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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

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Dated, the 3rd June, 2020

To

Chief Secretaries
All States/UTs

**Subject: Efficient utilization of available funds under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)
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Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, there has been significant impact on the economic activities in the country due to COVID-19 Pandemic resulting in a stress on the revenue mobilization of the Union Government during the current financial year. In this regard, advisories have already been issued to exercise greater financial discipline and control over the expenditure under the Central Sponsored Schemes and Projects. Accordingly, any release to the States/UTs will be made on 'Just-in-Time' release principle. Rule 232(v) to (vii) of General Financial Rules 2017, also mandates, *inter alia*, that before releasing funds to the States/UTs, it must be ensured that they have the capacity to actually spend the funds proposed to be released, and that funds released earlier have been effectively utilized and the data in this regard is reported through the PFMS Portal.

2. In view of this, it is reiterated that any further releases under SBM(G) will also be made on the basis of 'Just-in-Time' principle. In this regard, provisions regarding release of funds made in the Operational Guidelines for SBM(G) Phase-II issued by this Department recently may also be referred to.

3. As per the information received from the States/UTs, many States have reported large amounts of unspent funds available with them under SBM(G) as on 01.4.2020. Such States/UTs will not be able to get any more funds under the programme, till the utilisation of the available funds and reporting thereof on PFMS.

4. In the above background, it is requested to review the funds utilization status under SBM(G) at your level and issue appropriate directions to the concerned authorities to ensure efficient utilization of the available funds under the programme. Further, as already requested, it is also required to be ensured that (i) no amount of the Central share funds released previously is held up in State Treasury, (ii) proportionate State share has been released from the State Treasury to the State Nodal account and (iii) there is no shortfall against any previous releases. Also, there is no shortfall in proportionate State share expenditure/utilization of funds, and that all the transactions are reported through PFMS portal.

Yours faithfully,



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