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Dated, the 21st June, 2022

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

Subject: Verification of ODF Plus declared villages

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the provisions regarding verification of ODF Plus villages stipulated in Para 17.5 of the Operational Guidelines of SBM(G) Phase-II and the list of indicators for making assessment for verification given at Annexure-XII(B) of the guidelines. After the issue of the Operational Guidelines, criteria for declaration of a village as ODF Plus have been revised with the approval of competent authority, such as the mandatory requirement of having a CSC for villages with more than 100 households, has been dispensed with. The ODF Plus has been categorised in stages – Aspiring(*), Rising(***) and Model(*****) – with specific criteria for each category. While Aspiring and Rising are the intermediate stages only, the goal is to achieve Model status by all the villages. These revisions and the declaration process have already been communicated to the States.

2. In view of the above, for ODF Plus verification, it is clarified that:

(i) The mandatory third-party verification will be undertaken for ODF Plus (Model) villages only. However, supervisory verification may be done for the ODF Plus villages across all the three categories (Aspiring/Rising/Model) by the officers responsible in chain of command at Block/District/State levels.

(ii) Based on the revised criteria for ODF Plus (Model) village, a check-list/format for ODF Plus verification is attached with this letter as Annexure-I which may be used by the districts/States for verification.

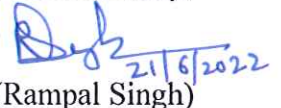
(iii) In case, for the ODF Plus verification, the States decides to do assessment of the households on sampling basis; at least 10% of the total households in the village or minimum 50 households, whichever is higher, may be visited. These households may be distributed proportionately across all the habitations and on equal sampling interval.

(iv) A template for furnishing verification report by the verification team to the district nodal officer is also attached as Annexure-II.

3. You are, therefore, requested to bring this to the notice of all the concerned implementing agencies in your State/UT for necessary action.

4. It is also requested that verification process of ODF Plus villages may now be speeded up.

Yours faithfully,


21/6/2022
(Rampal Singh)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl: As above.

Copy to: Mission Director and State Coordinator, SBM(G), All States/UTs

Annexure-I

Checklist for verification of ODF Plus (Model) village

Total Number of HHs in the village	
Total Number of habitations	
Total Number of HHs visited during verification	
Whether HHs from all habitations (including SC/ST habitations) have been visited?	Yes/No
Total Number of SC/ST HHs visited during verification	

a) ODF Sustainability

Sl. No	Parameters	Yes	No	Remarks
1.	All Households have access to a toilet (Individual/ Shared/ Community toilet)			
2.	Zero incidence of open defecation <i>(No Visible human faeces or signs of open defecation found in the environment/village. The verification team shall visit places used for open defecation earlier in the past/ important public places or location/open grounds or fields to identify signs of open defecation in the village)</i>			
3	All Schools/AWCs/Panchayat Ghars have access to toilet facility (Own/Shared/Community toilet) <i>(The verification team shall visit all the institutions)</i>			

b) Solid waste management arrangements in the village

Sl. No	Parameters	Yes	No	Remarks
1.	Villages has arrangements for management of bio-degradable waste through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Community/HH level bio-gas plants o Community/HH level compost pits o Any other mechanism <i>(All the community assets shall be observed physically by the verification team).</i>			
2.	All Schools/AWCs/Panchayat Ghars have access to arrangements for management of bio-degradable waste at institutional/community level <i>(The verification team shall visit all the institutions)</i>			
3	Village has arrangements for storage/ segregation of solid waste including plastic			
4.	Village has arrangements for collection of waste			
5.	Village has vehicles for transportation of waste			

c) Liquid waste management arrangements in the village

Sl. No	Parameters	Yes	No	Remarks
1	Village has arrangements for grey water management through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community/HH level soak pits ○ Community grey water management arrangements such as WSPs/DEWATS, etc. <i>(All the community assets shall be observed physically by the verification team).</i>			
2.	All Schools/AWCs/Panchayat Ghars have access to arrangements for management of grey water at institutional/community level <i>(The verification team shall visit all the institutions)</i>			

d) Visual cleanliness and IEC messages, community participation

(Through community consultations and verification of ODF plus resolution)

Sl. No.	Parameters	Yes	No	Remarks
1	All public places in the village have Minimal ¹ littering ²			
2	All public places in the village have Minimal stagnant wastewater ³			
3	All public places in the village have No visible plastic waste dumps			
4	IEC messages including wall paintings on any of following themes visible at public places/ community toilets/Institutional building: ODF Sustainability/SLWM including biodegradable waste management, plastics, Gobardhan, Grey water management and FSM etc./Handwashing and hygiene promotion including Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM)			

¹ Minimal means – negligible amount which can be easily ignored.

²Litter would mean – solid waste (in rural areas, examples of solid waste include wastes from kitchens, gardens, cattle sheds, agriculture, and materials such as metal, paper, plastic, cloth, and so on). It will not include properly stored garbage in covered bins for disposal.

³Wastewater means – Used water from any combination of domestic, industrial, commercial or agricultural activities, surface run-off/stormwater, and any sewer inflow/ infiltration

ODF PLUS VERIFICATION REPORT

This is to certify that verification of ODF plus status claimed by Village -----, GP -----, Block ----- District ----- was undertaken on ----- along with GP representatives and village representatives/community members.

Basis the above verification, the finding are as under:

Whether the village satisfactorily meets the requirements for ODF Plus (Model) status	Yes/No
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(If the answer is No, mention the gaps observed; strike out if not applicable)

Following gaps have been observed during verification to be addressed to reclaim ODF plus (Model) status:

1. -----
2. -----
3. -----

Signed with names and designations

Team Member-1	Team Member-2
Team Member-3	Team Member-4

