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Dated: 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ May 2019
To,
State Mission Directors),
Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) - All States and UTs
Subject: Amendments to ODF, ODF+ and ODF++ Protocols.

Sir/ Madam,
As part of its continuing efforts to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation under the ambit of Swash Bharat Mission (Urban), the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) had released the ODF ,ODF+ and ODF ++ protocols to adjudge the Urban Local Bodies(ULBs) on parameters of sustainable sanitation .I am directed to convey that certain amendments have been done to the existing protocols of ODF, ODF+ and ODF++ to ensure sustainability sanitation initiatives taken by the ULBs. The amendments done are attached as Annexure 1 and Annexure 2 for necessary compliance by ULBs.

Encl: As above.
Yours faithfully,

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2. Quality Council of India- for necessary information and action.

## Annexure 1

Amendments to ODF, ODF+ and ODF++ protocols are as below:

1. ULBs who have been certified as ODF shall be eligible for inspection of higher certifications i.e. ODF+ or ODF++ only after the existing certificate has expired or is due to expire.
2. ULBs applying for ODF + or ODF ++ should have mandatorily achieved $100 \%$ target of $\mathrm{HHL}, \mathrm{CTs}$ and PTs.
3. All exemptions to ODF, ODF+ and ODF ++ protocols given during Swachh Survekshan 2019 vide DO letter dated 21st December 2018 stand withdrawn.
4. Cooling off period for re-assessment would be 30 days. Any ULB which is observed to be non-compliant to the ODF, ODF+ or ODF ++ protocol during assessment shall be eligible for re-assessment only after 30 days from the date of previous assessment. Further, if a ULB fails for the second time consecutively, it shall be eligible for reassessment only after 6 months from the date of second failure.
5. CT-PT Cleanliness Matrix (Annexure 2) released on $1^{\text {st }}$ November 2018 shall be an integral part of the ODF+ and ODF ++ protocols.
6. ULBs applying for ODF (First time/ re-certification) need to ensure that CTs/PTs in the city fall under 'Clean' category as per CT-PT Cleanliness matrix.
7. Declaration of a ULB as ODF, ODF+ or ODF++ during model code of conduct (Council/State Legislative/ Lok Sabha elections) is not permissible. Alternate terminology such as "Compliance of $X Y Z$ protocol by $A B C$ ULB "can be issued by the Administrative head of the ULB.
8. For ULBs which are due for ODF re-certification and are compliant to apply for ODF+ or ODF++ can directly apply for higher certification. Upon completion of the assessment, the ULB may be certified as ODF+ or ODF++ based on the compliance to the criteria as per protocol.
9. ULBs need to ensure that :
(a) ULBs should have ensured that each household has been provided with an Individual toilet or has access to community toilet.
(b) Adequate/minimum number of Community and Public Toilets are constructed as per guidelines of Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) and at the same time complying to the iequirements mentioned in the respective protocols.
(c) SMS/ any other ICT based feedback system: For ULBs with population less than 50,000, ULBs may deploy manual feedback mechanism to ensure citizen feedback is being recorded and addressed. The ULB should have mapped all its public/community toilets on Google Maps.
(d) Incinerator facility available for disposal of used sanitary napkins for toilet having $>10$ seats and also to the toilets adjacent to Women College and hostels and sanitary napkin vending machine:
a. ULBs which are unable to install incinerator machines within the toilet premises, need to establish a robust mechanism for managing disposal of sanitary napkins in compliance with Bio-medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 for offsite disposal.
b. The bins being used for disposal of sanitary napkins should be clearly demarcated for "Sanitary/ Bio-medical waste only".
c. These bins should not be used for any purpose other than "SANITARY/ BIO-MEDICAL WASTE" strictly.
d. In the absence of a vending machine for sanitary napkins, an alternative mechanism needs to be devised by the ULB to provide sanitary napkins.
(e) Available and regularly cleaned (covered) litter bins, with bins available with each toilet seat (to be checked only in female seats): Litter bins can be placed at a common location within the female toilet premises, provided the male and female sections are segregated in the overall toilets block structure.
(f) Sanitation Service Level Benchmarks needs to be notified by the ULB and suitable public notice may be issued for the same.
(g) ULBs shall be given a 48 hour window from the time of completion of assessment to raise any objections to the assessment: Post 48 hour, no claims for resolution/ correction of assessment shall be entertained. Any pending documents with reference to the protocol requirements may be submitted within this 48 hour window.

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