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Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation  
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To,

Principal Secretary/Secretary  
(In-charge of rural sanitation)  
(All States / UTs)

**Subject: Conversion of bucket latrines into pour flush latrines  
to address the problem of manual scavenging.**

Sir,

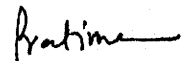
As you are aware, construction and maintenance of dry latrines and employing manual scavengers are prohibited under the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993. The implementation of the Act is regularly reviewed by the Central Monitoring Committee (CMC) headed by the Cabinet Secretary. The Committee, in its meeting held on 31.8.2012, observed with concern the existence of 5.86 lakh dry latrines in the rural areas reportedly cleaned manually as per Census 2011.

You will appreciate that the Government of India is administering Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) formerly known as Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) since 1999 with the objective to provide access to sanitation facilities to all in the rural areas of the country. The NBA guidelines specifically provide under para 5.5.4 that construction of bucket latrines is not permitted in the rural areas and that the existing bucket latrines, if any, should be converted to sanitary latrines. It is understood that the States are taking necessary action to convert the available dry latrines in the rural areas into sanitary latrines under NBA.

The existence of 5.86 dry latrines in the rural areas as reported as per Census 2011 even after more than two decades of implementation of TSC/NBA is a matter of serious concern and needs to be addressed suitably.

You are requested to kindly provide the details of existing scenario of availability of dry latrines in your State and pass suitable instructions to the concerned officials involved in implementation of NBA to formulate a time bound action plan for conversion of all dry latrines into sanitary latrines on priority basis under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



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Director

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