by the State Government to BPL families has been fixed at a minimum of Rs.700/-, keeping the beneficiary contribution unchanged at Rs.300/-. Many State Governments have been providing for a higher incentive to the rural population from their own funds. Recognizing this, the Government of India has suitably modified the scheme parameters of TSC to allow State Governments flexibility to provide a higher incentive from their own funds.

With these changes, we hope that the rising cost of toilet components will be offset and the pace of implementation of TSC will pick up drastically. The Government of India has already increased its budgetary allocation by almost 15% in 2008-09 to provide for the increased incentive. Your State may be required to do the same for the State share. I would like to request your personal intervention in providing adequate funds so that the tempo of implementation of TSC is maintained.

With your leadership and personal intervention, I am certain that the Total Sanitation Campaign will be able to attain its goal of full sanitation in rural areas by 2012.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Raghuvansh Prasad Singh)

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