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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

During the last two months, MoUD conducted Regional Conferences with the Municipal Commissioners and the State level officials of Department of Municipal Administration and Urban Development in which the operational guidelines of Swachh Bharat Mission were explained. This was followed by a video conference with all the States two weeks back. During the Conferences and the video conference, a few queries/questions were raised by State Government officials/ Municipal Commissioners regarding implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission programme. Following are the clarifications/response on those questions/queries:-

Q.1 After the announcement of the Swachh Bharat Programme on 02nd October, 2014, State has proactively come forward and started grounding the all components of Swachh Bharat Mission Programme. However, the money from Government of India has been released only in the month of February, 2015. Whether the projects/works approved and grounded before February, 2015 can be part of Swachh Bharat Programme and expenditure made for this can be met from the money released by M/o Urban Development under Swachh Bharat Programme?

Ans.: Yes, the scheme of Swachh Bharat was approved on 02^{nd} October, 2014. The projects approved after 02^{nd} October, 2014 for all the components i.e., individual household toilets, community toilets, public toilets and solid waste management for which partial funding as per guidelines (the guidelines are available on

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www.swachhbharaturban.gov.in) is available from Government of India. The same will be considered part of Swachh Bharat programme and the amount released by Government of India can be used for them. For example, if the State Government has supported the households for construction of individual household toilets, after 02nd October, 2014, Rs.4000/- per toilet can be incurred/reimbursed. Same is true for all the components of Swachh Bharat Mission for which funding from Government of India is available as per guidelines.

Q.2 Whether the existing insanitary toilet in individual house is covered under the Swachh Bharat Scheme?

Ans.: Yes. The support of Rs.4000/- per individual household toilet is applicable for both categories of houses i.e., houses without toilets and houses having insanitary toilets.

Q.3 Whether the existing insanitary community toilets are eligible for support under the Swachh Bharat Scheme?

Ans.: Yes, the objective under the Swachh Bharat Mission is to not only construct new community toilets but also to convert existing insanitary community toilets into sanitary community toilets.

Q.4 Whether the mixed type of toilets (community+public) are eligible for viability gap funding/grant of 40% of the cost under Swachh Bharat Mission?

Ans.: Yes. In most of the smaller cities, it is difficult to distinguish between public toilets and community toilets. The community toilets generally are those which are used by the families who do not have space to construct the toilet in their premises. Therefore, any public toilet that is being used by the local community (at the rate of 6 families per toilet seat) falls under mixed type of toilet category and, therefore, is eligible for viability gap funding/grant of 40% of the cost under Swachh Bharat Mission.

Q.5 Whether the mobile toilets are permitted under the Swachh Bharat Mission?

Ans.: Yes. If urban local body considers that mobile toilet is a better solution for providing community toilet, the same can be used.

Q.6 Whether the Ministry of Urban Development has empanelled agencies for preparing DPR for solid waste management project?

Ans.: Yes. The M/o Urban Development has empanelled companies that can prepare DPR for solid waste management/community toilets/public toilet projects. State/ULB may invite limited tender from the above stated companies for preparation of DPR.

- 2. I am sure that above clarifications will help the States /ULBs to ground the projects under Swachh Bharat Mission at the earliest.
- 3. In view of the above, I request you to furnish information on physical progress achieved so far in implementing the Swachh Bharat Mission components.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To

The Principal Secretaries(UD) of all States/UTs