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Total Sanitation Campaign

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Dear

The Nirmal Gram Puraskar component of the Total Sanitation Campaign has achieved phenomenal success in boosting the pace of progress under TSC. The number of Nirmal Gram Puraskar awardees has increased manifold, from only 40 Gram Panchayats in 2005 to 12276 Gram Panchayats in 2008.

Based on our past experience and suggestions from the State Governments, the NGP guidelines were revised recently to make the selection process more stringent. The matter has been further examined and further revisions in the NGP award scheme have been made.

The following further revisions are brought to your notice for suitable action.

- 1) Considering the large number of awardees last year, it has now been decided that NGP award distribution function for Gram Panchayat awardees would be organized by the State Governments in their respective States in partnership with D/o Drinking Water Supply utilizing IEC funds of TSC as per norms prescribed by the D/o DWS.
- 2) The NGP award distribution function for States, districts and block level panchayat awardees would continue to be organized by the Department of Drinking Water Supply in New Delhi.
- 3) The objective of NGP was to kick-start the TSC programme so as to accelerate the pace of progress and achieve the goal of total sanitation by 2012. The incentive scheme should, therefore, end before 2012 when all GPs should aim to become Nirmal. It has, therefore, been decided that the last year for NGP component will be the awards for the year 2009-10 (awards given away in November 2010). The NGP component will thereafter be discontinued.

I am, therefore, writing this letter to you to request you to kindly advise the concerned State and District authorities on the issue so as to take necessary action.

Any assistance required from Department of Drinking Water Supply shall be provided.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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To:
All Secretaries of States dealing with TSC