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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation

12th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan
CGO Complex,
Lodi Road, New Delhi
18th July, 2010

To

The Secretaries in charge of Rural Sanitation in all States

Subject: NGP Orientation programme for stakeholders

Reference: D.O. Letter No. W-11045/33/2010-CRSP, dated 18.3.2010 of Joint Secretary (Sanitation) and letter No.W-11045/33/2010-CRSP, dated 8.4.2010 of Director (CRSP), Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation


Sir / Madam,

May kindly refer to the above mentioned letters (copies enclosed) whereby you were requested to organize orientation workshops for members of the Panchayat Raj Institutions and concerned officials of your district to ensure that they are well-versed with the Total Sanitation Campaign and are fully aware of the requirements to attain the 'Nirmal' status necessary for obtaining the Nirmal Gram Puraskar.

The above information in the form of a formal reply may kindly be brought during the meeting of State Secretaries in-charge of Rural Sanitation scheduled for **Thursday 22nd July, 2010 afternoon.**

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


[Vijay Mittal]
Director (CRSP)
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Copy to State Coordinators in-charge of Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) in all States.

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To,

The State Secretaries in-charge of Rural Sanitation

This has reference to DO letter No.W-11045/33/2010-CRSP dated 18th March 2010 from, Shri J.S. Mathur, Jt. Secretary, Department of Drinking Water Supply, addressed to all State Secretaries incharge of Rural Sanitation (copy enclosed for ready reference), highlighting the need for training to be organized at various levels for district level officials, block and GP level stakeholders and PRIs so that all the stakeholders are fully aware of the requirements to attain the Nirmal status.

It is requested, in case such training programmes are yet to organized in your state, the same may kindly be expedited so that only deserving PRIs apply for the award and due diligence is exercised while forwarding the recommendations by the State concerned to the Department for survey by the independent agency.

Yours sincerely,


(Vijay Mittal)
Director/CRSP

Encl: as above

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D.O. W-11045/33/2010-CRSP

18th March, 2010

Dear

It has been observed that many States have been recommending Gram Panchayats for the NGP without verifying their eligibility as per guidelines and the names of GPs that actually do not qualify for the award are being forwarded in significant numbers. An analysis was conducted by the Department of Drinking Water Supply to find out the reasons that necessitated the rejection in 2009 of such a large number of applications and the results are rather disturbing.

It has been found that in 92 percent of the disqualified GPs, open defecation was still prevalent. In 83 percent of them all households not have toilets. Child faeces being disposed off in the open and existence of places of open defecation were found in almost all such areas. Aspects of functional garbage disposal mechanisms and cleanliness were barely looked into. It is apparent that the States did not scrutinise the applications of GPs with the earnestness needed for an award of this stature. While such a situation creates an atmosphere of false expectations among the applicants, it also leads to unnecessary expenditure both in terms of manpower and money that is expended in processing and verifying the claims.

A meeting of stakeholders was organised by the Department in January 2010 for fine-tuning the procedure and criteria set for the award, so as to ensure precision & accountability in the entire process. The guidelines have since been revised based on past experience and suggestions received from stakeholders have been incorporated therein. The guidelines for NGP 2010 and the revised application forms have been uploaded on the NGP website.

There is also a felt need to make detailed information available to the GPs regarding NGP. It has been acutely felt that many GPs are filing their applications without basic knowledge of the NGP scheme. It is therefore directed that :

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1. All concerned officials at the district, block and village level be made fully aware of the NGP criteria. Training programmes for all district level TSC co-ordinators must be held at the State level so that they are properly briefed on all issues and aspects of the guidelines.
2. Training sessions be organised at the Block level for all Block and GP stakeholders, where the eligibility criteria is fully explained so that they are exhorted to achieve the target of Total Sanitation to become eligible for the award. Conscious efforts should be made to ensure maximum participation of PRI representatives at these programmes.
3. The details of TSC and NGP be necessarily explained at meetings of Zilla Parishads and Block Panchayats.
4. All District Collectors and CEOs of Zilla Panchayats must be asked to go through the guidelines carefully.

The orientation programmes must be scrupulously planned and scheduled so that the Panchayat representatives get well-versed with the aims and objectives of the Total Sanitation Campaign and are fully aware of the requirements to attain the Nirmal status. These may be planned at the earliest so that the eligible GPs are able to apply for the award in time.

I would also like to bring to your notice that the provision in the guidelines for this year provide for forwarding of GP applications by the State Secretary in-charge of Sanitation only after he/she is satisfied about the PRI's eligibility for the award. You may also like to note that the guidelines provide for recovery/adjustments of the cost of the survey from the NGP award money / TSC Grants-in-Aid of the State if the GP fails to qualify on basic eligible criteria. As such, you may kindly ensure that due diligence is exercised while putting up each case to the Department of Drinking Water Supply for survey by the independent agencies nominated by this Department.

With best wishes,

Yours/sincerely,

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[J.S. MATHUR]

The State Secretaries in-charge of Rural Sanitation in all States/ UTs