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To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary In-charge
(Rural Sanitation) of all States UTs

Subject: Physical inspection & Verification of IHHLs in all – Non-ODF and ODF villages.

Madam/Sir,

Since the inception of Swachh Bharat Mission- Gramin in 2014, the rural sanitation coverage has witnessed a remarkable increase, from 42% to 62%, with 124 districts declared ODF as of today. As more and more villages are on the verge of becoming ODF, the rural sanitation coverage will increase very rapidly, following which the verification process will be initiated in the self-declared villages.

2. In order to ensure effective implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin, it is pertinent that in both ODF declared/verified, as well as yet to be declared ODF villages-physical inspections happens regularly and at all levels. Timely physical inspections and verifications would help maintain quality in the implementation of the program and will also act as an important monitoring mechanism for the program. The SBM-G guidelines lays high emphasis on monitoring of the program and you may refer to Annexure-1 for details.
3. Every State/UTs must be having their own mechanism to ensure monitoring. They may further strengthen and ensure effective monitoring of the implementation of the program.
4. It is also advised that States/UTs may initiate physical verification of the IHHLs constructed in villages, which have not been declared ODF. The verification at the village levels needs to be intense and focus needs to be on considering about 100% physical verification at lower levels and on sample basis at middle and higher levels. Officers from district administration and also from the Secretariat could be given the task of physical inspections on sample basis. Annexure- 1 may be referred for considering various aspects of monitoring at the village level.

Yours faithfully,



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Annexure-1

SBM-G guidelines for Monitoring

14.1. Effective Monitoring of the Programme is essential. Monitoring of Outcomes will be the prime focus to be measured in terms of Toilet usage as reflected in creation of ODF communities. Monitoring of Outputs will also be done for administrative purposes in terms of monitoring of expenditure and assets created. The Monitoring framework should be able to identify the following:

- Whether adequate IEC/IPC/Triggering activities have been carried out for behavior change;
- Whether toilets have been constructed as reported;
- Whether Constructed Toilets are being used; Whether ODF communities/GPs have been created;

14.2 The monitoring framework proposed will essentially be of 2 types:

(i) Annual Monitoring Survey: This shall be through a process initiated at the national level, focusing on a 3rd Party independent monitoring of the sanitation status in rural areas across the country. Independent agencies shall take up such monitoring which shall conform to national and international requirements like the Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP).

(ii) Concurrent monitoring: There shall be a concurrent monitoring of the implementation of the Programme, ideally using community level participation. This should ideally use Information and Communications Technology (ICT), to feed data into the SBM (G) –MIS. The data of such monitoring shall be the main source of information for the Mission Directorates and the RALU at various levels. Other monitoring activities in addition to the above may also be taken up.

14.3 The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) at the national level, state Level and district level will have dedicated specialized Monitoring units constituting experts in the district which shall be responsible for monitoring the Mission activities which shall include Field level monitoring. Monitoring reports will be prepared by the unit every quarter. The Monitoring should be at GP/Cluster (where required)/Block and district levels.

14.4 Use of independent agencies/CSOs/NGOs for the concurrent monitoring of the programme is permitted. Central and State Missions may engage such agencies with experience in monitoring activities and having presence in the respective States, for this purpose. Independent 3rd party evaluations of the programme can also be carried out at Central and State levels. This is to be done by MDWS using Monitoring and Evaluation funds. At the State level upto 5% of the permissible expenditure in the Administrative component may be utilised for M&E activities.