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New Delhi-110011, dated the 20

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22nd October, 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of its continuing efforts to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation under the ambit of Swachh 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.

2. Till date 4121 ULBs have been certified as ODF, 570 ULBs as ODF+ and 228 ULBs as ODF++. The recently concluded Swachh Survekshan 2019 has given an impetus to Urban Local Bodies for improving sanitation standards in the city.

3. Going forward, certain amendments are being made in these protocols as below :

(i) ULBs which are applying for ODF, ODF+ or ODF ++ assessment or recertification need to ensure that **no IHHL, CT/PT should be 'under construction' on the SBM portal**. In addition to this, 100 % of the toilets should be constructed as per target and the progress should be reflected on the SBM Portal.

(ii) For ODF++, the ULBs need to ensure that :

a. Bye laws provide for Scheduled desludging of all septic tanks to be conducted at least once in every three years. The ULBs need to maintain a record of all establishments/households which have septic tanks with or without soak pits to ensure scheduled desludging along with the operator who has done desludging for particular septic tank.

b. **Interim measures** such as Deep Row Entrenchment, Sludge Drying Beds etc. shall be considered as disposal of all faecal sludge generated in case of ULB having population less than 20,000 provided (i) it has taken due safety precautions to ensure that underground water does not get contaminated; and (ii) has approved plan to construct FSTP/ STP either on its own or on cluster basis.

Detailed guidelines will be issued separately

4. I would request your support in ensuring that all your cities are certified as ODF++.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V.K. Jindal)

To: State Mission Directors, SBM (Urban)- All States and UTs.