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To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries,
In-charge of rural sanitation,
All States/UTs

Subject: Hiring of Programme Management Unit (PMU) under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) at State and District levels - reg.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, SBM(G) Phase-II is being implemented by the Government with the focus on creating ODF Plus villages in the country which includes sustainability of ODF status achieved under SBM(G) and covering the villages with Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) arrangements. In order to achieve the objective of the SBM(G) Phase II, various new interventions related to ODF sustainability and SLWM activities at village, block and district levels have been envisaged under the programme, which require adequate area specific and technical experts to support the implementing agencies for smooth execution of ODF Plus activities.

2. Accordingly, the SBM(G) Phase-II operational guidelines provide for indicative human resource structure at State, District and Block levels with the flexibility to the States to decide the mode of engagement including hiring of consultants. However, during the Mid-Year Review meetings for 2020-21, many States/UTs informed that requisite number of experts have not been engaged at State and District level citing the reason that funds available for administrative expenses are not adequate to meet the expenditure for this purpose.

3. In this regard, it is informed that the States/UTs can also hire Programme Management Unit (PMU) including various experts such as technical experts, financial experts etc. under SBM(G) Phase-II at State and District levels. The expenditure for hiring PMU can be charged from 'IEC & Capacity Building' budget head apart from 'Administrative Expenses' head.

Yours faithfully,

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