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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject:-Clarification regarding different issues related to implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission

During the interaction with the various State Governments and ULBs in the video conferences a few more queries were raised by the by State Government officials / Municipal Commissioners in respect of implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission. The following are the clarification/ response of those queries/ questions.

Q.1: *As per the guidelines of SBM the Central Government has allocated a sum of Rs. 4000 /- as an incentive to the beneficiaries to help them construct the individual household toilet. Pl clarify whether the bulk construction of household toilets is possible by engaging an identified contractor / Self-Help Group (SHG) by the ULB so that the task can be completed early as compared to each individual household identifying the contractor and then building the toilet themselves.*

Ans.: Yes. This is acceptable to the Ministry. This will also help in speedy construction of toilets and also ensure quality control. However, the ULB shall ensure that the contractor has the requisite experience in building toilets and its related treatment units is shortlisted as per the State Government procedures. The ULB can also periodically inspect the construction thus ensuring quality control. The ULB shall obtain the funds from the Central and the State Government and the same shall be paid to the contractor/Self Help Group (SHG) by the ULB. The beneficiaries shall be asked to pay their contribution directly to the contractor/SHG engaged by the ULB.

Q.2: *Whether the beneficiaries can join with their neighbours and build common septic tanks / treatment unit instead of individual septic tanks / twin pit latrine / Bio Digester/Bio tank. Please clarify whether this is permissible under SBM.*


Ans.: Yes, building of common treatment units such as septic tanks / twin pit latrine / Bio digester/Bio tank is permissible component to the condition that a qualified contractor of the ULB is responsible for its construction and it is approved by the ULB. However, there is no change in the incentive of Rs 4000/- for each household beneficiary.

Q.3: *Whether individual toilets can be constructed outside the house premises.*

Ans.: Yes. The construction of individual toilets outside the house premises is permissible.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,


(Praveen Prakash)

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The Principal Secretaries (UD) of all States/U'l's