



D.O No. MD-SBM/AA/34/2016

22nd March, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Invitation to National Workshop on Sanitation in New Delhi – 7-8th April 2016

As you are aware, the Government of India is implementing 'Swachh Bharat Mission' (SBM) since October, 2014 with the goal of achieving a Clean India by 2nd October, 2019. A key component of the mission is to help cities across India achieve Open Defecation free (ODF) status by the same date. In order to achieve ODF status desired by them, the States, Cities/Towns have to accelerate the pace of implementing SBM toilets components along with sustained IEC and capacity building.

2. Further, the next level of sanitation challenge is of safe treatment and disposal of human waste, after ODF through safe treatment and disposal of faecal matter, through Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) and STPs etc. Keeping this in view, a comprehensive Workshop for the select 42 cities/Towns that are AMRUT towns smaller than 1.5 lakh population and 20 Cities which have been selected under the Smart City Challenge (Round 1); is being organized in New Delhi on the 7th and 8th of April 2016. It is intended that they will benefit from guidance and advice on achieving 100% ODF cities and become role models for other cities/towns.

3. The workshop is for Municipal Commissioners/Officers of the 42 cities, Mayors/Chief elected representatives, officers of AMRUT, Smart Cities and SBM and all the State Mission Directors for SBM.

4. An eminent set of experts and agencies from India and abroad will be taking technical sessions in the workshop. The expected outcomes of the workshop are:

- a) Sensitise the Cities/Towns to the best practices of ODF and to the next level of safe disposal and treatment of septage and faecal sludge.
- b) Orientation and exposure to best practices, technologies and systems for faecal sludge treatment adopted by cities abroad and in India.
- c) To bring about greater community participation and public awareness to the need of safe treatment and disposal of faecal sludge and ending manual scavenging.
- d) Addressing financing challenges for ODF cities and sanitation.

A draft agenda of the workshop is enclosed.

5. The venue for the workshop shall be communicated shortly. The stay arrangements in Delhi (for city representatives only, maximum 2 per city) will be made on confirmation of participants from respective cities. However, travel to and local transport in New Delhi will have to be borne by the participants themselves and can be met from SBM capacity building funds.

6. You are requested to come prepared with the Service Level Improvement Plans (SLIPs) of your city and Swachh City Plans to present in the workshop. The best presentations will receive a token reward of appreciation.

7. I request you to please confirm your participation in this workshop at the earliest by dropping in a line to mudasirjaved@kpmg.com. Any queries for the same may please also be directed to the same ID, or to Mudasir Javed from SBM PMU (+91 982144 11 85).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Praveen Prakash)

To,

Mayors/Chairpersons for 42 AMRUT cities
Mayors/Chairpersons for 20 Smart Cities
Municipal Commissioners of 42 AMRUT cities
Municipal Commissioners of 20 Smart Cities
Mission Directors of all states

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