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Government of India
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Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation
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To

Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary
In-charge of Rural Sanitation
All States/UTs

Subject: Prioritizing SBM(G) programme in Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) villages

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) was launched in 2014 with the aim to create Adarsh Grams by making holistic development of the villages/GPs. Under SAGY, Hon'ble Members of Parliament identify the villages/GPs and adopt them for holistic development. SAGY requires convergence among various schemes of GoI and State Governments presently being run in the rural areas of the country so that proper planning and implementation of the schemes can be done in the SAGY villages/GPs to achieve the goal of holistic development of such villages/GPs. Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) has a critical role in holistic development of the SAGY villages/GPs.

2. Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), GoI has intimated that considerable progress has been made in nearly 2,000 SAGY Gram Panchayats for their holistic development. Further, each Hon'ble Member of Parliament is also identifying **Five Gram Panchayats** for holistic development during the period from 2019-2024. MoRD has urged that SAGY villages may be prioritized for development activities related to SBM(G) along with other Schemes so as to contribute in holistic development of such villages/GPs to make them 'Adarsh Grams' in true sense.

3. In view of above, you are requested to issue appropriate directions to the concerned implementing agencies to give priority to the SAGY villages/GPs while preparing Village Action Plans (VAP) and State's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) to saturate the sanitation needs in those villages/GPs. The gap analysis report of the SAGY villages/GPs indicating the status of saturation with respect to sanitation may be referred to while preparing VAP and AIP. The report is available on Mission Antyodaya Portal (<https://missionantyodaya.nic.in>).

Yours faithfully,



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